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Guide to the Merle C. Coulter Papers circa 1909-1919



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.MCCOULTER
Title	Coulter, Merle C. Papers
Date	circa 1909-1919
Size	.5 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Merle Crowe Coulter, plant geneticist, was educated at the University of Chicago (B.S. 1914; Ph.D. 1919) and went on to serve on the faculty of the Department of Botany. This collection contains notes from Coulter's education in botany, ecology and zoology at the University of Chicago. Also included are manuscript drafts of Coulter's fictional writing.

Information on Use

Access

Open for research. No restrictions

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Coulter, Merle C. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Merle Crowe Coulter (1894-1958), was born in Lake Forest, Illinois. His father, John Merle Coulter, was a distinguished member of the faculty of the University of Chicago's Department of Botany. Merle C. Coulter followed a similar path, earning degrees from the university (B.S. 1914; Ph.D. 1919). He was appointed as an instructor in botany in 1921, and professor in 1931.

Coulter's research in plant genetics resulted in the publication of key texts such as *The Story of The Plant Kingdom* and *Outline of Genetics*. With his father, he co-authored *Where Evolution and Religion Meet*.

With a strong interest in college science education, he taught fundamental courses in plant genetics, and directed the organization of undergraduate courses in the biological sciences. His

administrative roles included service as Dean of the College, Associate Dean of the Division of the Biological Sciences, and chairman of the College's biological sciences staff.

Scope Note

This collection contains notebooks and looseleaf notes documenting Coulter's education in botany, ecology and zoology at the University of Chicago. Included are Coulter's notes from lectures, field trips, and laboratory study. Also included are manuscript drafts of Coulter's fictional writing.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

University of Chicago. Department of Botany. Records

John M. Coulter. Papers

Voth, Paul D. Papers

Subject Headings

- Coulter, Merle C. (Merle Crowe), 1894-
- University of Chicago. Department of Botany
- Botany
- Botanists

INVENTORY

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Qualitative analysis and special morphology of bryophytes, notes, circa 1909-1919

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Zoology and bryophytes, notes, circa 1909-1919

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Folder 3

Physiographic Ecology, notes, circa 1911-1919

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Folder 4

Botany 10, algae, notes, circa 1913-1919

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Folder 5

Botany 7, algae and fungi, notes, circa 1909-1914

Box 1

Folder 6

Fictional writings, manuscripts, undated