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**ANTHONY V. COSENZA (1914-1998)  
PAPERS**

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## Introduction

Anthony V. Cosenza was born in Hamden, CT May 31, 1914 and graduated from Hillhouse High School. He worked for the City of New Haven as Founder and Resident Chief Ranger of the West Rock Nature Recreation Center, retiring as the Coordinator of the New Haven Nature Center in July 1979.

He was an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America and an author of materials related to urban nature recreation. His efforts resulted in many awards.

Additional biographical details may be found in Box 1, Folder A.

This collection was given to the New Haven Colony Historical Society by Mr. Cosenza's widow in 2006. There are no restrictions on use of this material.

The following published works have been removed from the collection, cataloged, and placed on the shelves of the Whitney Library:

Anthony V. Cosenza, Backyard Nature Man, Book Two. (SB63.C6C6)

Anthony V. Cosenza, The "520" Backyard Art/Biology Hobby. (SB51.C6)

Walter I. Kenney, Survey and Census of the Shade Trees in the City of New Haven, Connecticut: A Report by the Department of Parks. (QK484.K3)

1970 Field Guide to the Plants of the West Rock Nature Recreation Center. (QK151.W33)

Theresa Prestipino, The Community as a Resource. (QH76.5.C66P73)

Addie Storey, Historically correct informational notes ... (F104.N6S8665)

Westville Garden Club, Original Field Notes: 1<sup>st</sup> Plant Census, 1951-52 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Plant Census, 1968-69 for the West Rock Nature Recreation Center. (QK151.W3)

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<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1/A	<u>Personal Information</u>  Anthony V. Cosenza, biography, obituary and award certificates.
1/B	Boy Scout material, 1931-1956
1/C	Correspondence regarding request for classification change, 1963-1970
1/D	Photographs
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	<u>Organizations</u>
1/F	“White Oakers” master list, 1947-1974
1/G	“The Park Oaks Club” miscellaneous information
1/H	“Park Oak Senior Commissioner Association, Inc.” Newsletter and brochure, 1975-1978
1/I	<u>Why, What, Where: A Guide to Urban Nature Recreation</u> – Proof Copy, 1973
1/J	Correspondence relating to 1/I
	<u>The West Rock Nature Center</u>
1/K	Realistic Conservation Education For City Youths, 1946-1965
1/L	Progress Reports, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1978
1/M	1. Preliminary Survey of the West Rock Preservation Area, 1976  2. Outdoor & Environmental Education – West Rock Project, 1974
	<u>The Urban Nature Reporters Association (UNRA)</u>
2/A	Feasibility Study and Proposal, 1980, 1981
2/B	Daily Reports, January 1981

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2/C	Daily Reports, February 1981
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	<u>The Springside Barnyard Center</u>
3/A	Proposals, 1974-1976
3/B	Proposals, 1977-1978
3/C	Proposals, 1957
	<u>Miscellaneous Material</u>
3/D	New Haven Register Article, March 24, 1957
3/E	Virginia Cosenza, nature observations, 1946-1949 Bird Observations at West Rock Nature Center, 1947-1952
3/F	New Haven Bird Club Newsletters, 1963-1964
3/G	<u>The Back Yard Nature Man, Book</u> (See also SB63.C6C6)
3/H	Correspondence between Elm City Parks Conservancy and Virginia Cosenza, 2001-200
3/I	<u>Materials and Historical Points of Interest, New Haven Park System</u>

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4 Bound Diaries, 1947-1956

Oversized Items

#1 Scrapbooks: The West Rock Recreation Center, 1960-1967, 1968-1971

#2 Artwork of Anthony Cosenza

#3 Barnyard Unit Blueprints, 1978

Color Slides

Included in the collection are 15 boxes of slides and two films which have not been cataloged or further described.