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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection consists of letters to Ralph M. Brown, librarian at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI), from John P. Sawyer, who graduated from VPI in 1940.

Creator

Sawyer, John P.

Creator

Brown, Ralph Minthorne, 1878-1958

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Biographical Note

John P. Sawyer graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1940, and he later served during World War II.

Ralph Brown was the head librarian of Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) from 1926 to 1947. He was originally born in Fort Shaw, Montana, in 1878. He was an ambulance driver during World War I. He also worked as an editor for Rand McNally and *Popular Mechanics* before coming to work at VPI. The accomplishment he was best known for as head librarian at VPI was his compilation of the *V.P.I. Historical Index, 1872-1942*. Among other things, he was a book collector and an amateur naturalist.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of letters from John P. Sawyer, written between 1943 and 1945, while on active duty during World War II. The letters are addressed to Ralph M. Brown, librarian at VPI.

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