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**Manuscript Group 236  
Malcolm Cowley Collection**

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**Malcolm Cowley Collection; Manuscript Group 236 (Virtual Only)**  
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**Virtual Collection**

**Biographical Note**

Malcolm Cowley (August 24, 1898 – March 27, 1989) was an author, literary critic, editor, poet, and historian. His works include *Blue Juniata* (1929) and *Exile's Return* (1934). A native of Belsano, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, his parents were William and Josephine Hutmacher Cowley. Malcolm Cowley graduated from Peabody High School and attend Harvard University before serving as an ambulance and truck driver for the French Army during World War I. After returning to Harvard in 1919, he was editor of *The Harvard Advocate* and he graduated with a BA in 1920.

In 1985, Malcolm Cowley received an honorary degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

In 1994, a historical marker dedicated to Malcolm Cowley was placed on Route 422 in Belsano, Pennsylvania (see Manuscript Group 139 Box 5 Folder 2 item i):

<http://libweb1.library.iup.edu/depts/speccol/All%20Finding%20Aids/Finding%20aids/MG%20or%20Col/MG139ReeseWeber.pdf>.

Several websites include biographical information about Malcom Cowley. For more information, visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm\\_Cowley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_Cowley)

**Scope and Content**

This collection includes a virtual collection about the life of Malcolm Cowley.

**Provenance**

This collection was created in 2019 upon the request of donor Denise Weber (Manuscript Group 139) who was involved in the 1994 placement of the Malcolm Cowley PHMC historical marker on Route 422 in Belsano, Pennsylvania.

**Restrictions**

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**Processor**

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on April 10, 2019.

**Container List (Virtual Collection, information available upon request)**

1. Biographical Information about Malcolm Cowley (websites)
2. Newspaper Articles (Access Newspaper Archive database)

3. Photographs of Malcolm Cowley (JPEG images retrieved from websites)
4. 1985 Honorary Degree Information (IUP Commencement Program:  
<http://digital.klnpa.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/iupspeccol/id/543/rec/1>)
5. 1994 Photographs of the PHMC historical marker for Malcolm Cowley on Route 422 in Belsano, see Manuscript Group 139 Series II Box 5 Folder 2 (Item i), for information, visit: <http://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-3F3>