

# Guide to the John H. Peatling Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Divinity Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 233

**CREATOR:** Peatling, John H.

**TITLE:** John H. Peatling Papers

**DATES:** 1960-2007

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7.5 linear feet (18 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the research and writings of Yale Divinity School graduate John H. Peatling, who was a specialist in empirical psychology and statistics with a particular interest in the cognitive development of religious and moral thinking. The collection also documents the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, which Peatling founded with John Hull in 1977.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Peatling family, 2009

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

John H. Peatling Papers (RG 233), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1926 Dec 15	○ Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan to John Howard Peatling, Sr. and Esther Rose Peatling. He was active in musical groups through high school and college.
1949	○ Graduated from Western Michigan University with a B.A.
1949 Jul 31	○ Married Jane Cobb. They had three children, Jane Ellen Duffy (4 Mar 1952), Karen Ann Crouch (20 Nov 1955), and Mary Elizabeth McCorkle (24 Dec 1957). Jane Cobb Peatling died 2 Nov 1970.
1952	○ B.D. in Parish Ministry from Yale University Divinity School.
1953	○ S.T.M. in Liturgics and the History of Doctrine from Yale University Divinity School.
1955	○ Ordained to the Christian Priesthood in the Diocese of Michigan of The Protestant Episcopal Church.
1960	○ Moved to Connecticut to work for the National Episcopal Church developing Christian education materials.
1971-1980s	○ Worked for the Character Research Project in Union College, Schenectady, New York, first as the Assistant Director, then as Director of Basic Research.
1972 Apr 2	○ Married Lucie W. Barber.
1973	○ Ph.D. in Religious Education from New York University.
1974	○ Received the Founders Day Award from New York University.
1977	○ Founded the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values with John Hull. The first meeting was held in Birmingham, England in 1978.
1984-1988	○ Served as Rector for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Schenectady and then became Rector Emeritus.
1991	○ Death of his wife, Lucie Barber.
2007 May 15	○ Died in Niskayuna, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection documents the research and writings of John H. Peatling, a Yale Divinity School alumnus. Peatling was a specialist in empirical psychology and statistics. He was particularly interested in the cognitive development of religious and moral thinking. He worked for the Character Research Project at Union College from 1971 until the early 1980s, first as the Assistant Director, then as the Director of Basic Research. John Peatling and John Hull founded the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, in 1977, with the first meeting taking place in Birmingham, England in 1978 and the second meeting at Union College in Schenectady, New York in 1980. The collection is primarily comprised of his writings, research data and tools, and material regarding the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV).

Series I, Writings, is divided into two subseries: Writings by John H. Peatling and Writings by Lucie Barber and Others. The Writings by Peatling are arranged alphabetically and include manuscripts, bound manuscripts and theses, and published articles, book chapters, and books. The Writings by Lucie Barber and Others are arranged chronologically and include manuscripts by Lucie Barber, Peatling's wife who also worked at the Character Research Project at Union College, and correspondence regarding the manuscripts. There are a few published works by others included in the collection.

Series II, Research Data and Tools, is divided into two subseries: Research Data and Research Tools. The Research Data includes the data collected for Peatling's Ph.D. thesis, Project R&D/23, A Study of Thinking About Biblical Material, in addition to other research projects he worked on. Research Tools includes tools created by Peatling and published tools used by Peatling in his research.

Series III, International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV), contains materials documenting the inception of the seminar, planning, correspondence, meeting information, membership directories, and collegial papers presented at meetings between 1978 and 1996. Series IV, Personal and Biographical, is small containing one folder of biographical information, Peatling's copy of The Book of Common Prayer, and material relating to conferences and professional affiliations.

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## Arrangement

- I. Writings, 1964-1983
- II. Research Data and Tools, 1960-1994
- III. International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV), 1977-1996
- IV. Personal and Biographical, 1962-2007

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### Series I: Writings

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b. 1, f. 1	Assessing the Feeling of Justice: Five Stories Keyed to Developmental Aspects of a Piagetian Sense of Justice	1981
b. 1, f. 1	Career Development: Designing Self, by John H. Peatling and David V. Tiedeman	1977
b. 1, f. 2	Definitions for Sixteen Elements in a Model Personality, by John H. Peatling and David V. Tiedeman	1974
b. 1, f. 2	Designing Self: A Group Theory of Constructionist Personality Reconstruction (Bound Copy), by John H. Peatling and David V. Tiedeman	1977
b. 1, f. 3	Finnish Students' Responses to a Moral Puzzle	1979
b. 1, f. 4	From Noise to Insight: An Exploration of the Realms of Intuition	1978
b. 1, f. 4	From Noise to Insight: An Exploration of the Realms of Intuition (Bound Copy)	1978
b. 2, f. 1	In Celebration of And. Book Chapter in Modern Masters of Religious Education	1981-1983
b. 2, f. 1	The Incidence of Concrete and Abstract Religious Thinking in the Interpretation of Three Bible Stories by Pupils Enrolled in Grades Four Through Twelve in Selected Schools in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (PhD Dissertation)	1973
b. 2, f. 2	Liturgical Suggestions for Celebrating the Para-Feasts of the Lord of All Distributions, the Holy Probability, Blessed Student, and the Memory of Kurt Gödel, Book Chapter in Aesthetic Dimensions of Religious Education	1977-1979
b. 2, f. 3	MGT: Continuing Ideas/Investigations	1977
b. 2, f. 4	Moral Education: Another View, The New Review of Books and Religion, Vol.11, No.6, 1978.	1978
b. 3, f. 1-5	Not Without Mystery	1978-1980
b. 3, f. 6	On Beyond Goldman: Religious Thinking and the 1970s, Learning for Living, Vol.16, No.3, 1977	1976-1977
b. 3, f. 7	A Piagetian Perspective on the Development of an Aspect of the Sense of Justice	1975
b. 4, f. 1	A Piagetian Perspective on the Development of an Aspect of the Sense of Justice (3 Bound Copies)	1975
b. 4, f. 1	Psychology and Religion: Uncommon Partners	1979
b. 4, f. 2-3	Religious Education in a Psychological Key (Galley Proof)	1981

## Writings by John H. Peatling (continued)

b. 4, f. 4	Religious Education in a Psychological Key (Index)	1981
b. 4, f. 4	Religious Thinking as an Assessable Construct in Children, Youth and Adults (Bound Copy)	1978
b. 5, f. 1	Research and Religious Education	1978
b. 5, f. 2	Revised Guidelines for an Annual Review of Research: Religious Education	1979
b. 5, f. 2	Signs of Structure and Signs of Dissonance: Adult Responses to a Piagetian Moral Puzzle	1976
b. 5, f. 3	The Slow Learner and Religious Education, Learning for Living, Vol.14, No.3, 1975	1975
b. 5, f. 4	A Statement About a Model of Personality, by Lucie Barber and John H. Peatling	1974
b. 5, f. 5	Theories of Development, A Dictionary of Religious Education	1982
b. 5, f. 6-7	Truth Telling and Peer Protection: A Report	1974
b. 5, f. 7	Truth Telling and Peer Protection: A Report (Bound Copy)	1974
<b>Writings by Lucie Barber and Others</b>		
b. 5, f. 8	Religious Education of Preschool Children, includes correspondence with James Michael Lee	1978-1980
b. 5, f. 9	Religious Education of Preschool Children, includes correspondence with James Michael Lee	1981-1982
b. 6, f. 1	Education in Christian Values (Manuscript), includes correspondence with James Michael Lee	1981-1982
b. 6, f. 2	Printed Material by Others	1964, 1979

## Research Data and Tools

### Research Data

b. 6, f. 3	Project R&D/23, A Study of Thinking About Biblical Material - A Problem Check List	1967
b. 6, f. 4	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee re R&D/23, Vol.1, General and Initial Plans	1967-1969
b. 6, f. 5	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee, Vo.1, Pre-Test & Field Test A	1967-1969
b. 6, f. 6	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee, Vo.1, Pre-Test & Field Test B	1967-1969
b. 6, f. 7	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee, Vo.2, Revised Instrument	1969
b. 6, f. 8	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee, Vo.2, Field Test C	1969
b. 6, f. 9	R&D/23, Ph.D. Thesis Outline	Jul 1969
b. 6, f. 10	R&D/23, Material Sent to Thesis Committee, Vo.2, Survey Sample	1969
b. 7, f. 1	R&D/23, Field Test A	1967
b. 7, f. 2	R&D/23, Field Test A, Comments from Students, p.10	n.d.
b. 7, f. 3	R&D/23, Field Test A Student Comments, p.17	n.d.
b. 7, f. 4	R&D/23, Field Test A Student Comments, p.24	n.d.
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b. 7, f. 12	R&D/23, Grade 8, Story C	19 Oct 1968
b. 7, f. 13	R&D/23, Grade 9, Story C	19 Oct 1968
b. 7, f. 14	R&D/23, Lambda-Matrices 3rd Grade	1966-1967
b. 7, f. 15-17	R&D/23, School Data Sheets, FTC (Restricted until 2070)	1970
b. 8, f. 1	R&D/23 Field Test C	1970
b. 8, f. 2	R&D/23, A Coding Manual for R&D/23 (FTC)	1970
b. 8, f. 3	R&D/23, FTC, MISU: "Mental Ages, A Procedure for the Calculation of..."	1970
b. 8, f. 4-5	R&D/23, Study of Criteria	n.d.

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b. 8, f. 6	R&D/23, Study of Intelligence Scores	n.d.
b. 8, f. 7	R&D/23, Computer Programs, Variable Listings, Studies of Significance Levels	1971
b. 8, f. 8-10	R&D/23, Study of Means	1971
b. 8, f. 11	R&D/23, Summary Report, Thesis (Copy No.1)	1971
b. 8, f. 12	R&D/23, Summary Report, Thesis (Copy No.2)	1972
b. 8, f. 13	R&D/23, Miscellaneous Studies	1971
b. OV 9	R&D/23, Field Test B, Item Analysis, Tables 1-8, 9-56, 57-65, 66-70	1968-1969
b. 10, f. 1	Letters to God - Children's. Data from A. Hickson	1960
b. 10, f. 2	Theses Notes	1961
b. 10, f. 3-6	ASynthesizing Study of Studies of Elements...	1972
b. 10, f. 7-10	Five Cries from Mid-Life: A Questionnaire for Adults	Nov 1977
b. 10, f. 11-12	Thinking About Justice Study	1994
b. 11, f. 1	Thinking About Jusctice Study	1994
b. 11, f. 2-6	Justice the Search for Order	1994
b. 11, f. 7	SR&D-"Life Span, Divisions of"	n.d.
<b>Research Tools</b>		
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b. 11, f. 9	Describing Personality	1971
b. 11, f. 10	Readiness for Religion: Light	1966
b. 11, f. 11	Readiness for Religion: Sheep and Shepherds	1965
b. 11, f. 12	Readiness for Religion: The Importance of Bread	1966
b. 12, f. 1	Self-Regard Scales: Published Formats	1975
b. 12, f. 2	Thinking About Justice	1980
b. 12, f. 3	Thinking About My Religion	1980
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b. 12, f. 5	Thinking About the Bible (Includes Audio Tape)	1979
b. 12, f. 6	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking	1966
b. 12	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking, Figural Test - Form A	1966
b. 12	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking, Verbal Test - Form A	1966
b. 13	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking, Verbal Test - Form B	1966

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b. 13	Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking, Examiner's Kit (For Verbal Test, Forms A & B)	1966
b. 14	Torrance Test of Creative Thinking, Figural Test - Form B	1966

## International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV)

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Christian education -- Psychology  
Religious education

### **Names**

Peatling, John H.

### **Corporate Body**

International Seminar on Religious Education  
and Values