

# A Guide to the Paeonian Springs Research Collection, 1976

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**Collection number**

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**Abstract**

This collection consists of one folder that includes information about the history of Paeonian Springs, when and why the area was popular as well as current interests in the town.

**Creator**

Unknown

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# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

## Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

## Acquisition Information

Unknown

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None

# Bibliography

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# Other Finding Aid

None

# Technical Requirements

None

# Historical Information

Paeonian Springs, Virginia was formed in 1871 with the arrival of the Washington and Ohio Railroad (later Washington and Old Dominion). The village lies on the first north-south crossroads connecting highways 7 and 9 and is located roughly four miles northwest of Leesburg, Virginia.

On 31 January 1889, Theodore Milton (24 January 1848-31 July 1906) formed The Paeonian Springs Company, with the goal to develop the springs on his land and to sell bottled water. The company created and operated hotels and boarding houses for summer tourists. In the 1890s The Paeonian Springs Company advertised the town as an ideal resort. The attractions of the town were the water, mountain air, and magnificent scenery. The town was popular in the summer with people from Washington D.C. coming out by train. By 1912, there was a well developed tourist industry with a boardwalk lined with stores in town leading to the train station and boarding houses.

In the 1920s, tourism started to decline. Because of the Pure Food and Drug Act passed in 1906, The Paeonian Springs Company could not make health claims about the water and closed their commercial

bottling operations. In addition, the discovery of antibiotics decreased fear of disease in cities during the summer months, and increased mobility from cars gave people more vacation and travel options.

In the 1960s, Paeonian Springs, residents started revitalizing their homes and buildings to help show the importance of the town's heritage.

## **Scope and Content**

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## **Arrangement**

Folder

## **Contents List**

### **Folder 1: Brief history of the Paeonian Springs area**

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