

**ADAMS, PAUL JAY, (1901-1985)  
PAPERS, 1912-1977**

**Addition 1**

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## INTRODUCTION

In addition to these papers, further information on Paul J. Adams can be found at III-D-3 and VI-G-1. Information consists of journals, diaries and indexes.

This collection occupies 5.0 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 1500 items. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Paul J. Adams Papers--addition, 1912-1977 may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Paul Jay Adams Papers consists of approximately 1500 items, 3 volumes and 3 cassette tapes, spanning the years of 1918-1977. The papers are composed of accounts, association information, correspondence, cards, clippings, journals, legal documents, printed materials and tributes.

The papers are centered around Paul J. Adams (1901-1985), and his wife Maxine Day Adams of Crab Orchard near Crossville, TN. Paul J. Adams was a well known naturalist, a malacologist, and author of Mt. LeConte. He and Manley Barber of Knoxville assembled "the largest collection of Tennessee Mollusca in existence". In 1924 Adams became a charter member of both the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society and the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. Adams was appointed to the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association and was later to serve as one of the guides for the federally appointed members of the National Park Commission, who were to investigate the Smokies as a possible park site which in 1926 President Calvin Coolidge signed legislation authorizing the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In 1969 Adams served as president of the Cumberland Mountain Craft Association.

Paul and Maxine Adams established Alpine Floral Gardens in Alpine, Tennessee in 1934. The following year they purchased 65 acres of land for a home and nursery site in Crab Orchard. In 1943 Adams moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and worked as superintendent of fire prevention and safety for the federal Atomic Energy Commission. They returned to Crab Orchard in 1945 and operated their floral and landscaping business. After his retirement in 1961 he and his wife began a thriving weaving industry.

The collection is comprised of correspondence; notes; clippings; an original draft for Mount LeConte; magazine articles from Arboretum, the U.T. Agricultural Experimental Station and Southeastern Flower Grower; reports of the Fire Prevention Department of J. A. Jones Construction Company, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1944; certificates of membership in various organizations and societies concerned with wildlife preservation; pictures of the Adams home at Crab Orchard in 1935 and the construction of the Ross Garden in Knoxville in 1929; drawings of Alpine Nursery, Crab Orchard, Tennessee; Boy Scout camp maps showing the topography of various areas in Tennessee and North Carolina, the proposed Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Geologic Atlas of Knoxville and Columbia folio.

For more information on Paul Jay Adams see accession numbers 1435, 1870, 68-1, 74-13. An addition to his papers was made on 7-25-90, accession number 90-322.

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3. Accounts--Bills, notes & receipts--Purchase Orders-Baptist Book Store-Gateway Books Inc., 1968-1971
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6. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Board of Directors meetings-1967-1969
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8. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Charter and By-Laws-1967-1970
9. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Financial Statements -1968-1974
10. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Management Appraisal-1970
11. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Membership lists-1967-1970
12. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--Miscellaneous-1968-1970
13. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Cumberland Mountain Craft Association--News letters & news releases-1967-1970
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15. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Fire Prevention Division of Safety Dept.--Report, May 1944
16. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Fire Prevention Dept. of Safety--Report, June 1944
17. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Fire Prevention Dept. of Safety--Report, July 1944
18. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Newsletter--Tennessee Conservation League--Reelfoot Lake Comm. Report-1954
19. Associations-Institutions, etc.--The Tennessee Rifleman--Newsletter-1960-1962
20. Associations-Institutions, etc.--The Tennessee Rifleman--Newsletter-1963-1965

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2. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Newsletters--Tennessee Trails-1970-1978
3. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Printed Materials--Sons of the Revolution-1961-1967
4. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Printed Materials--Programs-1955-1967
5. Associations-Institutions, etc.--Smoky Mountain Hiking Club-1959-1974
6. Cards--Greeting-1924-1966
7. Cards--Greeting-1970-1975
8. Cards--Greeting-1976-1977
9. Cards--Greeting-1978
10. Cards--Membership--Adams, Paul J.,1920-1974
11. Cards--Personal card, 1942-1978
12. Cards--Post cards, 1931-1978
13. Certificates--Miscellaneous--Adams, Paul J.,1943-1976
14. Clippings--Adams, Paul J., 1945-1966
15. Clippings--Photocopies--Mt. LeConte-Smoky Mountains, 1924-1926
16. Clippings--Adams, Paul J., 1974-1978
17. Correspondence--Adams Family, 1923-1975
18. Correspondence--Adams, Robert W., 1923-1924
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12. Correspondence--Richardson, Larry, 1972-1977
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3. Correspondence--Venable - Walston, 1933-1979
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6. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Bob Adams, 1923-1976
7. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Adams Family, 1924-1966
8. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of 1922-1924
9. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Abbott - Austin, 1923-1976
10. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Bailey - Barham, 1962-1975
11. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Bander - Broack, 1965-1975
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13. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Campbell - Croch, 1923-1978

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14. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to DeSalem - Evinson, 1966-1977
15. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Farley - Fry, 1936-1979
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2. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Tennessee Utility Commission- Vince, 1962-1979
3. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J. to Waal - Yambert, 1924-1977
4. Court Records--Citation-Surrogate's Court--Elida Ann Dewdney, executor, 1946
5. Court Records--Depositions--Damage estimates --Adams, Paul J., 1966-1967
6. Court Records--Depositions--Statement to Claim representative, 1967
7. Court Records--Paul & Maxine Adams vs. Tillett Brothers Construction Co., 1966
8. Eulogies--"Grandparent's Happy Memorable Days,"--Adams, Robert W., 1978
9. Genealogical Data--Adams Family, 1690-1961
10. Insurance Papers--n.d.
11. Invitations--Marriage--Adams Family, 1896-1930
12. Journals--Birds on LeConte--Adams, Paul J., 1925-1963
13. Journals--Fathers Trip to Mt. LeConte--Adams, Paul J., ca. 1940
14. Journals--Transcript of Clair S. Adams Diary, 1912--By Adams, Paul J., n.d.
15. Journals--Natural History--Adams, Paul J., Jan. 2, 1974 - Dec. 30, 1974
16. Journals--Natural History--Adams, Paul J., Jan. 1, 1975 - Dec. 28, 1975

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1. Journals--Natural History--Adams, Paul J., Jan. 20, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976
2. Journals--Natural History--Adams, Paul J., Jan. 1, 1977 - Sept. 14, 1977
3. Journals--Trip to the top of Mt. LeConte--Adams, Paul J., July 11, 1963
4. Journals--Observation of Birds--Adams, Paul J., 1925-1926
5. Journals--Rough draft--Adams, Paul J., 1920-1927
6. Land Records--Deeds--Mary Turner to Adams, Paul J., Cumberland County, 1967
7. Legal Document--Agreement--lien note--Adams, Paul & Maxine, 1950-1952
8. Legal Document--Bill of Sale--Paul Adams Florist--Crossville, Tennessee, 1961
9. Legal Document--Joint Will--void--Adams, Paul & Maxine, 1964
10. Legal Document--Lease--Coal lease agreement--1947-1948
11. Legal Document--Will (copy)--Adams, Philo B.--Auburn, N.Y., 1931
12. Lists--Birds of the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area--Adams, Paul J., 1963
13. Lists--Flora at Crab Orchard--Adams, Paul J., n.d.
14. Lists--Great Smoky Mountain Conservation Association Camp-Top of Mountain LeConte, 1925
15. Lists--Key--Flowering Plants of Eastern Tennessee--Dept of Botany, University of Tennessee, 1937
16. Lists--Land Mollusca of Great Smoky Mountains, n.d.
17. Lists--Membership--Ornithological Society, 1969-1971
18. Lists--Native land & fresh Water Shells--Alpine, Tenn., 1931
19. Lists--Observation of Birds--Mt. LeConte, 1923
20. Lists--Preliminary Checklist--Monocots in Tennessee--Dept. of Botany, University of Tennessee, n.d.

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1. Lists--Preliminary Checklist--Dicots in Tennessee--University of Tennessee-1960
2. Lists--Preliminary Checklist--Monocots in Tennessee-1925
3. Lists--Price lists--Alpine Nursery-1930-1931
4. Lists--Price lists--Alpine and Crab Orchard Nurseries-1935
5. Lists--Reference lists--Native plants and Wildflowers-1954
6. Notebook--Miscellaneous, Lists, etc.--Adams, Paul J.-ca.1920
7. Obituaries--Williams, Greg--Sept. 9, 1978
8. Photographs, drawings,etc.--cover drawings to book, Mt. LeConte, by Paul J. Adams-1966
9. Photographs--Adams, Paul J.--from book Mt. LeConte--Fire Prevention Dept. display-1926-1945
10. Photographs--Miscellaneous--Adams Family-1917-1954
11. Photographs--Miscellaneous--Crab Orchard and Mt. LeConte--Adams Family-1920-1970
12. Photographs--Miscellaneous--People--William J. Clench-1921-1977
13. Photographs--Two Owls-n.d.
14. Poetry--Miscellaneous
15. Printed Material--Album Directory--Crossville United Methodist Church-1970
16. Printed Material--Booklets--floral and fauna, 1922-1959
17. Printed Material--Booklets--floral and fauna, n.d.

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18. Printed Material--Booklets--Miscellaneous Smoky Mountains-1926-1968
19. Printed Material--Booklets--Mountain door yards, by Dora Read Goodale-n.d.
20. Printed Material--Book--Mt. LeConte, by Paul J. Adams-1966
21. Printed Material--Booklets--North Carolina folklore-Conservation and Development, 1926-1966

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1. Printed Material--Booklet--Stream Pollution Control, Aquatic Biota of the Nolichucky River-1960
2. Printed Material--Booklets--Stream Pollution Control, Clam Corbicula-1961-1963
3. Printed Material--Booklets--University of Tennessee, Continuing Education Series--Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia-1969-1975
4. Printed Material--Booklets--University of Tennessee, Zoology Dept., Amoeba Studies-1912-1918
5. Printed Material--Bulletin--Dept. of Agriculture--Wildlife Research-1936
6. Printed Material--Bulletin--Highland Highlights-1968-1971
7. Printed Material--Catalog--Alpine Nursery--Alpine, Tennessee- 1933-1934
8. Printed Material--Guide--Dept. of Agriculture--Outdoor Recreation-1966
9. Printed Material--Manuscript--Mt. LeConte, Adams, Paul J.-1966
10. Printed Material--Publication--Southeastern Flower Grower- 1932-1933
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12. Printed Material--Pamphlets--Miscellaneous--Smoky Mountains n.d.
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1. Printed Materials--Publication--Sons of the Revolution-Heritage Trustees--1965-1969
2. Printed Material--Statement--Dept. of Interior-Draft n.d. Environmental Statement--Obed Natl. Wild and Scenic River-1974
3. Printed Material--Statement--Highway Research Board--Roadside Development and Beautification-1966
4. Printed Material--Statement--The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club- 1973
5. Reports--Printed--Great Smoky Mountain National Park General Management Plan-1973
6. Tributes--Adams, Mullens, Shanks-1962-1974
7. Tributes--"When Part of Me Died"--Adams, Robert W., 1978

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**OVERSIZED MATERIAL**

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  - Highway maps for Ohio, TN, Illinois.
  - Topography Maps of TN.(Pikeville, McMinnville,Nantahala, Sewanee) and NC., GA., KY., VA.
  - Map of Illinois University.
  - U.S. Map; Geologic Atlas of Knoxville Folio, TN & NC, Columbia Folio, TN.
  - Soil Survey of Overton County, TN.
  - Planting plan of Alpine Dispensary.
  - Blueprint of Boy Scout Camp in Knoxville, TN., ca. 1900-1935.
3. Photographs--picture album with pictures of the Adams home at Crab Orchard- 1935

**VAULT**

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Three cassette tapes made by Paul J. Adams at the camp on top of Mt. LeConte on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary hike on July 13, 1975.