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1863-1870



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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1863-1870

Language

English .

Abstract

The collection consists of a friendship book collected and maintained by Aileen B. Cowardin. The book includes leaf and plant samples, most of which are labeled as to the location where they were found.

Creator

Cowardin, Alice Bolling, b.1848(?)

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Aileen B. Cowardin Friendship Book must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Aileen B. Cowardin Friendship Book was purchased by Special Collections in November 2011.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Aileen B. Cowardin Friendship Book was completed in November 2011.

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Biographical Note

Although biographical information is limited, it is likely that Aileen B. Cowardin was born about 1848 in Virginia. She appears to have had four brothers, at least two of whom fought for the Confederacy, one enlisting with a local defense regiment when he was only fourteen. She also had an older sister. In 1860, the family lived in Hanover, Virginia. By 1870, they had relocated to Greenbrier County, West Virginia. No additional information was found.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a friendship book collected and maintained by Aileen B. Cowardin. The book includes leaf and plant samples, most of which are labeled as to the location where they were found. Several pages contain items of Civil War and/or local history interest:

- The first few pages contain unspent Confederate 3-cent blue stamps and a City of Richmond 10-cent voucher
- Page 11 contains a visiting card of J. F. Damman dated 1877 with part of a leaf attached to a picture stating that it came from the tomb of Stonewall Jackson
- Page 15 includes a fragment of cedar with a notation that it came from Jackson's grave, including poetry
- Page 29 contains samples from Staunton, Virginia, and White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County, West Virginia
- Page 57 contains a faded, but genuine signature of Gen. Robert E. Lee pasted to the page

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