

# PINDAR FAMILY.

## Pindar family papers, 1800-1979

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Pindar family.
<b>Title:</b>	Pindar family papers, 1800-1979
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection No. 886
<b>Extent:</b>	2 linear feet (5 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Papers of the Pindar family of Savannah, Brunswick, and Valdosta, Georgia, including correspondence, writings, legal records, photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts.
<b>Language:</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on Access

Due to preservation concerns, researchers are required to use reproductions of the tintype of two slave girls and some of the clippings files.

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### Source

Purchase, 2001.

**Citation**

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**Processing**

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

The Pindar family (including the Montgomerys, O'Connors, Tebeaus, and Treutlens) has long lived in Georgia, particularly in Savannah, Brunswick, and Valdosta. The Tebeau family owned a plantation in Tebeauville (later Waycross), Georgia. Family businesses included Pindar Real Estate Company, Jacksonville Blow Pipe Company, Montgomery Blo-Hog, and Valdosta Greenhouses. Mary Montgomery Pindar Leigh was a portraitist. The family was very involved with many social and cultural organizations in Savannah; including the Oglethorpe Club, Savannah Music Club, Savannah Symphony Society, Savannah Yacht Club, and Cotillion Club. Many members of the family were Episcopalians.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Pindar family papers include correspondence, writings, legal records, other documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. The papers of the Pindar family were created or collected by Helen Fairfax Montgomery Pindar (1894-1974) and Norris Tebeau Pindar III (1893-1974). The collection consists of the papers of members of the Pindar, Tebeau, Montgomery, and O'Connor families. The majority of the papers document the lives of Helen Fairfax Montgomery and Norris Tebeau Pindar, III, and the lives of their siblings and children.

The correspondence comprises the majority of the collection. Significant topics include family news and health, genealogy, changing race relations, the wars (World War II and the Korean Conflict), social life in Savannah, and family businesses (Pindar Real Estate, the Montgomery Blo-Hog, and Valdosta Greenhouses.) A more detailed correspondence index is available at the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library.

The writings include a diary kept during 1890 by an unidentified family member and a commonplace book from the mid-to-late nineteenth century (recipes, clippings, collected wisdom, and other information deemed worth keeping). The writings in the collection also include poetry by several members of the Montgomery family, and essays written by Helen Pindar, her son-in-law Beverly Leigh, and grandson John David Leigh, II.

The remainder of the collection includes photographs, a certificate for the sale of a slave (1792), an indenture between the Sheriff of Chatham County, Georgia, and John Eppinger (1815), and newspaper clippings documenting family activities, births, deaths, marriages, organizational activities, and occupations. Perhaps the most significant photographic image is a tintype of two slave girls who were given to Harriet Pindar upon her marriage to Joseph Mooney. Most of the other photographs are portraits of family members.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Correspondence, Dated

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1800-1866
1	2	1866-1899
1	3	1900-1909
1	4	1910-1916
1	5	1917
1	6	[1905-1918], to Helen O'Connor ["Biggie"] from Mary Barry Montgomery and Mary [O'Connor] Montgomery
1	7	1918-1919
1	8	1920-1929
1	9	1930-1939
1	10	1940
1	11	1941-1942
2	1	1943-1949
2	2	1950
2	3	1951
2	4	[1950-1951], Roderick McKay Montgomery's illness
2	5	[1951], condolences on Roderick McKay Montgomery's death
2	6	1957-1959
2	7	1960-1969
2	8	1970-1979

### Correspondence, Undated

2	9	Kate to her mother, [ca. 1890]
2	10	Roderick McKay Montgomery to unidentified recipients
2	11	Helen [Montgomery] Pindar to unidentified recipients
2	12	Estella Helen Montgomery to James Augustin Montgomery, I
2	13	Helen O'Connor from her mother
2	14	James Augustin Montgomery, II to Helen [Montgomery] Pindar
2	15	John Henry Montgomery to Helen [Montgomery] Pindar
2	16	Helen [Montgomery] Pindar and Helen [O'Connor] Jackson
2	17	Helen [Montgomery] Pindar [various correspondents]
2	18	John David Leigh, II to Norris and Helen Pindar and Beverly Eugene Leigh
2	19	Mary [Pindar] Leigh to Norris and Helen Pindar
2	20	Estella Helen Montgomery to Norris and Helen Pindar
2	21	Helen [Montgomery] Pindar to William T. S. Montgomery
2	22	undated envelopes

**Writings**

- 3 1 Commonplace book, [ca. 1850-1870]
- 3 2 Diary, 1890
- 3 3 Plays, unidentified
- 3 4 Poetry, Estella Helen Montgomery
- 3 5 Poetry, A. N. E. [Nanan]
- 3 6 Poetry, John Henry Montgomery
- 3 7 Poetry, Annie O'Connor
- 3 8 Poetry, Helen [Montgomery] Pindar
- 3 9 Poetry, Mary Pindar, 1937
- 3 10 Poetry, non-family members and anonymous
- 3 11 Poetry, unidentified
- 3 12 Prose, Beverly Eugene Leigh - "The Bill Rests"
- 3 13 Prose, John David Leigh, II - "A Cracker in the Snow"
- 3 14 Prose, Helen [Montgomery] Pindar - "Chip, My Mockingbird Friend"
- 3 15 Prose, Helen [Montgomery] Pindar - "The Integrated Pigeon"
- 3 16 Prose, Helen [Montgomery] Pindar - "Bill was 5"
- 3 17 Recipe, Annie O'Connor [See also the commonplace book]

**Legal records**

- 3 17 Certificate concerning the sale of a slave from Benjamin Cary to William White, February 15, 1792
- OP1 1 Indenture between John Bradford Norris, Sheriff of Chatham County, Georgia, and John Eppinger, April 4, 1815
- 3 18 Notes on land and other records concerning the Savannah area

**Other documents**

- 3 19 Announcements
- 3 20 Announcements for weddings
- 3 21 Baptism certificate (1926) and report card (1935) for Mary Montgomery Pindar
- 3 22 Biography of Daisy [Tebeau] Pindar, [1933]
- 3 23 Calling cards
- 3 24 Family tree for Canby family [photocopy]
- 3 25 Letterhead for Mary [O'Connor] Montgomery, undated.
- 3 26 Obituary for Mary [Pindar] Leigh [See also newspaper clippings]
- 3 27 Programs for events, 1953, 1965

**Photographs**

- 4 1 Faries family
- 4 2 Leigh family

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| 4 | 3 | Montgomery family  |
| 4 | 4 | Mary Barry Montgomery  |
| 4 | 5 | Pindar family  |
| 4 | 6 | Slave girls given to Harriet Pindar upon her marriage to Joseph Mooney |
| 4 | 7 | Unidentified   |
| 4 | 8 | Unidentified   |

**Newspaper clippings**

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| 4 | 9  | Leigh family [photocopies]  |
| 4 | 10 | Montgomery family [photocopies]   |
| 4 | 11 | O'Connor family (includes Helen [O'Connor] Jackson and Mrs. Maguire)<br>[photocopies] |
| 4 | 12 | Pindar family   |
| 4 | 13 | Family businesses (Pindar, Montgomery)  |
| 4 | 14 | Other clippings   |

**Artifacts**

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| 4 | 15 | Hair (Roderick McKay Montgomery, Norris Tebeau Pindar, IV, John David<br>Leigh, II, and Julie Montgomery Leigh) |
| 4 | 16 | Memorabilia belonging to Estella Helen Montgomery   |
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