

C Pearman, Floyd (1892-1955), Papers, 1935-1947
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Floyd Pearman contain correspondence and other papers related to his employment with the Farm Security Administration and other New Deal programs. Pearman worked in central Missouri assisting farmers in purchasing and maintaining land during the Depression and World War II.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Caroline Pearman on 19 December 1978 (Accession No. 2214). An addition was made on 6 June 1979 by Caroline Pearman (Accession No. 2249).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Floyd Pearman was born in Boone County, Missouri, on February 18, 1892. He lived in the area throughout his life. In 1917, he married Gussie, whom he would stay with until her death in 1941. During his younger years, he worked as a farmer. With the United States' entry into the First World War, Pearman trained at Camp Funston in Kansas starting on September 29, 1917. However, he was discharged only a few months later without ever having to leave Camp Funston on December 7, 1917.

During the 1930s, Pearman came under the employment of several New Deal agencies. His first job was under the Resettlement Administration as District Farm Debt Adjustment Specialist. Pearman traveled around central Missouri and assisted struggling farmers as they applied for loans and purchased land. The Resettlement Administration was replaced with the Farm Security Administration. Pearman worked for this new administration with the same job of making land purchases more manageable for central Missouri farmers.

In 1942, after the United States entered World War II, Pearman started working for the Missouri Defense Relocation Association, Inc., an independent company sponsored and financed by the Farm Security Administration. His job here was relatively similar to those with the New Deal agencies. He remained here throughout the war. In 1947, he took another job with the Farmers Home Administration, a government agency that replaced the Farm Security Administration.

Pearman died in Columbia, Missouri, on August 24, 1955.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following three series:

Correspondence
Monthly Narrative Progress Report
Travel Voucher

The **Correspondence** series contains three folders with correspondence from Floyd Pearman's career. Folder 1 contains general correspondence from his time with the Resettlement Administration and the Farm Security Administration between 1935 and 1942. Also included is the text from the radio show, The Farm and Home Hour, on "Helping Farmers Adjust their Debts." Folder 2 contains correspondence from his time with the Missouri Defense Relocation Association between 1942 and 1946. Folder 3 covers the end of his time with the Missouri Defense Relocation Association and his beginning with the Farmers Home Administration.

The **Monthly Narrative Progress Report** series consists of material pertaining to Pearman's time as Farm Debt Adjustment Specialist. Each month, he typed out a report of his activities for the previous month. This series covers the years 1936 to 1942

The **Travel Voucher** series contains material concerning Floyd Pearman's travels through central Missouri during his time with the Missouri Defense Relocation Association. This includes vouchers of his expenses during travel. This series covers 1942 to 1946.

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