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John Cannon (J.C.) Pearson Collection

Pearson, John Cannon, Sr. (1862–1950). Papers, 1879–1949. 5.25 feet.
Merchant and mayor. Correspondence (1892–1931) regarding the administration of the cities of Pierson, Iowa, and Marshall, Oklahoma; the business ventures in which Pearson was involved, including grain elevators and trade companies, coal bins, cattle herds, real estate, and ranches; and also regarding the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marshall, Oklahoma, the Masonic Order in Oklahoma, and the two hundredth anniversary celebrations of George Washington's birth; minutes of meetings (1906–1912) of the Capital Grain and Elevator Company, Marshall, Oklahoma; certificates (1906–1946) of incorporation of the Capital Grain and Elevator Company, of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Marshall, and others issued to Pearson by the Oklahoma State Council of Defense; legal papers (1896–1930) from the businesses with which Pearson was associated, including leases, bills of sale, insurance documents, and deeds; programs (1909–1937) from convocations, annual gatherings, and reunions of the Masonic Order in Oklahoma; and publications (1879–1948), including books, periodicals, catalogs, newsletters, government documents, pamphlets, and brochures, regarding agriculture, the stock exchange system, the George Washington Monument, the coal and grain industries, and the Masonic Order in the United States and Oklahoma. This collection also includes membership rosters (1895–1946) for lodges and divisions of the Masonic Order in Oklahoma and Iowa, as well as the constitution, governing codes, and bylaws of the Oklahoma lodges, and the Grand Master decisions for Oklahoma and Indian territories, and the state of Oklahoma.

Biographical Note:
John Cannon Pearson, Sr., was born in England in 1862 and moved to Pierson, Iowa in the late 1800's. He became mayor in 1898 and served until 1905. In 1899 he married Lola Clark and began to develop his business interests. He and William Hayton began several businesses in Pierson, Iowa, and later in Oklahoma City, Marshall, and Onyx, Oklahoma. They began grain elevator businesses in Iowa as well as Oklahoma and were involved in coal, lumber and real estate businesses. The Pearsons moved to Marshall, Oklahoma, in 1905, where Pearson served two terms as mayor. He was also very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Marshall. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Guthrie Consistory, a member of the thirty-second degree club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and a past secretary of the Marshall Masonic Lodge. In 1938, the Pearsons moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after Pearson retired. He died there August 26, 1950.

Box 1:
Folder:

Municipal Records

City of Marshall, Oklahoma

Correspondence 1906-1931
Official correspondence, bills, receipts, census and warrants concerning the City of Marshall.

1. City of Marshall, 29 items.
Audit, 1931

2. Report for the town of Marshall.

3. Pamphlet concerning the audit.

City of Pierson, Iowa

Correspondence 1899-1901
Official correspondence concerning the City of Pierson from Mayor Pearson to various businesses and individuals.

4. Correspondence, 7 items.

5. Letter copying book.

Businesses

Capital Grain and Elevator Co.

Minutes 1906-1912
Minutes of meetings concerning the company which is located in Marshall, Oklahoma.

6. Stockholder's/Director's meeting minutes, 5 items.

Correspondence 1899-1930
Concerning lawsuits, taxes, elevator site rental and other business dealings.

7. Legal correspondence, 4 items.

8. Business correspondence, 20 items.

Legal Papers 1899-1923
Licenses, right-of-way leases, leases, by-lays and a list of stockholders with shares shown concerning elevators located in Marshall, Oklahoma and in Onyx, Oklahoma.

9. Legal papers, 12 items.

Certificates 1906-1907
(Oversized)

10. Certificates of Incorporation for the Capital Grain and Elevator Company and the Capital Warehouse Company. 2 items.

Pearson-Hayton Grain Business

Insurance 1902
Policies for the contents of the elevator and the elevator itself located in Pierson, Iowa.
11. Policies, 2 items.

Legal Papers 1896-1899
12. Leases, bill of sale, bond, deed, by-laws and various other papers, 11 items.

Box 2:
Correspondence 1892-1913
13. Concerning shipping of grain and other business concerning the elevator, 13 items.

Pearson-Hayton Livestock Business

Contracts and Receipts 1924-1926
14. Contracts and commission receipts between Pearson-Hayton, railroads and livestock commission companies for cattle shipped to market, 7 items.

Correspondence 1925-1927
15. Between Pearson and various commissions and people concerning livestock shipped to market, 9 items.

Pearson-Hayton Coal Business

Legal Papers 1903-1930
16. Right-of-way licenses, blueprints and certificate concerning a coal bin in Marshall, Oklahoma, 5 items.

Correspondence 1903-1928
17. Concerning site rental, legal papers and the Coal Dealer's Association of Iowa and Nebraska, 6 items.

Real Estate

Correspondence 1902-1924
General correspondence concerning rental land and land purchased by Pearson and Pearson-Hayton.
18. Purchased by Pearson, 7 items.

19. Purchased in Pierson, Iowa by Pearson & Pearson-Hayton, 5 items.

20. Rental lands.

Legal Papers

21. Legal papers concerning business ventures of Pearson & Pearson-Hayton in Marshall, Oklahoma, 10 items.

Taxes

Receipts 1896-1901

For various businesses involving Pearson & Pearson-Hayton.

22. From Logan County, Oklahoma, 7 items.

23. From Woodbury County, Iowa, 23 items.

Assessment Rolls 1898-1904

24. For various businesses involving Pearson & Pearson-Hayton in Woodbury County, Iowa.

Letterheads

25. From Pearson's various businesses, 4 items.

Ledgers

Grain Storage and Shipping and Farm Accounts 1897-1949

From various businesses involving Pearson & Pearson-Hayton.

26. Feed and Farm Account. 1915-1923- indexed.

27. Grain Shipping Record. 1897-1904-indexed. Oversized.

28. Grain Record and Storage. 1897-1949-indexed. Oversized.

29. Grain Shipping and Receiving Register. 1906-1907.

30. Record of Cars. 1906-1907.

31. Grain Shipping and Receiving. 1909-1914-indexed. Oversized.

32. Grain Shipping and Receiving. 1915-1920-indexed. Oversized.

33. Record of Cars Bought and Shipped. 1914-1922.

Box 3:

Texas Ranch Account 1915-1925

34. Bank deposits and payments.

Business and House Accounts 1905-1924

From various businesses of Pearson & Pearson-Hayton and Pearson's personal house accounts.

35. Business and House Accounts. 1905-1910-indexed.

36. Business and House Accounts. 1905-1913.

37. House Account, 1920-1924.

38. Business, Farm and House Accounts. 1914-1920-indexed.

39. House Account. 1920-1924.

40. Various loose papers taken from the ledgers.

Box 4:

41. This box contains a corporate seal for the Capital Grain Elevator Co., money bags and various rubber stamps, 26 items.

Box 5:

Personal (Methodist Episcopal Church) 1921-1938

Transfer Certificates 1921-1937

42. Various people asking to transfer their membership to and from the Methodist Episcopal Church located in Marshall, Oklahoma, 18 items.

Insurance 1930

43. Policies for the church and the parsonage, 2 items.

Correspondence 1920-1938

44. General correspondence to and from Pearson, subscription lists and collection amounts concerning the church, 25 items.

Cunard Steam Ship 1918

45. Correspondence concerning passage to England, 8 items.

Canadian Land Settlement Co. 1901

46. Correspondence and applications to the Canadian government agent for Iowa from Pearson, John Brooks and D.D. Cotterell, 5 items.

Insurance 1910

47. Correspondence concerning farm mortgages to and from Pearson and various banks, 5 items.

Correspondence, Tickets and Cards 1913-1945

48. Personal letter from Pearson to his father and ticket stubs and cards from various

organizations, 17 items.

Certificate 1918
49. Oklahoma State Council of Defense to Pearson & Hayton, 2 items.

Safety Education, undated
50. Bibliography of visual aids for safety education.

Fraternal Organization

Masonic Lodge
Membership 1895-1946
Membership cards, receipts and rosters from the Anchor Lodge no. 104 of Marshall, Oklahoma, the Cosmos Lodge no. 470 of Kingsley, Iowa and the Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma, Guthrie, Oklahoma.
51. Rosters for Anchor Lodge, 12 items.

52. Rosters for Valley of Guthrie, 2 items.

53. Dimit book, receipts and cards, 102 items.

Certificates 1918-1946
54. Various certificates from the Masonic organization to Pearson, 4 items. Oversized.

Washington Memorial 1919-1932
Pamphlets, correspondence and clip sheets pertaining to the George Washington memorial and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Washington.
55. Pamphlets, 5 items.

56. Correspondence and clip sheets, 5 items.

Correspondence 1916-1946
57. General correspondence to and from Pearson and other Masonic lodge members, 40 items.

Blank Forms
58. Forms and letterhead concerning Masonic lodges, 3 items.

Journals 1921-1935
59. Publications about and for Masonic service and masonry in general, 3 items.

The Oklahoma Consistory 1916-1941
60. Newsletters sent to member from Guthrie, Oklahoma, 25 items.

Masonic Service Association of the United States 1921-1926
Information concerning meetings of the Association and general information of use to Masons.
61. Meeting notice and pamphlets, 3 items.

62. The Short Talk Bulletins, 31 items.

Box 6:
Folder:
Reunion Programs 1909-1937
63. Various programs from the Valley of Guthrie, 10 items.

Convocation Programs 1912-1916
64. Anniversary and annual programs to be held at the Masonic temple, Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma in Guthrie, Oklahoma, 9 items.

History 1896-1946
65. The history of the Masonic home in Oklahoma and the Anchor Lodge in Marshall, Oklahoma, 3 items.

Proceedings and Decisions 1910-1923
Constitution, code, by-laws and Grand Master decisions for Oklahoma.
66. Constitution and codes, 3 items.

67. Grand Master decisions of Indian territory and Oklahoma territory, 2 items.

68. Masonic monitor.

Rules and Invitation 1924-1948
69. Rules governing admission to a Masonic dormitory, instructions from the Grand Master of Oklahoma, an invitation to a Masonic Rally and questions on Masonic law, 8 items.

Lodge Supply Catalogues 1923-1932
70. Mail order catalogues offering clothing, books and other supplies for Masonic lodges.

Box 7:
Folder:
List of Regular Lodges 1923-1929

71. Reference books for identifying affiliated members of Masonic regular lodges, 4 items.

Annual Proceedings 1914-1931
72. Official proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma annual meetings, 10 items.

Box 8:

Organizations

Modern Woodmen Camp 1894

73. Roster and information about the organization which is located in Pierson, Iowa, 2 items.

Publications (Agriculture)

United States Department of Agriculture 1916-1919

74. Booklets concerning the rules and regulations under the United States Grain Standards Act of 1916 and a system of bookkeeping for grain elevators, 3 items.

Texas Department of Agriculture 1912

75. Bulletin for proceedings of the second meeting of the Texas State Farmers' Institute.

United States Food Administration 1918

76. Plans and policies of the Cereal Division for the 1918 wheat crop.

The Grain Dealers Association of Oklahoma 1906-1930

Lists of officers, members, constitution and by-laws and trade rules of the Association.

77. Lists and rules, 17 items.

78. Programs, 6 items.

Stock Exchange 1899-1921

79. Trading rules, statistics and an explanation of the Chicago Board of Trade, New York and Chicago Stock exchanges, 3 items.

Tables 1886-1927

80. Grain, cotton, coal and concrete tables to calculate price per amount of item listed, 6 items.

Box 9:

Grain 1912-1927

81. Various brochures concerning grain trading, elevators, grain "gambling" and a meeting of the Southern Rice Growers Association, 7 items.

Handbills 1934

82. Concerning farm crop control and improvement, 2 items.

83. Stocks and bonds. Oversized.

84. Marshall, Oklahoma lot sale. Oversized.

Cotton 1923

85. Brochures concerning the planting, growing and boll weevil conditions of cotton crops, 2 items.

Coal

Program 1926
86. A program from the Oklahoma Retail Coal Merchants Association.

Roster 1904
87. A revised membership list of the Coal Dealers' Association of Iowa and Nebraska.

Farm

Farm Listings 1935
88. Oklahoma farms for sale by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Kansas.

Pamphlets 1917-1921
89. An address entitled *The Second Liberty Loan and the American Farmer* held at Sioux City, Iowa concerning World War I and pamphlets entitled *Farming the Farmer* are excerpts from Minutes of Meetings of the United States Grain Growers, Inc., 4 items.

Oklahoma

Statistical Facts 1907-1915
90. Facts and figures about Oklahoma and Indian territory from official sources (includes a map) and a booklet concerning the workman's compensation law of Oklahoma, 3 items.

Tourism

South and North Dakota and Texas, undated
91. Information of Brule county, South Dakota (includes a railroad map), North Dakota (includes a map) and Texas (includes a map) describing areas of interest for tourists, 5 items.

Science

Books 1879-1884
92. *The Humboldt Library of Science* books on man in early times and the forms of water, 2 items.

Wildlife

(Birds)
Cyprus Bird House Book 1920
93. Contains bird house designs and facts about birds.

(Horses)
Cape Mounted Riflemen 1879
94. Rules and regulations of the service.

Horse Buggy Styles 1908

95. Catalog of pony vehicles made by the Michigan Buggy Company.

Magazine 1924
96. *American Forests and Forest Life* issued by the American Forestry Association.

Equipment

Mill and Machinery Supplies 1921
97. Catalog of equipment for industrial plants supplied by the Mideke Supply Company and a pamphlet of Calmet water meters manufactured by California Meter Co., 2 items.

Traffic Signals, undated
98. A pamphlet by the Standard Traffic Marker Company for better traffic control.

Farm Supplies 1898-1901
99. The Grain Dealers Journal containing information, equipment and other items of interest about farming, 4 items.