

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

Williams, Maxcine Morgan, 1904-

Maxcine Williams papers : writings and information on Alaska and Arctic botany;
also life in Alaska, 1936-1983

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ACQUISITION: The Alaska Historical Library received an extensive photograph collection with many transparencies from Mrs. Williams. The collection (PCA 121) includes views of Alaska communities, Southeast Alaska horticulture and raising of the vessel ISLANDER.

These materials were received over a period of time, with the balance of the collection bequeathed by Mrs. Williams who died March 14, 1983 in Eugene, Oregon.

PROCESSING: The botanical articles or material are arranged by individual author if there are three or more items. Otherwise, the material is in alphabetical groups.

Biographic Note

Maxcine and Red Williams were married in Oregon in 1927 and came to Juneau, Alaska in 1928 working in the restaurant trade. In 1930 Maxcine went to work for Fred Ordway in the photo business, which included developing and printing some of Father Hubbard's photos and the U.S. Navy aerial mapping photos. The Ordways died in a plane crash.

After a time outside Alaska, the Williams returned and Maxcine worked for Juneau Florists. J.P.Anderson, the owner had three greenhouses in Juneau and a good business. Maxcine

became good friends with Ada (White) Sharples who wrote a book on Alaska wild flowers and met Dr. Eric Hulten who also wrote a book on Alaska flora.

In the late 30's the Juneau Botany Club was formed and members received instruction and assistance from J.P. Anderson. Maxcine was very active in the club and put out a newsletter; also joined club members on field trips to collect botanical specimens. The herbarium of the club and information on the specimens was donated to the Alaska State Museum.

Scope and Contents Note

This manuscript collection includes writings of Maxcine Williams and various reprints or publications on botanical subjects.

Inventory

I. Writings and botanical data collected by Maxcine Williams.

- Folder 1. Alaska Wildflower Glimpses. (21 L.)
- Folder 2. Aleutian Islands Adventure. (2 versions, 14 p. and 36 p.)
- Folder 3. Amateurs' Alaska Floral Guide Or Wild Flowers Under The Midnight Sun. (50 L.)
- Folder 4. My Life In Alaska. (3 parts. 14 L.)
- Folder 5.
 - 1) Alaska's Forget-me-not. (2 L.)
 - 2) Alaska's Roadside Wildflowers. (5 L.)
 - 3) Alaska Wildflowers for Pacific Gardens. (13 L.)
 - 4) Flowers Under The Arctic Circle. (1 page article from BETTER AND GARDENS, MAY 1937.)
 - 5) Haines Wild Flowers. (3 L.)
 - 6) The Mastadon Flower. (2L.)
 - 7) Plants Of The Far North. (7 L.)
 - 8) Ranunculus Cooleyii. (5 L.)
 - 9) The Yellow Fritillary. (2 L.)
- Folder 6. Four untitled essays on Alaska's land, birds, and flowers.
 - 1) 5 L.
 - 2) 10 L.
 - 3) 2 L.
 - 4) 3 L. .
 - 5) The Arctic Tern. (2 L.)
- Folder 7.
 - 1) Alphabetical List Of Flowers. (26 L.)

- 2) Alaska Floral Guide. (119 L. describing each family.)

Folder 8.

- 1) Alaska Wild Plants For Food Or Medicine. (2 L.)
- 2) Illustrated Botanical Terms. (1 L.)
- 3) U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Forest Service, Alaska Forest Research Center; Juneau Tree Species. (4 p.)
- 4) Meanings Of Some Of The Scientific Names Used. (2 L.)
- 5) Schematic Profile Of Vegetation Sites On The Aleutians. (3 L.)

Folder 8. (cont.)

- 6) (Untitled 2 L. 18 typed questions about mistakes in publications with hand written answers below each.)

Folder 9. Alaska Flora - Collection Point Of Plants I Collected. (150 pages, illus., maps with color coded dots marking collection sites. Spiral bound.)

II. Publications, reprints, etc.. Botanical subjects by various author's.

Folder 10. Anderson, Jacob P. 5 items. see also Folder 18.

- 1) Jacob P. Anderson 1874-1953. (Biographical sketch from IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, Vol. 60, p.53-54.)
- 2) Notes On The Flora Of Sitka, Alaska. (Contribution 64, Iowa State College, Dept. of Botany. IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, P. 427-482 illus.)
- 3))The Uredinales Of Alaska And Adjacent Parts Of Canada, (Reprinted from IOWA STATE COLLEGE JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, Vol. 26, No, 4, July 1952, p. 507-526.)
- 4) Flowers And Ornamental Shrubbery. (ALASKA SCHOOL BULLETIN, p. 5.)
- 5) J.P.Anderson's Key To Alaska Flowers. (12 L, manuscript.)

Folder 11. Hulten, Eric 4 items.

- 1) New Or Notable Species From Alaska. Contributions To The Flora Of Alaska I. (SVENSK BOTANISK TIDSKRIFT, 1936, BD, 30, II. 3, p. 516-517.)
- 2) New Species Of Arenaria And Draba From Alaska And Yukon. (BOTANISKA NOTISER 1966, Vol. 119, Fasc. 2, Lund, P, 313-316.)
- 3) Plants Of The Floating Ice Island "Arlis II", (SVENSK BOTANISK TIDSKRIFT, BD 56, H. 2, 1962, illus. p. 36 2364.)
- 4) Reviews. (SVENSK BOTANISK TIDSKRIFT, BD 62, H. 4, 1968, P. 521-538.)

Folder 12. Murray, David F. 10 items,

- 1) Balsom Poplar In Arctic Alaska. (CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGY, 1980, p. 29-32, illus.)
- 2) Appendix Checklists Of Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, And Lichens For The Alaskan U.S. IBP Tundra Biome Study Areas Barrow, Prudhoe Bay, Eagle Summit. (VEGETATION AND PRODUCTION ECOLOGY OF AN ALASKA ARCTIC TUNDRA, ECOLOGICAL STUDY 29, p. 647-677.)

Folder 12. (cont.)

- 3) The Arctic Coastal Plain: A Geographic Perspective. (Reprinted from AN ARCTIC ECOSYSTEM: THE COASTAL TUNDRA AT BARROW, ALASKA, p. 1-33. Coauthored by J. Brown, K.R. Everett, P.J. Webber, and S.F. MacLean, Jr.)
- 4) Field Report - Botanical Studies In The Arctic National Wildlife Range. (Pages 1, 4, 5 & 6.)
- 5) The Origin Of Trifolium Lupinaster In Alaska. (Reprint from CANADIAN JOURNALS OF BOTANY, Vol. 52, No. 1, 1977, p. 277-278. Co-authored by Horace F. Drury.)
- 6) A Plant Collection From The Wrangell Mountains, Alaska. (NOTES AND INSTITUTE NEWS, p. 106-109.)
- 7) The Role Of Arctic Refuglia In The Evolution Of The Arctic Vascular Flora -- A Beringian Perspective. (EVOLUTION TODAY, 1981, p.11-20.)
- 8) Taxonomy Of Carex Sect. Atratae (Cyperaceae) In The Southern Rocky Mountains. (Reprinted from BRITTONIA, Vol. 21, No. 1, January-March 1969, p. 55-76.)
- 9) Notes. The Type Locality Of Polygonum Plumosum. (Reprint from CANADIAN JOURNAL OF BOTANY, Vol. 54, No. 7, 1976, p. 649-650.)
- 10) Vegetation, Floristics, & Phytogeography Of Northern Alaska, Tundra Landscapes & Vegetation. (VEGETATION AND PRODUCTION ECOLOGY OF AN ALASKA ARCTIC TUNDRA, ECOLOGICAL STUDY 29, p.19-36.)

Folder 13. Scammon, Edith 3 items.

- 1) Ferns and Fern Allies Of The Central Yukon Valley. (Reprint from AMERICAN FERN JOURNAL, Vol. 39, No. 1 & 2, January-March 1949, p. 1-12, and April-June 1949, p. 47-58.)
- 2) A List Of Plants From Interior Alaska. (Reprint from RHODORA, Vol. 42, No. 501, Sept. 1940.)
- 3) The Genus Oleandra Of Costa Rica. (Reprint from RHODORA, Vol. 63, No. 756, 1961.)

Folder 14. Welsh, Stanley L. 5 items.

- 1) Nomenclature Changes In The Alaskan Flora. (Reprint from THE GREAT BASIN NATURALIST, Vol. XXVIII, No. 3, September 30, 1968.)
- 2) Legumes Of Alaska II: Oxytropis DC. (IOWA STATE JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, Vol. 41, No. 3, February 1967, p. 277-303.)

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- 3) Legumes Of Alaska: Astragalus L. (IOWA STATE JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, Vol 37, No. 4, May 15, 1963, p. 353-388.)
- 4) Problems In The Alaskan Flora And Checklist Of Plants Collected In 1965. (Spiral bound. 69 pages.)
- 5) Flora Of Alaska: Liliacea 1; Araceae 14; Lemnacea 15; Iridaceae 17. (Spiral bound. 18 pages.)

Folder 15. Welsh, Stanley L. 2 items.

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- 1) Anderson's Flora Of Alaska Miscellaneous Keys. (Spiral bound. 45 pages. (?)10 loose pages.)
- 2) Miscellaneous Keys To Anderson's Flora Of Alaska. (Spiral bound. 48 pages.)

Folder 16. Various Authors, alphabetically arranged by author. A-L. 13 items.

- 1) Anderson, Svend T. and Bank, Theodore P. III Pollen And Radiocarbon Studies Of Aleutian Soil Profiles. (Reprint from SCIENCE, July 25, 1952, Vol. 116, No. 3004, p. 84-86.)
- 2) Beamish, Katherine, I. Studies In The Genus Dodecatheon Of Northwestern America. (BULLETIN OF THE TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB, Vol, 82, September 1955, p. 357-366, illus.)
- 3) Brown, J. and Berg, R.L. eds. 1980. Cold Regions Research And Engineering Laboratory Report 80-19. (p. 42-45 contains an article with a map by D.F.Murray, B.M.Murray & A.W.Johnson. P. 45-46 contains an article by D.A.Walker & P.J. Webber.)
- 4) Chambers, Kenton L. Notes And News. (Reprint from MADRONO, Vol. 17, No. 6, April 1, 1964, p. 203-204, illus.)
- 5) Crocker, Robert L. and Major, Jack Soil Development In Relation To Vegetation And Surface Age At Glacier Bay, Alaska. (Reprint from JOURNAL OF ECOLOGY, Vol. 43, No. 2, July 1955, p. 427-448, illus.)
- 6) Dunn, David B. The Inter-Relationships Of The Alaskan Lupines. (Reprint from MADRONO, Vol. 18, No. 1, January 1965, 17 pages, illus.)
- 7) Harms, Vernon L. Notes. A New Record For *Sonchus Uliginosus* Bieb. From Interior Alaska. (Reprint from THE CANADIAN FIELD-NATURALIST, Vol. 87, No. 1, January-March 1973, p. 63.)
- 8) Harms, Vernon L. New Record For The Yellow Lady's Slipper Orchid, *Cypripedium Calceolus* L. Subsp. *Parviflorum* (Salisb.) Hult., From Alaska. (Reprint from RHODORA, Vol. 75, 803, 1973, p. 491.)

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- 9) Heusser, Calvin J. Pollen Profiles From Prince William Sound And Southeastern Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. (Reprint from ECOLOGY, Vol. 36, No. 2, April 1955, p. 185-202, illus.)
- 10) Heusser, Calvin J. Pollen Profiles From The Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia. (Reprint from CANADIAN JOURNAL OF BOTANY, 33: 1955, p. 429-449, illus.)
- 11) Kyllingstad, Henry C. The Secret Of The Bristle-Thighed Curlew. (6 pages, illus.)
- 12) Lawrence, Donald B. Glacier Fluctuation In Northwestern North America Within The Past Six Centuries. (P. 161-166, illus.)
- 13) Lawrence, Donald B. Glaciers And Vegetation In Southeastern Alaska. (Reprint from AMERICAN SCIENTIST, Vol. 46, No. 2, June 1958, p. 88-122, illus.)

Folder 17. Writings by various author's alphabetically arranged. M-Z & misc. 18 items.

- 1) Miller, Maynard M.
(ABSTRACT)Glaethemal Investigations On The Upper Taku Glacier, Alaska.
(ABSTRACT)Research On The Juneau Ice Field, Alaska 1948-1952. (1 L. each.)
- 2) Mitchell, W.W. and Hodgson, H.J.
Causes And Effects Of Hybridization In Alaskan Gramineae. (Reprint from
SCIENCE IN ALASKA, 1963, p.72-77.)
- 3) Shepard, Beatrice
Current Study Of Six Alaskan Edible Wild Plants Shows All To Be High In
Vitamin C And Carotene. (ALASKA'S HEALTH, p, 4-5, illus.)
- 4) Shepard, Beatrice
Study Shows Vitamin C Contained In Alaska's Wild Foods. (ALASKA
HEALTH, p. 3.)
- 5) Shetler, Stanwyn G.
An Annotated List Of Vascular Plants From Cape Sabine, Alaska. (Reprint from
RHODORA, Vol. 65, No. 763, 1963, p. 208-224.)
- 6) Shetler, Stanwyn G.
A Checklist And Key To The Species Of Campanula Native Or Commonly
Naturalized In North America. (Reprint from RHODORA, Vol. 65, No. 765,
1963, p319-337.)
- 7) Smallridge, Mrs. F.M. and Larzelere, Mrs. Charles
The Alaskan Trip. (P. 15 & 16, illus. with photo by Maxcine Williams.)

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- 8) Standley, Paul C.
EDIBLE PLANTS OF THE ARCTIC REGION NAVMED 119. (Illus. 49 pages.)
- 9) Tatewaki, Misao and Misumi, Toru
JAPANESE JOURNAL OF ECOLOGY. -Vol. 7, No: 1, May 1957. (Written in
Japanese. P. 14-18, illus.)
- 10) Totter, Dr. John R.
Analysis Of Alaskan Native Foods. (1 L.)
- 11) Wiggins, Ira L.
The Distribution of Vascular Plants On Polygonal Ground Near Point Barrow,
Alaska. (CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE DUDLEY.HERBARIUM, Vol. 4, Part 3,
p. 4-56, illus.)
- 12) Williams, Ralph B.
The Cedar Waxing; Bombycilla Cedrorum, At Juneau, Alaska. (Reprint from
THE AUK, Vol. 67, October 1950, p. 519.)
- 13) Williams, Ralph B.
The Seasonal Occurence Of Rosy Finches At Juneau, Alaska. (Reprint from
THE CONDOR, January-February 1949, Vol. 51, No. 1, p. 40-42, illus.)
- 14) (This publication contains writings by six different authors.) It is entitled:
HORTICULTURE NORTHWEST JOURNAL OF THE NORTHWEST
ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Vol. 5, No. 4, Winter 1978, (76
pages, illus.)
- 15) (This publication contains several short articles by various authors including
one by Maxcine Williams.) ALASKA'S HEALTH.: (4:pages, illus.)

Folder 18. Anderson, Jacob Pt .

FLORA OF ALASKA AND ADJACENT PARTS OF CANADA. 9 part reprint bound in 1 vol. Includes clippings, a col. photo of Dr. Eric Hulten and photo of Ada White Sharpies.