NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0896.AM: Conkling, Alice Mercy, 1877-1968

Correspondence, etc.: 1893
Franklin, Franklin County, Neb.
Size: 1 folder

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Alice M. Conkling, daughter of James Cook Conkling and Fannie A. (Lowry) Conkling, was born in Springfield, Illinois, on July 19, 1877. The family settled in Nebraska and Alice spent the rest of her life in Franklin, Franklin County, Nebraska. She attended Franklin Academy and then worked in her father’s real estate/insurance office for many years. Alice Conkling died at Franklin, Nebraska, on August 31, 1968.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two letters. One letter, written May 19, 1893, to Alice Conkling by Charles E. Bessey, botany professor at the University of Nebraska, identifies plants in Conkling’s garden in Franklin, Nebraska. The second, undated letter written by Conkling to Bessey lists various plant names.

DESCRIPTION

Letters, 1893

Subject headings:

Bessey, Charles Edwin, 1845-1915
Botany
Conkling, Alice Mercy, 1877-1968
Gardening
Gardens
Plants

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May 12, 1903

Lincoln, Nebraska, U. S. A.

Dear Alice Cowdrey, March 24th,

Your plants are as follows:

1. *Equisetum arvense* (Stilke Stein)
2. *Equisetum robustum* not in fruit
3. 
4. *Equisetum kawigatun*
5. A moss, but without fruit of any kind
6. *Scirpus lacustris*
7. *Carex*, but all species of this genus must have fruit or seed or flowers in order to be determined. Get one specimen of this in fruit.
8. *Carex vulgaris*, or near to it. I should like a good collection (6 or 7) of these.
9. *Elymus lehmanii*, another, one of the many varieties of this variable species.
10. *Scirpus pungens*, a one-flowered form.
11. *Gaura cocinea*
13. *Oxycalum angustifolium*
14. *Anilla*, but cannot make out the species with certainty. It may be *A. canadensis*. Can you send me a return of this?
15. *Collybia laccata*. Not found hitherto in Nebraska.
16. *Audraeace occidentalis*
17. *Genus aureus*
22. Sagittaria variabilis.
23. Malvasia longiflora.
25. Nasturtium sinuatum. It appears to be this species.

I am very glad to see that you are collecting so many different kinds of plants.

Cordially,

Charles E. Bessey
Mrs. Alice Courtling
Franklin
Nebraska.
1. Horsetail = Equisetum arvense
   Branched at joints; furrowed, four toothed
2. Equisetum variagatum
3. Equisetum robustum
   3½ Equisetum
4. Bright green moss.
5. Siccus—
6. Carex — Tall heads in a panicle
7. Carex —
8. Fam. Cyperaceae. Wire Grass
9. Carex —
10. Compositae
11. Seguininae
12. Agaricaceae Fam.
13. Agaricaceae Fam.
14. Ellisia necteria
   Heads in umbels very much
   crowded low plant.
15. Compositae?
16. Vicia americana Leg.
17. Shepherds purse
18. M. Brown
19. Water Milfoil
No 22 Sagittaria variabilis
No 23
No 24 Seg. Sea weed.
No 25 Other species?

(Alice M. Conkling)

Franklin, Nc.