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TITLE: Caroline Simmons' Flora of Alaska

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1957.001

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1920s-1954

Extent: 0.25 cubic feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Caroline Kelsey Simmons

Administrative/Biographical History:

Caroline Simmons (b. unknown) came to Valdez as an infant. She taught at Kodiak in 1916 and 1917. According to her daughter, she "was an authority on Alaska wildflowers." Simmons lived in Valdez, Kodiak, Anchorage, and Juneau. She died in November 1980 in Roanoke, Virginia.¹

Scope and Content Description:

This collection consists of 2 binders of identified pressed flowers. According to the donor, she collected the flora "in the late 1920s and in the early '30s, from around Kodiak and along the Richardson Highway near Valdez. [...] In 1954 the Juneau Botanist Club undertook the task of classifying them [...]. This was very difficult owing to the lack of roots and the fragile condition of many of the specimens."

¹ "End of the Trail," *Alaska Magazine*, June 1981, 75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to the Cook Inlet Historical Society by Caroline K. Simmons on February 11, 1957. CIHS then transferred the collection to the Museum.

SUBJECTS

Botany
Juneau Botanist Club
Plants – Flora
Simmons, Caroline
Wildflowers

Detailed Description of the Collection

.1 – Flora of Alaska, Book I
.2 – Flora of Alaska, Book II

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