



Guide to the Paul Franklin Baum Papers, 1928-1989

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Summary

Collection Title:

Paull Franklin Baum papers, 1928-1989

Creator:

Baum, Paull F. (Paull Franklin), 1896-1964

Abstract:

Dr. Paull F. Baum was a James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University from 1922 until his retirement in 1955. He was an internationally famed scholar in the field of medieval and Victorian studies and was considered an authority in the principles of English versification and the works of Chaucer, Rossetti, Tennyson and Matthew Arnold. The collection includes correspondence, a manuscript, clippings, research material and book reviews by or to Dr. Baum. It ranges in date from 1928-1989.

Extent:

0.2 Linear Feet
125 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

UA.29.02.0085

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence, a manuscript, clippings, research material and book reviews by or to Dr. Baum. The correspondence includes two letters from Mrs. Helen Rossetti Angeli, daughter of William M. Rossetti, and Archibald Henderson. The latter's letter is in response to Baum's review of his biography of George Bernard Shaw. Henderson makes an interesting statement about Shaw's opposition to much that he included in the biography, especially two chapters which Shaw tried unsuccessfully to persuade Henderson to leave out of the book. Dates range from 1928-1989.

Biographical/Historical

Paull Franklin Baum was born in Dover, Delaware on May 13, 1886. He was educated at Hamilton College and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1915. He also studied at the Universities of Munich, Vienna, Lausanne, and the Sorbonne. Professor Baum taught at Harvard until coming to Duke University in 1922.

As one of the original members of the Council on Graduate Studies, he took an active part in establishing Duke's Graduate School. As Chairman of the Library Council, he helped to shape the policies of acquisition which have made the University's library one of the largest and most important collections of research materials in the Southeast. As Editorial Director of the Duke Press from 1926-1928, he aided in making plans governing this agency for the publication of scholarly books and periodicals. His distinction as a scholar and his contributions to the University were officially honored in 1953 when Dr. Baum was selected as one the original group of Duke faculty members to be designated a James B. Duke Professor, the highest academic rank at the institution.

He was an honored member of the Medieval Academy of America, the Modern Language Association, the Modern Humanities Research Association, the Authors' Club of London, and the Cosmos Club of Washington, DC. He was an internationally famed scholar in the field of medieval and Victorian studies and was considered an authority in the principles of English versification and the works of Chaucer, Rossetti, Tennyson and Matthew Arnold. Dr. Baum authored numerous books, including a translation of the Anglo-Saxon riddles of the Exeter book, *Tennyson Sixty Years After*, and *Ten Studies in the Poetry of Matthew Arnold*. Professor Baum died in Durham, NC on July 15, 1964.

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Acquisition Information

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Accessions A70-53, A70-54, A71-59, A72-29, A90-29, and 2010-0221 were merged into one collection, described in this finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Material

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ArchivesBiographical Reference Collection, 1972-2004Duke University Archives

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Names and Subjects

- Book reviewing -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Baum, Paull F. (Paull Franklin), 1896-1964
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Collection Inventory

Paull Franklin Baum Papers, 1928-1989

Baum's translation of a Bodleian Latin manuscript, handwritten, undated	Box 1 > Folder 1
Reminiscences by Baum's students and colleagues, 1986-1989	Box 1 > Folder 2
"Manual of Style for Theses and Dissertations" , by Baum, 1942	Box 1 > Folder 3
Correspondence, 1932-1958	Box 1 > Folder 4
Book Reviews, circa 1928-1960s	Box 1 > Folder 5
Information used in research, undated	Box 1 > Folder 6

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