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Poster Panel: The Collection

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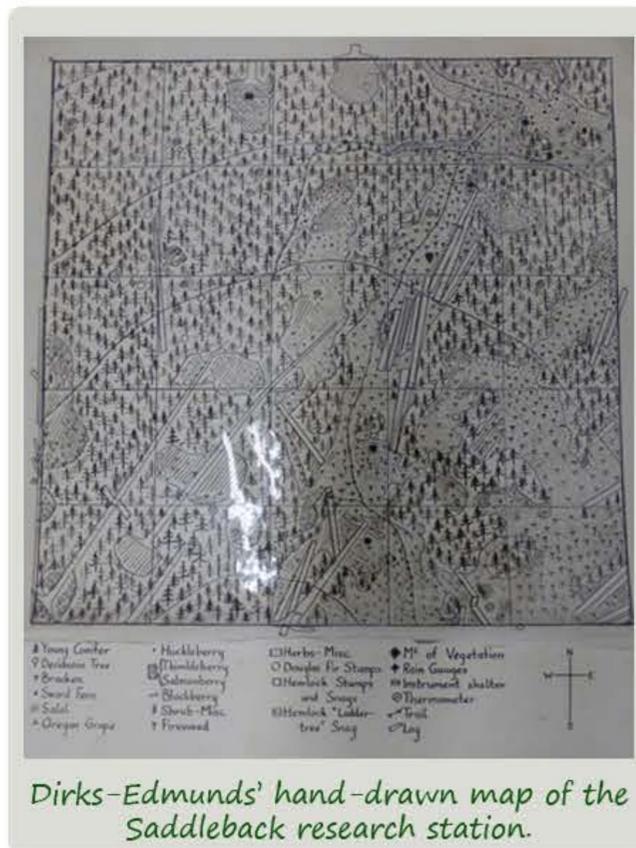
The Collection



The Jane Claire Dirks-Edmunds Papers in-progress on the shelves in the Linfield College Archives.

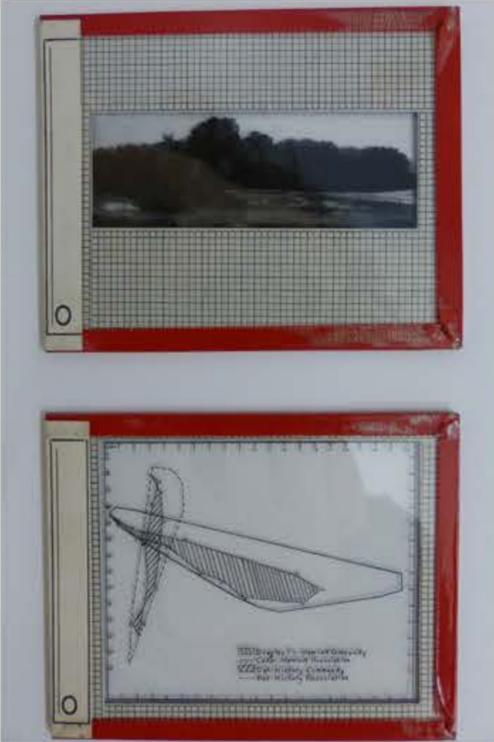
The two display cases were designed to provide an overview of the larger collection and to illustrate Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' life. One case is devoted entirely to her research on Saddleback Mountain and includes materials from 1939-1999; Saddleback was her life's project. The other display case aims to tell a more personal story of Dr. Dirks-Edmunds. In addition to being a dedicated ecologist and researcher, she was a devoted teacher, an involved member of McMinnville's First Baptist Church, and an important member of the Linfield Community.

The *Jane Claire Dirks-Edmunds Papers* is a large collection of the research, data and publications of Linfield Professor Emerita Dr. Jane Claire Dirks-Edmunds. The collection is divided into five series, each chronicling a different aspect of Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' professional life. Series one is comprised of maps, trail notes, pictures and graphs that detail the research and tabulations that Dr. Edmunds and her students and research partners collected on Saddleback Mountain. Series two is devoted to Professor Dirks-Edmunds' writings, correspondence and presentations. Series three is made up of Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' teaching materials; among her lecture notes and drawings for various classes are student recommendation letters and student assignments. The fourth series is the largest and contains Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' research articles. While her primary focus was on the forests of the Northwest, her research shows that she was fascinated by a wide array of ecological communities. The fifth series consists of the Saddleback research done by former Linfield professor Dr. James A. Macnab, who introduced Dirks-Edmunds to the forest.



Dirks-Edmunds' hand-drawn map of the Saddleback research station.

Some favorite items from the collection are on display: the field journals, the rusty nails, the pressed leaves, and the gradebooks among them. Other notable items are Dirks-Edmunds' old textbooks, a large hand-drawn map of the Saddleback research site and her taxidermied owl from the early 1900s.



Photos of glass lantern slides depicting Saddleback mountain and a graph of tree communities.

Processing of the collection began in June 2014. This process was the longest and consisted of reading and sorting through all donated materials. After the items had been properly sorted, the materials were taken care of: rips were mended, hundreds of rusting staples and paper clips were carefully removed and each item was properly housed to protect from light and temperature damage. Once the collection is in its permanent home on the shelves, materials from the collection will be digitized to assist potential researchers. By preserving Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' materials and by making them available to a wider audience, we are securing and sharing Dr. Dirks-Edmunds' legacy and allowing her passion for and devotion to ecology to survive.