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Language

English .

Creator

Stevens, Edith, 1897-1945

Extent

2.7 Linear Feet 5 flat boxes

Repository

Greenwood Library Archives and Special Collections

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

There are restrictions to access or use for resesarch purposes.

Biographical / Historical

Edith Stevens (1897-1945) grew up in West Virginia where she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Fairmont State College. In 1924, she earned an A.M. degree in biology from the University of West Virginia. After teaching school in her home state of West Virginia for several years, she went on to earn her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1928. After earning her doctorate, she began teaching biology at the State Teachers College in Farmville in 1928. In 1945, during the last day of summer school classes, Dr. Stevens was seriously burned as a result of a laboratory explosion. She never recovered and died in the fall of 1945 due to complications resulting from her burns. Stevens, who never married, devoted her life to teaching. According to one of her colleagues, Dr. George Jeffers, teaching and biology were her avocation as well as vocation.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of Edith Stevens' manuscripts and a fifth box filled with index cards containing bibliographic references. Boxes 1 and 2 contain manuscripts that were created in the traditional style and format with the text in typescript on letter-size paper. Boxes 3 and 4 contain sets of intricate ink drawings with handwritten annotations on sheets of paper sized 4.2" x 5.5". The manuscripts all relate to the study and teaching of plant sciences. Each of Dr. Stevens' drawings and annotations are neat, detailed, and precise.

Keywords

Biology Study and teaching (Higher)

Plant anatomy

Botany

Botanical illustrations

Custodial History

These materials were a part of the unprocessed collection of materials housed in the Lancaster Library and moved to the Greenwood Library which opened in 1991. There is no written record related to the acquisition of the materials in this collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

Manuscripts

"Botany 23: Systematic Botany to Ascomycetes"

Text [1000433791] 01 of 05 (box)

Extent 0.9 Linear Feet1 flat box

General

This manuscript contains detailed pencil and ink drawings originally housed in a spiral notebook.

"Zoology 23: Anatomy"

Text [1000433792] 02 of 05 (box)

Extent 3 Folder

General

This manuscript of detailed ink drawing consists of 43 leaves. The item was originally housed in a notebook with a cover that reads "Department of Biology, State Teachers College, Farmville, Virginia. "Edith Stevens and Zoology 23 - Anatomy" are written under the printed heading. Most pages are stamped with the date April 5, 1924.

"Lab Outline for Bacteriology"

Text [1000433792] 02 of 05 (box)

Extent 3 Folder

General

Written for the Department of Biology at the Farmville State Teachers College. This manuscript is in typescript. It was originally contained in a hole-punched report cover and is now contained in 3 folders.

"Cytological Features of the Life History of Gymnosproangium Juniperi-Virginianae."

Text [1000433792] 02 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Folder

General

Three copies of this 12 page reprint are housed in one folder. The following is printed on the cover page - "Reprinted for private circulation from The Botanical Gazette, Vol. LXXXIX, No. 4, June 1930." A noted on the item reads, "Contributions from the Hull Botanical Laboratory 404."

Botanical Illustrations

"Plant Cytology"

Text [1000433793] 03 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

This collection of detailed ink drawings consists of approximately 150 leaves and measures 13 cm. x 20 cm. The leaves are held together at the top margin by yarn. Drawings are accompanied by brief annotations. Author and title information are written on the first page which serves as the cover page.

"Mosses"

Text [1000433793] 03 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

This collection of detailed ink drawings of mosses includes approximately 55 leaves. The drawing are accompanied by brief annotations. The leaves are held together at the top margin by yarn. The drawings are accompanied by 4 leaves of handwritten text. Dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm. Author and title information are written on the first page which serves and the cover page.

"Fungus Diseases"

Text [1000433793] 03 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

This collection of detailed ink drawings consists of approximately 200 leaves. Drawings are annotated. Dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm. The leaves are held together at the top margin by yarn. Author and title information are written on the first page which serves as the cover page.

"Systematic Botany"

Text [1000433794] 04 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Folder

General

This collection of detailed ink drawings consists of approximately 150 leaves. Drawings are annotated. Dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm. The leaves are held together at the top margin by yarn. Author and title information are written on the first page which serves as the cover page.

"Plant Anatomy or Ecology - Drawings - University of Chicago"

Text [1000433794] 04 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

This collection of detailed ink drawings consists of approximately 45 pages. The drawings are annotated. Dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm. Author and title information are written on the first pages which serves as the cover page.

"1. Major, Edith Stevens."

Text [1000433794] 04 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

The front cover is bare except for a brief annotation in the lower right which reads, "1. Major, Edith Stevens." The collection contains detailed ink drawings with brief annotations. The item consists of approximately 50 pages and is bound at the top with yarn. The dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm.

"Sketches of Miscellaneous Forms Found in the Vicinity of Farmville, VA"

Text [1000433794] 04 of 05 (box)

Extent 1 Volumes

General

This collection of detailed pencil and ink drawings with annotations are on card stock. Dimensions are 13 cm. x 20 cm. Author and title information are written on the first card.

Notes

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Arrangement

Index cards with bibliographic resources inscribed on each one. The cards are arranged according to the parts of the plant, and the cards are numbered up to ~632.