

PAUL MERCER COUSINS COLLECTION
PP0023

Descriptive Summary

Creator Cousins, Paul Mercer, 1889-1984

Title Paul Mercer Cousins Collection

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition

Gift of unknown

Processing note

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Biographical Note

Paul Mercer Cousins was born in Luthersville, Georgia, on December 1, 1889. He earned his B.A. from Mercer University in 1910. Cousins was a soldier at Camp Gordon, Georgia, during World War I. He worked as a Latin and Greek professor at the Locust Grove Institute for five years and served as its vice president for three. He was an English professor at Shorter College from 1915 to 1917 and from 1920 to 1938; in the interim, he was at Georgetown College in Kentucky from 1919 to 1920. He married Marjorie Nowell on August 30, 1923, and the couple had one son, Paul, Jr., born December 23, 1931. Cousins earned his M.A. from Columbia University and returned to Shorter College as president from 1933 to 1948. He was awarded an Honorary LL.D. from Mercer University in 1936 and taught English at Mercer from 1948 to 1969. He later earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1966 at the age of 77. He authored *Joel Chandler Harris: A Biography*, winner of the Georgia Writers Association's Literary Achievement Award for non-fiction in 1968. Cousins died on April 16, 1984, at the age of 94.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains 24 scattered issues of *The Countryman* (1862-1865), which was published weekly by J. A. Turner at Turnwold, Putnam County, Georgia. Over the three-year period represented here, the subscription price of *The Countryman* rose from \$1, to \$3, to \$5 a year, and finally to \$5 for 3 months. *The Countryman* series are separated by year and issues. The collection also includes published materials related to Joseph Addison Turner and Joel Chandler Harris as well as notes taken by Cousins from Turner's autobiography, journal, diary (1849-1867), and correspondence (1863-1867).

Subjects

Cousins, Paul Mercer
World War I
Locust Grove Institute
Shorter College
Georgetown College
Columbia University
Mercer University

Related Material

Paul Mercer Cousins Biographical File (currently in Paul Mercer Cousins Collection Personal Papers Box)

Container List

Folder 1/1: *The Countryman*, 1862

Folder 1/2: *The Countryman*, 1863 (Folder 1 of 3)

Folder 1/3: *The Countryman*, 1863 (Folder 2 of 3)

Folder 1/4: *The Countryman*, 1863 (Folder 3 of 3)

Folder 1/5: *The Countryman*, 1864 (Folder 1 of 2)

Folder 1/6: *The Countryman*, 1864 (Folder 2 of 2)

Folder 1/7: *The Countryman*, 1865 (Folder 1 of 2)

Folder 1/8: *The Countryman*, 1865 (Folder 2 of 2)

Folder 1/9: Joseph Addison Turner Autobiography, Journal, and Diary Notes, 1849-1867

Folder 1/10: Joseph Addison Turner Correspondence Notes, 1863-1867

Folder 1/11: Published Materials by and about Joseph Addison Turner