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**ADAMS, PAUL JAY, 1901-1985
PAPERS, 1916-1981**

Addition 1A

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INTRODUCTION

The Paul Jay Adams Papers, Addition 1A, 1951-1981, are centered around Paul J. Adams (1901-1985) and his wife Maxine Day Adams, of Crab Orchard, Tennessee, located near Crossville. Paul J. Adams was a well-known naturalist and helped found the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; he was a charter member of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club; a malacologist; and an author. See also the Paul Jay Adams Papers and the Paul Jay Adams Papers Addition 1.

This addition occupies .42 cubic feet of shelf space, and consists of approximately 97 items and 3 volumes. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Paul J. Adams Papers, Addition 1A, 1951-1981, may be made for the purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Paul J. Adams Papers, Addition 1A, 1951-1981, consisting of approximately 97 items and three (3) volumes, spanning the years 1951-1981, including cards, certificates, clippings, correspondence, financial documents, journals, lists, printed materials, and sketches.

Biographical information about Paul J. Adams (1901-1985) may be found in clippings, correspondence, journals, and sketches. A sketch about Adams that was submitted to the American Malacologists is a condensed list of his accomplishments as a naturalist, forest ranger, florist, gardener, mason, mountain climber, weaver, etc. There is also an article written about Adams which appeared in the *Tennessee Conservationist* (1985) shortly after his death.

Fifty-four letters of correspondence are contained in the papers, mostly between Adams and his brother Robert W. Adams, of Knoxville, and several old friends. All of the correspondence by Paul J. Adams is typed on carbon paper, and relates memories, past experiences, and routine activities with his wife Maxine Day Adams, at Crab Orchard, where they had lived since 1935.

A journal dated 1977-1980, is a continuation of the journals he started in 1907 on natural history (the entire set of journals have been donated to TSLA). The last addition to the journals consists mainly of daily accounts of the weather at Crab Orchard, routine activities, his health, and reminiscences. A list of items woven by Maxine and Paul Adams from 1964-1977, is included, that gives totals of every item they made in their cottage weaving business.

Printed materials in the collection contain two volumes prepared by the United States Department of the Interior: *A Draft Environmental Statement*; and *General Management Plan for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park* (1979). Also included is a copy of *Knoxville Lifestyle* magazine autographed by Margie Ison, who was the weather forecaster for Channel 10, WBIR television in Knoxville, and a friend of the Adamses.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Cards--Association, institutions, etc.--Membership cards--Adams, Paul J., 1956-1981
2. Cards--Greeting--Adams, Paul J., 1973-1980
3. Cards--Post cards--Adams, Paul J., 1979-1980
4. Certificates--Award--Tennessee Native Plant Society--Adams, Paul J., 1979
5. Clippings--Adams, Paul J., 1979-1981
6. Correspondence--Adams, Paul J.
7. Correspondence--Adams, Robert W.
8. Correspondence--Bakkers - Busing
9. Correspondence--Clench - Dorton
10. Correspondence--Hansard - Ison
11. Correspondence--Mabrey - Nail
12. Correspondence--Roberts - Webb
13. Financial Documents--Bank statements--Adams, Maxine & Paul, Crossville, TN 1980
14. Journals--Adams, Paul J., 1 vol., 1977-1980
15. Lists--Articles woven--Adams, Maxine & Paul, 1964-1977
16. Printed Materials--Drafts Environmental Statement--Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1 vol., 1979
17. Printed Materials--Drafts General Management Plan--Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1 vol., 1979
18. Printed Materials--Publication--Knoxville Lifestyle, May 1980
19. Sketches--Biographical--American Malacologist--Adams, Paul J., 1979; Tennessee Conservationist, "A Pioneering Naturalist," 1985

Oversize Box

1. Scrapbook, 1932-1933
2. Cookbook -- Mrs. Charles Brooks Brown, 1916-1917

