PAYSINGER, JOHN ROBERT
(1922-1988)
Genealogical Collection
1757-1988

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid focuses on the genealogical collection of John Robert Paysinger, who for over thirty years researched his family history. Spanning the years 1757-1988, the collection contains copious genealogical charts and reference materials instrumental to Paysinger's family research. A portion of the collection includes genealogical research on the Campbell family history and collateral lines of Paysinger's wife, Marjorie (Campbell) Paysinger Lee. Also contained within the collection is a considerable amount of correspondence, predominantly genealogical in its subject matter.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives acquired this collection from Marjorie (Campbell) Paysinger Lee, with assistance from the Cleveland Public Library on July 12, 1993. These materials as donated by Mrs. Lee were housed in four large cardboard boxes and the items were arranged by the name of the family member. The papers also include cemetery records, census records, clippings, land records, legal records, marriage records, and military records, primarily in photocopy format.

The materials described in this finding aid measured 4.92 cubic feet while in the original boxes, but was reduced to 3.78 cubic feet by the removal of acidic file folders and dividers and duplicate genealogical charts. There are no restrictions on the material. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the John Robert Paysinger Genealogical Collection may be made for scholarly research.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Robert Paysinger

1922 February 5, born in Dellrose, Tennessee, the son of Robert Lee and Tammy May (Owens) Paysinger

c. 1941-1945 Served in Pacific Theater as Technical Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps

1945-1949 Attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry

1953 Obtained Master's degree in Animal Nutrition from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee

1954-1955 Employed as feed salesman for the Quaker Oats Company

1955-1982 Employed as agent at University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service

1955 Commenced genealogical research

1982 July, retired from University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service

1988 March 4, died in Cleveland, Tennessee

Organizations
Davidson County 4-H Dairy Program

Sources: John Robert Paysinger Genealogical Collection
Social Security Death Index (CD-ROM format)
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John Robert Paysinger Genealogical Collection, containing approximately 2700 items, spans the period 1757-1988. The collection predominantly consists of photocopied material produced by John Robert Paysinger during his over thirty-year endeavor to research his family history. Items within the collection are arranged alphabetically by subject and/or media and include account records, greeting cards, cemetery records, census records, certificates, church records, clippings, correspondence, County Clerk's records, court records, estate papers, financial records, genealogical data, land records, legal records, licenses, Lincoln County, Tennessee records, lists of addresses and phone numbers of Paysinger and other related descendants, marriage records, military records, Moore County, Tennessee records, North Carolina history, obituaries, a photograph, a publication, reunion records, sketches, a slave record, tax records, and Tennessee history.

A major portion of the collection consists of single genealogical charts (family group sheets) containing familial information compiled by John Robert Paysinger (1922-1988) of Cleveland, Tennessee. Paysinger mainly focused his genealogical research on the progenitors of the Paysinger family in Tennessee--John Paysinger (1789-1853) and his wife Bersheba Jones, who came from Rowan County, North Carolina. Also included is data on the paternal and maternal family lines of Paysinger's wife Marjorie (Campbell) Paysinger Lee. The progenitors of the Campbell family in Tennessee were Evan Campbell (1806-1866) and Sarah Dillard, early residents of Polk County, Tennessee. Among the family lines found in the collection are: Bonham, Calhoun, Campbell, Dillard, Majors, McCree, McRee, Merrell, O'Neal, Owen, Paysinger, Reed, Roper, and Smith. The container list contains a complete listing of surnames, along with collateral lines.

Correspondence within the collection vastly consists of genealogical inquiries made by John Robert Paysinger to relatives. Evidence from these queries shows that Paysinger began his genealogical quest as early as 1955, while employed as an agent at the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service.

Paysinger's search for genealogical data included research into land records, legal records, clippings, cemetery records, census records, and military records. Paysinger also spent a substantial amount of time conducting research within the genealogical library and archives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. The John Robert Paysinger Genealogical Collection provides to the researcher information on early settlers of Lincoln and Polk County, Tennessee, and augments the genealogical holdings of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.
CONTAINER LIST

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3. Accounts--Promissory notes--Reed, J. Newton and Carl W. Reed, 1910; 1914-1915 (5) (copy)
5. Cards--Greeting--Crews, Alene, c. 1986
6. Cards--Greeting--Paysinger, Bernard, n.d. (copy)
7. Cards--Greeting--Paysinger, Harold and Miyuki, n.d. (copy)
9. Cards--Greeting--Philpot, Bill and Emma Ruth, 1986
10. Cemeteries--Alcorn County, Mississippi
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20. Census records--Campbell-Dillard--Virginia, 1850 (copy)
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24. Certificates--Birth--Paysinger, Marjorie Marie (Campbell), 1924 [1969] (copy)
25. Certificates--Membership dues paid--Independent Order of Odd Fellows--Brown, P. M., 1911 (copy)
27. Certificates--Membership dues paid--Independent Order of Odd Fellows--Reed, J. Newton, 1909-1914 (9) (copy)
28. Church records--Kelley's Creek Baptist Church--Lincoln County, Tennessee
29. Church records--Ocoee Baptist Church (Benton First Baptist Church--Polk County, Tennessee, 1836-1874 (copy)
30. Church records--Organ Lutheran Church, Rowan County, North Carolina, 1774-1782 (copy)
31. Clippings--"Conasauga History"--Part V-VII--Homecoming '86, 1986
32. Clippings--"Early Polk Settlers Enjoyed Prosperity," 1964
33. Clippings--Giles County, Tennessee--History, 1976 (copy)
34. Clippings--"J. D. Clemmer Scrapbooks"--History--Polk County, Tennessee (copy)
35. Correspondence--Alexander, Ruby - Johnson, Margaret

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2. Court records--Injunction and Attachment Bill--Thomas J. Anderson vs. Henry Paysinger et al., 1857 (copy)
3. Court records--Polk County, Tennessee, 1840-1853
4. Estate papers--Estate sale--Merrell, Garrett (deceased), 1866 (copy)
5. Estate papers--Insolvent Estates, 1841-1874 (copy)
6. Estate papers--Inventories--Account of Sales, 1840-1899 (copy)
7. Estate papers--Inventory--re: Merrell, Garrett (deceased), 1866 (copy)
8. Estate papers--Inventory and Sale of Property--re: Merrell, John (deceased), 1866
9. Financial records--Returned checks--Reed, Carl W. and John Newton Reed, 1906; 1911-1912 (copy)
10. Genealogical data--Basinger-Campbell-Paysinger-Reed--Greene County, Tennessee data
11. Genealogical data--Bledsoe, Frances, 1808- fl. 1825--Burford collateral line
12. Genealogical data--Campbell-Dillard--Notes and reference materials
15. Genealogical data--Campbell, John, 1777-____--Owens-Dodd-Hare-Wade-Cole-Branam-Mullinax-Paysinger collateral lines
18. Genealogical data--Campbell, Newman, 1837-1890--Owens-Dillingham-Goforth-Wilcox-Pearson-Shaw-Stewart-Brewer-Craig-Boring collateral lines
19. Genealogical data--Campbell, Newman, 1837-1890--Hicks-Ledford-Pulley-Cheek-Kimsey-Stanley-Moorehouse-Smith collateral lines
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9. Genealogical data--Henderson, Spencer Jesse, c. 1854- fl. 1878--Wells-Chaney-Hicks-Deavers collateral lines
11. Genealogical data--Johnson, David D., 1815-1887
12. Genealogical data--Johnson, Martha Jane (Paysinger), 1835-1908-Chamblee-Bell-Day-McIntire collateral lines
14. Genealogical data--Love family--Dillard collateral line
15. Genealogical data--Maddox, W. C., 1847-1934--Smith-Owen-Paysinger-Edwards collateral lines
16. Genealogical data--Majors, Larkin, 1795-1873
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18. Genealogical data--Majors, Rhoda E. (Paysinger), 1830-1908
20. Genealogical data--McRee, James C., 1779-1841--McCord-Paysinger-Crigger-Parsons collateral lines
22. Genealogical data--The Merrell Family Tree--Merrell, Lewis H., 1964 (copy)
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5. Genealogical data--Paysinger, Thomas Alexander, 1823-1862--Coates (Coats) collateral line
6. Genealogical data--Reed--Notes and reference materials
8. Genealogical data--Reed, George, c. 1720-1785--Paysinger-Rogers-Chapman-Smith-Richardson-Tomerlin-Henderson-Chaney-Hicks-McBride collateral lines
10. Genealogical data--Reed, George, c. 1720-1785--Moats-Leming-Jones-Hodge-Smith-Hamlett-Hargrove-Maddox-Davis-Rood collateral lines
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18. Genealogical data--Reed, Michael Ault, 1813-1889--Salo-Silvers-Queen-Norris-Harkleroad-Tilley-Foster-Middleton-Tarwater-Green collateral lines
19. Genealogical data--Reed, Michael Ault, 1813-1889--Hubble-Blackwell-Brown-Schmeelk-Spencer-Stratton-Almond-Pope-Patterson-McAlister collateral lines
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24. Land records--Deed--McRee, Benjamin to John Merrel, 1827 (copy)
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46. Photographs, drawings, etc.--The Reed Family Reunion, July 4, 1925
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