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BIOGRAPHY

Carroll Roemer “Pete” Pearson was born on 4 October 1929 to Harold Hubert Pearson, Sr. and Aileen B. Pearson in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He attended Bowling Green public schools and graduated from Bowling Green high School in 1947. He matriculated at Purdue University and received a pharmacy degree in 1951. In 1951 he married Patricia Brenneman, of Richmond, Indiana, whom he met at Purdue. Later that year he began service in the Air Force, with his basic training taking place at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He served with the Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

He became associated with his parents drug firm, Pearson Drug Company, as a pharmacist in 1957 and assumed sole ownership of the store in 1965. He was a member of State Street Methodist Church, the Lions Club, the Benevolent Order of Elks, and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He died on 6 July 1968 when he and his family were vacationing at their cabin on Lake Malone in Logan County. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Pat (Brenneman) Pearson became a member of the Biology faculty at Western Kentucky University in 1968. Her baccalaureate degree is from Purdue, Masters from Vanderbilt University, and Ph.D. from Indiana University. Besides teaching, she was actively involved in researching and advocating the recruitment of women into science careers. She also served on the board of the Friends of the Library Warren County and was a member of the Pierian Literary Club. She retired in the 1990s. She died in Port Charlotte, Florida on 19 October 2007 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. The Pearsons had one daughter, Leanne (Pearson) Littrell, who is a Florida resident.

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection consists chiefly of correspondence between Carroll Roemer Pearson and his wife Patricia and his parents H. H. & Aileen Pearson. These letters were written while Pearson was at basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The bulk of the letters are from Carroll Pearson to his wife Patricia. They discuss military life and his adoring love. A few letters to Patricia (Brenneman) Pearson from Mr. & Mrs. W. V. Brenneman to Patricia (Brenneman) Pearson and Anna Carter, all from Richmond, Indiana, are also included.
More information about Mrs. Pearson’s career at Western can be found in Western Kentucky University’s University Archives.

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**CATALOG CARD**

MSS PEARSON Family Collection 1951-1952

Correspondence of the Pearson family, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, chiefly letters from Carroll Pearson to his wife Patricia while he is in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The collection also contains letters sent to Carroll from his parents and letters sent to Patricia from her parents and friends.

2 boxes. 7 folders. 51 items.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

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