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# Theodore Wells Cousens Correspondence

Theodore Wells Cousens 1900-

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COUSENS, THEODORE WELLS.

Kennebunk, Feb. 10.

1900-

PROF. COUSENS' BOOK  
HIGHLY READABLE

AUG 14 1942

A facsimile of the ballot used at the annual town meeting in Kennebunk, in 1931, is shown in Prof. Theodore W. Cousens' latest book, "Politics and Political Organizations" being released this month.

The author gives the student a completely up-to-date, practical and at the same time scholarly knowledge of the most interesting features of American life—the machinery that makes democracy tick. Unlike the currently popular approach to this subject, this book does not treat American politics as a clinical study of the somewhat shady back alleys of American Government. It gives the student an intelligent appreciation of both the virtues and the faults of our political institutions, a thorough understanding of their components and history, and a sound working knowledge of their operation today.

Written largely in narrative form, the whole book is highly readable.

Especially notable features centers around the personalities of the great political leaders in the early period, a clear classification of pressure groups, complete discussion of the press, extensive statistical tables showing the popular and electoral vote in every presidential campaign, the first complete history of the Philadelphia Republican machine for comparison with the up-to-date history of Tammany Hall.

Sound scholarship as well as practical political experience is evident throughout the book. All historical material is based on thorough research.

Professor Cousens, who is spending the summer here with Mrs. Cousens, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cousens of Portland street. He was graduated from Kennebunk High, Bowdoin college and Harvard Law school.

Sincerely yours

Secretary

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April 13, 1944

Professor Theodore W. Cousens  
c/o The Macmillan Company  
60 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Professor Cousens:

It has come to our attention that you may be claimed as a Maine author, so we write about your book POLITICS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA in connection with the Maine Author Collection.

This collection, for permanent preservation, and for exhibit purposes only, comprises about fifteen hundred volumes written by Maine people, and inscribed and presented for this purpose. The inscriptions lend distinction, for they are original and enlightening: some are amusing, some artistic, there are tributes to Maine and autobiographical anecdotes. Each has its own apt interest.

The present fascination of the collection to visitors and occasional students is great, but the future value to researchers is of even more importance; and we are always regretful to find that some Maine author is not represented here, and in our biographical files.

We shall hope that you may want to inscribe a copy of your book for inclusion. And please accept a cordial invitation to call at the library and see the Maine Author Collection when you are again in Maine.

Sincerely yours

hmj  
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*Boston* (9) May 3, 1944

Maine State Library  
Augusta  
Maine

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of April 13th requesting a copy of my book "Politics and Political Organizations in America" has been forwarded to me at this address. I have this day autographed and mailed to you a copy in accordance with your request.

Sincerely,

*Theodore W. Cousins*

TWC/rcs

May 6, 1944

Theodore W. Cousens, Esq.  
Gaston, Snow, Rice & Boyd  
Shawmut Bank Building  
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cousens:

Thank you very much for your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection, and for presenting an inscribed copy of your fine book, POLITICS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN AMERICA. We appreciate the privilege of adding such a comprehensive and intelligible study to the collection.

Although some biographical information has been gathered from news items, we seem not to have on record your birthplace and birth date. Possibly, at your convenience, you would be so kind as to furnish these details for our files.

Our thanks and good wishes go to you.

Sincerely yours

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Encl--10¢ postal refund

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*Boston* (9) May 10, 1944

Mrs. F. W. Jacob, Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 6th requesting biographical information in connection with the presentation of my book "Politics and Political Organizations in America." I believe that nearly all the information which you require will be found in "Young Men's Who's Who in America." If you will refer to that you will have all you need down to the date of its publication but I will give you here the items you specifically asked for together with such matters as have transpired since that time.

I was born at Kennebunk, Maine, February 10, 1900. I believe the account in "Young Men's Who's Who" shows my last promotion at Lafayette College which was to Associate Professor and which I believe occurred in 1938. I resigned from that position effective July 1, 1943 to become associated with Gaston, Snow, Rice & Boyd, Shawmut Bank Building, Boston, Massachusetts, in the general practice of law. My political affiliation is now Independent.

Trusting that this information together with what you will find in "Young Men's Who's Who" will be what you require, I am,

Sincerely,

*Theodore W. Couzens*

TWC/rcs

May 15, 1944

Theodore W. Cousens, Esq.  
Gaston, Snow, Rice & Boyd  
Shawmut Bank Building  
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Cousens:

Thank you very much for supplying the biographical details for which we asked. We do not have a copy of the Who's Who you mention, and that is doubtless the reason for our unsuccessful search. We appreciate your kindness in helping us.

Sincerely yours

hmj

Secretary