COBB, PHARAOH LEE
(1866-1957)
PAPERS
ADDITION
1787-1957

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INTRODUCTION

This collection consists of papers relating to Pharaoh Lee Cobb of Virginia and Tennessee, Methodist minister and missionary in Mexico, and the Cobb family. It includes correspondence, genealogical data, biographical sketches of Dr. Samuel Evans Massengill and William McFarland, deeds, and the will of Samuel Chestnut.

The materials in this finding aid measure .84 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Pharaoh Lee Cobb Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Pharaoh Lee Cobb Papers – Addition, containing approximately 300 items, consists of clippings, correspondence, genealogical data, legal documents, notes, a photograph and sketches.

The bulk of the collection is the correspondence of Pharaoh Lee Cobb, (1866-1957), a Methodist minister and missionary in Mexico, of Virginia and, later, Tennessee. The Cobb letters are of a family and business nature.

Genealogical data concern the Chestnut, Cobb, Ingram, Lee, Morris and Smith families.

There are biographical sketches of Samuel Evans Massengill (1871-1946), and William McFarland (1821-1900). Dr. Massengill was a pharmaceutical manufacturer who established the S.E. Massengill Company in Bristol, Tennessee. Massengill products are distributed worldwide.

William McFarland served as a Representative from Tennessee in the Forty-Fourth Congress of the United States.

The value of the collection resides in the letters of Pharaoh L. Cobb, providing insight into the life and activities of a Twentieth Century minister and missionary.

Further information can be obtained by consulting the Pharaoh Lee Cobb Papers – Ms. Ac. No. 71-200, which are housed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Pharaoh Lee Cobb

1866 March 3, born at St. Clair, Hawkins County, Tennessee
1887-1888 Attended Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia
1888-1889 School teacher at Morristown, Tennessee
1889-1892 Attended the University of Tennessee; graduated in 1892
1892 Joined the Holston Conference, United Methodist Church, Wytheville, Virginia
1897 Graduate of Vanderbilt University Divinity School
1896-1897 Chaplain, Tennessee Penitentiary
1897-1902 Missionary Secretary for the Holston Conference
1900 Married Cora Nell Crosby at West Medford, Massachusetts
1902-1907 Served as a missionary in Mexico in Monterrey and Mexico City
1907-1911 Pastor at Bramwell, Virginia
1911-1915 Pastor at Highland Park, Tennessee
1915-1919 Pastor at Knoxville, Tennessee
1919-1920 Pastor at Morristown, Tennessee
1920-1926 Pastor at Nashville, Tennessee
1926-1928 Pastor at Clinton, Tennessee
1928-1932 Pastor at Big Stone Gap, Virginia
1932-1936 Pastor at Galax, Virginia
1936-1940 Pastor at Ridgedale, Tennessee
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