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H.B. ATKINSON BOTANICAL PAPERS

Archdeacon Henry Brune Atkinson (1874-1960), clergyman and orchidologist, was the son of Rev. Henry D. Atkinson of Stanley and Sarah Ann (Ward). He was educated at Stanley State School, Launceston Church Grammar School and the University of Tasmania (BA 1899). He was ordained an Anglican priest in 1902 and served as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart and Archdeacon of Launceston and Darwin. From 1919 to 1925 he was Vice-Warden of the University Senate. He collected many specimens of orchid from Tasmania and some from NSW, Victoria and New Zealand. These were given to the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston by his daughter. Rev. Atkinson married Helen Bertha Knight of Christ Church, New Zealand, in 1905 and they had one daughter, Sheila.

These papers consist of his notes and sketches of orchids and letters, notes and articles received from other orchidologists: James Hamlyn Willis (1910-), Government Botanist Melbourne Botanic Gardens and editor of *Victorian Naturalist*, William Henry Nicholls (1885-1951) orchidologist of Victoria whose *Orchids of Australia* was published posthumously, and Rev. Herman Montague Rucher Rupp (1872-1956) clergyman and botanist of NSW. The papers were received in folders in a portfolio

- 1 Drawings and descriptions of Tasmanian orchids ND
Ink drawings with a typed description of plant and where specimen found, including: *Caladenia Atkinsonia* Rodway, *Praesophyllum odoratum* Rogers, *Pterodrylus pedoglossa*, *Calochilus paludosus*, *Microtium atrata* Lindl., etc. Also list of Tasmanian endemic plants and 1 dried plant from Mount Wellington.
(folder of 24 papers)
- 2 James Hamlyn Willis of Melbourne Botanic Gardens 1920s, 1947 - 1953, 1965
Notes, list of Flinders Island flora Dec. 1924, letters (1947 - 1953). Also letters to Miss Atkinson 1965 thanking her for biographical information on her father and grandfather.
(folder of 8 docs)
- 3 William Henry Nicholls 1925 - 1948
Notes, letters, sketches.
(38 docs in folder)
- 4 Herman Montague Rucher Rupp 1925-1946
Letters about plant collecting and specimens sent to Atkinson.
(26 letters)
- 5 Journal articles and off-prints sent to Atkinson
Including: W.H. Nicholls, articles in *Victorian Naturalist* etc. 1925-1940; H.M.R. Rupp, articles in *Australian Naturalist* and other journals 1926-1945; G. Weindorfer: "Two botanists in the Cradle Mountains Tasmania, *Victorian Naturalist* 1912; R.S. Rogers, *Vict.Nat.* 1918, 1924, "South Australian Orchids" from J.M. Black *Flora of South Australia* 1922; N.A. Wakefield 1941; Edwin Cheel, *Roy.Soc. NSW* 1929; Mrs Edith Coleman, *Vict.Nat.* 1928; D. Martin, *J.Roy. Hist. Soc.* 1950; Winifred M. Curtis, "A census of the orchids of Tasmania" *P & P Roy Soc. Tas* 1953;