

C Rea, Peter Goodman (1819-), Papers, 1838-1899
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INTRODUCTION

Letters to a pioneer Presbyterian minister, containing early church history, and autobiography giving account of a trip on horseback to Texas in 1849-1850. Originals are in the possession of the donor.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Mrs. A.M. Hitch on 1 December 1943 (Accession No. 66).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Peter Goodman Rea was born in Henry County, Virginia, and moved with his father and brothers to Cooper County, Missouri, in 1832. He began his career in the ministry in 1837 and served the Presbyterian churches in Cooper and Saline Counties. Rea married Mary Angeline Rubey in 1843.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letters, mostly from fellow ministers, describe camp meetings and the experiences of early Presbyterian ministers in Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas. Rea's memoir, in typescript form, recounts his experiences as a Presbyterian minister in Missouri and describes in detail the trip to Texas.

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