

309 W. Avenue B  
Newberry, Michigan  
27 August 1954

Mrs. Carl F. Johnson  
Newberry Garden Club  
Newberry, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

A year ago at your flower show you brought to my attention an old book of pressed wild flowers made by Helen Paul of Ontonagon.

The workmanship in the book was so excellent that I have tried to learn a little more about the artist who made it.

Helen Paul was the daughter-in-law of James Kirk Paul, the first white settler of Ontonagon, who founded the town in 1843. James K. Paul was an adventurer from Virginia who laid out the town, sold lots, married, saw the copper boom come, run a hostelry throughout those exciting times, and died in relative poverty and obscurity.

Paul married an Amanda Chandler in 1850. Little is known about her except that she was a good cook, clean housekeeper, and a good woman. The Pauls had no children of their own but they adopted a boy. When the boy grew up, he married and his wife was Helen Paul. The Pauls were never wealthy and Ontonagon went through several periods of hard times from the end of the Civil War until hardwood, pulp and farming made a fairly secure economy for a smaller population. And that is why Helen Paul made her wildflower books - to earn a little money to supplement a bare existence.

Helen Paul's daughter now lives somewhere in the east, I believe New York or Boston. Two summers ago she visited Miss Mary Millard in Ontonagon. She evidently has inherited her mother's interest in nature for she got a keen enjoyment from rambling through the woods near Paddy's Creek near Miss Millard's home.

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The information on James K. Paul and his wife can be found in James K. Jamison's book, "This Ontonagon Country." The information on Helen Paul was given me by Miss Mary Millard and Miss Catherine Breitenbach of Ontonagon.

Helen Paul's wildflower books must be very rare by now. Miss Millard had two but gave one to Helen Paul's daughter two years ago. The one that you have is the third. There may or may not be others.

The above bit of history on Helen Paul is incomplete because it tells nothing of her as an individual - where and when she was born, educated etc. Could that be made a project for your garden club - to learn more of this pioneer Upper Peninsula artist and wild flower enthusiast?

Very truly yours

*O. F. Eichen*

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cc: Miss Mary Millard  
Mrs. Thomas Foley ✓



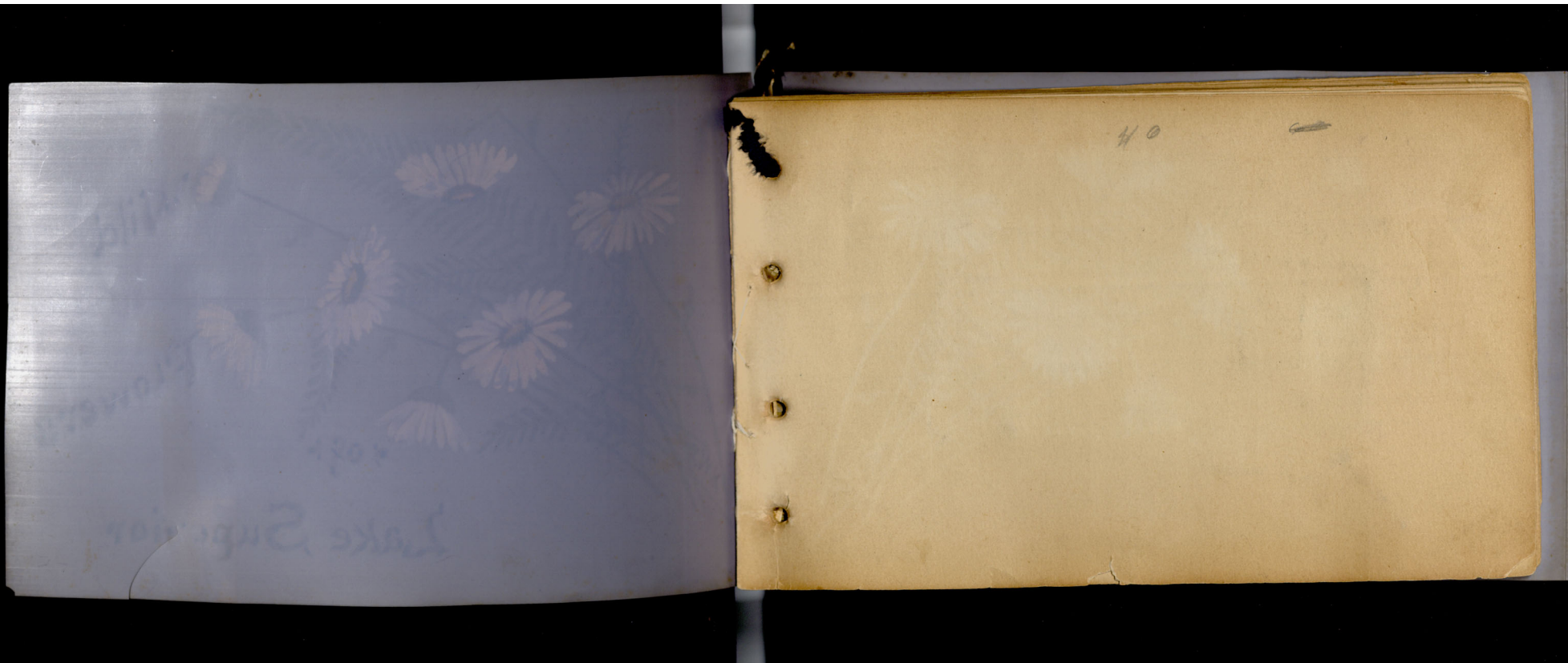
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Wild

Flowers

Lake Superior



Note

All the specimens in this book were gathered in the vicinity of Ontonagon, and classified according to Gray's Manual of Botany and the Michigan Flora. All the work of classifying and arranging the specimens in the book, selecting quotations, and decorating cover and interior of the book is by the author—

H.W.P.

Gathered  
"By the shores of Gitche Gumee,  
By the shining Big-Sea-Water"

(Hiawatha)

= Longyellow =

The 1897  
Season's  
Greeting

From

To

Madder Family  
Galium asprellum  
Rough Bedstraw

Helen Woodworth Paul,  
Book-Maker,  
Ontonagon, Michigan,

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There never yet was flower fair in vain,  
Nor is a true soul ever born for naught.

— J. R. Lowell —

— Heath Family —



*Ledum latifolium*  
Labrador Tea



*Gaultheria procumbens*  
Wintergreen

Only for watchful eyes the first flowers blow  
Beneath dead leaves and covered of snow;  
And first to him who seeks her longingly,  
Spring comes again. (To Him Who Seeks)

== C.E. Bancroft ==

== Crowfoot Family ==



Coptis trifolia  
Goldthread



Anemone nemorosa  
Wood-Anemone  
Wind-flower

Flowers are the sweetest things God  
ever made and forgot<sup>to</sup> to put a soul into.

— Henry Ward Beecher —

(Can God forget?)

— Purslane Family —

Claytonia Caroliniana  
Spring Beauty

— Poppy Family —

Sanguinaria Canadensis  
Bloodroot  
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— Forget-me-nots  
from my Garden —

Blue is the floweret  
called the forget-me-not,  
Wear it upon thy heart  
and think of me.

(Song)

There is pansies  
that's for  
thoughts.

(Harriet)

— Shakespere —



— Pansies from my  
Garden —

For me how'er the altering scene  
Should shift from dark to fair,  
White violets must forever mean  
White memories of despair!

(White Violets)

— Edgar Fawcett —

— Violet Family —



Viola Selkirkii  
Great-spurred Violet



Viola blanda  
Sweet White  
Violet

There is no heart however cold, casehardened,  
worldly, that cannot be touched by the human-  
izing offer of a bunch of fresh violets. They are  
the open sesame to every woman's affections.

(A Bachelor Maid)

— Mrs Burton Harrison —

≡ Violet Family ≡

*Viola canina*  
var. *puberula*  
Dog Violet

*Viola cucullata*  
Common Blue Violet

*Viola pubescens*  
Downy Yellow  
Violet

Genius is the enthusiasm of self-improvement.

== Bulwer ==

== Horsetail  
Family ==



*Equisetum arvense*  
Horsetail

== Lily  
Family ==



*Maianthemum Canadense*  
"Wild Lily-of-the-Valley"

Pleasures are like poppies.

— Moore —

California  
State  
Flower

From  
my  
Garden

*Eschscholzia Californica*  
California Poppy

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,  
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,  
There is society where none intrudes,  
By the deep sea, and music in its roar;

— Byron — (Childe Harold)

≡ Sandal-Wood  
Family ≡



*Comandra livida*  
Bastard Toad-Flax

≡ Figwort  
Family ≡



*Melampyrum Amer-  
licanum*  
Cow-Wheat

The very flowers that bend and meet,  
In sweetening others grow more sweet,

— O.W. Holmes —



Calamintha Clinopodium  
Basil



Brunella vulgaris  
Heal-All



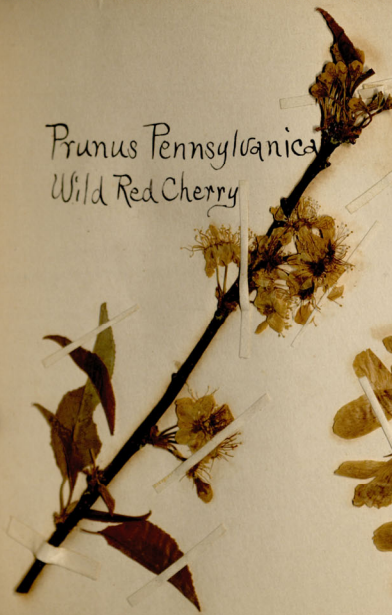
Scutellaria lateriflora  
Mad-Dog Skullcap

— Mint Family —

Even for the dead I will not bind  
My soul to grief, death cannot long divide,  
For is it not as if the rose that climbed  
My garden wall had bloomed the other side?

(Anon)

*Prunus Pennsylvanica*  
Wild Red Cherry



== Rose Family ==

*Amelanchier Canadensis*  
June-berry  
Service-berry





Flowers are the smiles of God's goodness,  
= W<sup>m</sup> Wilberforce =



Potentilla palustris  
Marsh Fivefinger



Agrimonia Eupatoria  
Agrimony

To him who in the love of Nature holds  
Communion with her visible forms she speaks  
A various language;

(Thanatopsis)

—= Bryant =—

—= Fumitory Family =—



*Dicentra cucullaria*  
Dutchman's Breeches

—= Geranium Family =—



*Impatiens sulcata*  
Jewel-weed  
Touch-me-not

≡ Fern Family ≡



*Aspidium spinulosum*  
var. *intermedium*  
Shield Fern

A thing of  
beauty is  
a  
joy forever.

≡ Keats ≡

≡ Fern Family ≡



*Adiantum pedatum*  
Maidenhair Fern

To me the meanest flower that blows can give  
Thoughts that too often lie too deep for tears.

—= Wordsworth =—

(The Excursion)

\* (most insignificant)

—= Madder Family =—



*Galium trisidum*  
Bedstraw (small)

*Mitchella repens*  
Partridgeberry

≡ Fern Family ≡



1- Phegopteris Dryopteris  
2- " polypodioides  
Beech Ferns

1- 2-

'Tis distance  
lends enchant-  
ment to the  
View,  
And clothes the  
mountain in  
its azure  
hue.

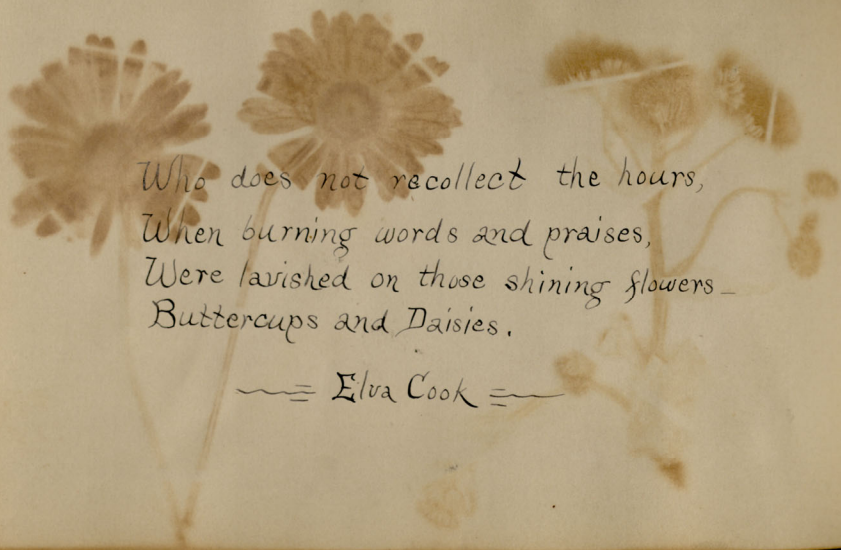
≡ Campbell ≡

(Pleasures of  
Hope



Tree  
Pestoon  
mass

Yorcapine Mts.  
L.S.



Who does not recollect the hours,  
 When burning words and praises,  
 Were lavished on those shining flowers -  
 Buttercups and Daisies.

— Elva Cook —

— Composite Family —



Erigeron philadelphicus  
 Fleckene



Chrysanthemum leucanthemum  
 Daisy

Bright symbol of our wealth - our strength -  
Our Union - many in one, -  
Bloom on, illumine thy native hills -  
Fair child of Freedom's sun;

— George Coronway —

(The Goldenrod is Ours)  
— from "The Mayflower" —

— Composite Family —



*Solidago serotina*  
Goldenrod



*Helianthus giganteus*  
Wild Sunflower

Enthusiasm is the gift of God.

— Washington Irving —

— Composite Family —



*Eupatorium perfoliatum*  
Thoroughwort  
Bone-set



*Eupatorium purpureum*  
Joe-Pye Weed  
Trumpet-Weed



No more! O how majestically mournful are  
those words! They sound like the roar of the  
wind through a forest of pines!

— Longyellow —

(Hyperion.  
closing paragraph)

— Composite Family —



Aster Lindleyanus  
Purple Aster



Anaphalis margaritacea  
Everlasting

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