Date : 1907-1910
Collection Number : H002

Extent : 1.3 cubic feet, 189 paintings

Repository : Alfred M. Heston Collection, Atlantic City Free Public Library, 1 North Tennes

Preferred Citation : Dr. Thomas K. Reed Paintings (H002), Alfred M. Heston Collection, Atlantic Ci

Detail of Number 27, "Labiatae"

Creator:

Thomas Kemble Reed (b. 1839) was a physician in Atlantic City. He studied medicine in Philadelphia, and then moved to Atlantic City to practice with his father, becoming the island's second doctor.

Reed, known as Dr. Tom to his friends, was active in the Atlantic City community. He served as City Clerk in 1867, was involved in an early venture to dig wells and install waterworks, was one of the directors of the Atlantic City National Bank, was on the board of directors in charge of the 1904 celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Atlantic City, and served in several appointed roles for the Atlantic City Gas & Water company. For many years he resided at 22 North Pennsylvania Avenue, and he conducted his medical practice from his residence.

Reed painted these drawings of flowers in the Atlantic City area from 1907-1910. He died about 1910.

Sources:
Atlantic City City Directories. Various years.
Hall, John F. The Daily Union History of Atlantic City and County, New Jersey. Atlantic City, NJ: The Daily Union, 1900.
Heston, Alfred M. Absegami: Annals of Eyren Haven and Atlantic City , 1609-1904. Camden, NJ: Sinnickson Chew & Sons Co., 1904.

Scope and Content:
This collection consists of 189 watercolor and pen drawings of flowers found in the Atlantic City area. Reed labeled each drawing with the common name and Latin name of the flower, as well as the family. He also included a description of each flower. Some of the paintings have specimens of leaves or buds attached also.

The paintings are arranged in numerical order, based on Reeds chronological numbering system. Some of the paintings are mounted on mat board, while others are loose.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

Related Materials: The Heston Collection has other resources related to Atlantic City nature and botany. Among the archival holdings is the Anne Fothergill Collection of Preserved Algae (Collection H003).

Access Points:
Reed, Thomas Kemble, 1839-1910
Plants - Atlantic City (N.J.)
Flowers Collection and preservation

Processing Note: Folder list written by Providencia Colon, November 2006. Finding aid written by Heather Halpin, archivist, December 2006.

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CONTAINER LISTING
Box 1: Folders 1-19
Contains paintings 1-150.

Box 2: Folders 20-28
Contains paintings 151-225.

A complete list of the paintings is available upon request.

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