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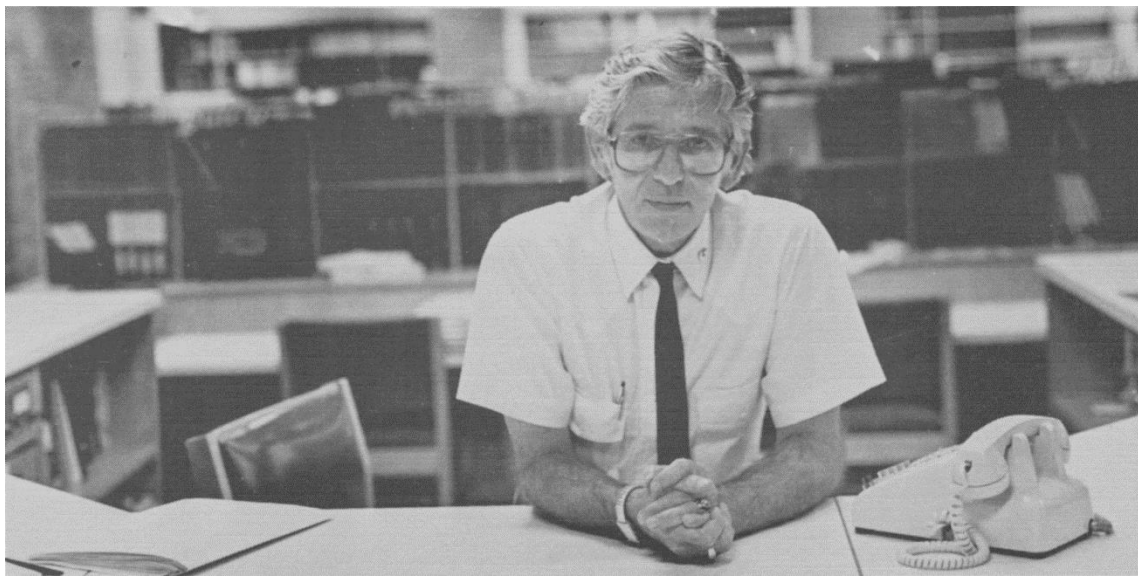
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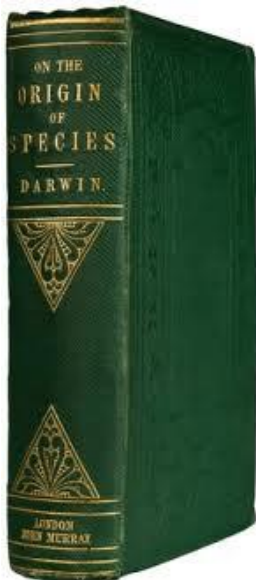
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Biographical Note

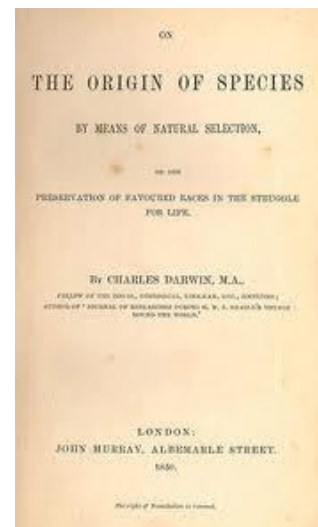
Paul Richard Hicks (April 1, 1931-September 13, 1985) was born in Ducansville, Pennsylvania, and his parents were Paul N. and Edna Lingenfelter Hicks. He attended the Citadel and the University of South Carolina, graduating with a degree in Biology. He later earned a MLS at George Peabody. Paul Hicks served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged as a captain. He taught high school before joining the library faculty at Indiana State College (ISC, later IUP) in 1961. Paul Hicks served as the Government Documents and Reference Librarian at the IUP Libraries for 24 years.



Scope and Content



Paul Hicks was an avid reader in a number of subjects. The collections of the IUP Libraries have been enriched by his many gift books. His continuing interest as a biologist was reflected in his membership in the Sierra Club and the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania. In studying the history of biology, Paul Hicks developed a special interest in English naturalist and geologist Charles Robert Darwin (February 12 1809-April 19, 1882) and his theory of natural selection. After Paul Hicks' death in 1985, his family, friends, and colleagues established the Paul R. Hicks Memorial Fund, which has generously made it possible for the IUP Special Collections and University Archives to acquire all of the first editions/first issues of Charles Darwin's works including *On the Origin of Species* (1859). All of these titles are searchable in the [IUP Libraries online catalog](#).



The Paul Hicks Memorial Collection contains biographical information, documentation of the establishment of the Paul R. Hicks Memorial Fund, the acquisition of Charles Darwin's works by the IUP Libraries, research materials related to Darwinism, and information about exhibitions associated with Charles Darwin. More than 100 titles written by Charles Darwin have been acquired by the IUP Special Collections and University Archives since 1985. Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln were born on the same day, February 12, 1809; and the IUP Libraries hosted [bicentennial exhibitions of Charles Darwin](#) and Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) memorabilia in 2009. For more information, visit the IUP Libraries online exhibit [Paul R. Hicks Memorial featuring the Charles Darwin Collection](#).

Provenance

The materials associated with the Paul R. Hicks Memorial Fund and the Charles Darwin Collection were initially organized by Phillip J. Zorich.

Restrictions

None, this collection is open to the public.

Processor

This collection was organized and the finding aid was written by Harrison Wick in 2014.

Container List

Box 1 (16 folders)

1. Biographical information about Paul R. Hicks, 1985 Obituary, and a copy of the IUP Libraries online exhibit of the [Paul R. Hicks Memorial featuring the Charles Darwin Collection](#), 2009
2. Paul R. Hicks Memorial Fund: Correspondence, 1980s-1990s
3. List of Titles by Charles Darwin purchased using the Paul R. Hicks Memorial Fund
4. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1859). *On the Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection*. London: John Murray. (Call Number: QH 365 .O 1859 Special Collections), this book is viewable [full-text online](#).
5. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1868). *The Variations of Animals and Plants under Domestication*. London: John Murray. 2 Volumes (Call Number: QH 365 .V2 1868 Special Collections), this book is viewable [full-text online](#).
6. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1880). *The power of movement in plants*. London: John Murray. (Call Number: QK 771 .D27 P6 1880 Special Collections)
7. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1881). *The Formation of vegetable mold, through the action of works, with observations on their habits*. London: John Murray. (Call Number: QL 394 .D3 1881 Special Collections)
8. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1871). *The Descent of Man and selection in relation to sex*. London: John Murray. 2 Volumes (Call Number: QH 365 .D2 1871 Special Collections)
9. Bibliographic information about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1893). *Journal of researches into the natural history and geology of the countries visited during the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle round the world, under the command of Captain Fitzroy, R.N.* London: T. Nelson and Sons. (Call Number: QH 11 .D2 1893a Special Collections)

10. First IUP Libraries Exhibit of the collection of first editions by Charles Darwin, purchased by the Paul Hicks Memorial Fund, 1988 (invitation, program, press release, newspaper article)
11. Program Brochure: Paul R. Hicks Memorial, 1980s
12. Biographical and bibliographic information about notable 19th century European scientists:
 - a. Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) Prussian geographer, naturalist, and explorer
 - b. Charles Lyell (1797-1875) British lawyer and geologist
 - c. Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895) English biologist “Darwin’s Bulldog”
 - d. John Stevens Henslow (1796-1861) English clergyman, botanist, and geologist
 - e. Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882) English naturalist and geologist
 - f. Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) British naturalist, explorer, geographer, anthropologist, and biologist
 - g. Reverend Thomas Robert Malthus (1766-1834) English cleric and scholar
 - h. Jean-Baptiste Lamarck (1744-1829) French naturalist
13. Enlargement of Charles Darwin’s signature for display purposes (2 mounted copies)
14. Information about the 1881 mounted photograph of Charles Darwin (original 3x5 photograph is in Vault Cabinet)
15. Charles Darwin Centennial Exhibition Program, University of Toronto, May-June 1982
16. Research about Charles Darwin and Darwinism:
 - a. Loewenberg, Bert James. (1959). *Darwinism: Reaction or Reform?* Source Problems in World Civilization. New York: Rinehart & Company, Inc.
 - b. “The Influence of Darwin,” *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas*, Volume 6 Number 2, Fall 1989 (Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania)
 - c. Bibliographic information and promotional booklet about the title: Darwin, Charles. (1994). *The Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle, under the command of Captain Fitzroy, R.N.* Commemorative facsimile edition. London: C.I.L. Ltd. 4 Volumes (Call Number: QL 5 .B3 1994 Special Collections)

Vault Cabinet (1 folder)

1. Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882) Memorabilia:
 - a. Envelope addressed to William Sweetland Dallas (1824-1900), written by Charles Darwin (circa 1859)
 - b. Letter from Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), dated December 26, 1889
 - c. Mounted 3x5 photograph of Charles Darwin, circa 1881