

The Australian Women's Register

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Atkinson, Caroline Louisa Waring

(1834 - 1872)

Born 25 February, 1834, Berrima New South Wales Australia

Died 28 April, 1872

Occupation Botanical artist, Illustrator, Naturalist, Writer

Summary

Caroline Atkinson was home-educated in New South Wales, a keen student of natural history and an accomplished botanical illustrator. She was also a populariser of science and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Horticultural Magazine*.

Details

Taught by her mother, Atkinson developed a keen interest in botany and zoology. She wrote popular articles on botany, made drawings and sent numerous specimens to eminent botanists including William Woolls and Ferdinand von Mueller (q.v.). She was also an able taxidermist.

Atkinson was commemorated in the naming of the Loranthaceous genus *Atkinsonia*, also *Erechtites atkinsoniae* and *Epacris calvertiana*. A horticulturally distinct fern, ranking as a form of *Doodia caudata*, was named *Doodia atkinsonii* in her honour.

Atkinson married James Snowdon Calvert.

Published resources

Book

Pioneer Women, Pioneer Land: Yesterday's Tall Poppies Angus & Robertson, Vries-Evans, Susanna De, 1987

Resource Section

Atkinson, Caroline Louisa Waring (1834-1872), naturalist and writer, Chisholm, A.H., 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A030060b.htm>

Journal Article

Mrs. Meredith and Miss Atkinson, Writers and Naturalists, Margaret, Swann, 1929

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003, <http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Archival resources

Mitchell and Dixson Libraries Manuscripts Collection

Natural history illustrations, correspondence, and newscuttings, 1859-1961, mainly relating to Australian fauna and botany / Caroline Louisa Calvert (nee Atkinson)

Macleay Museum

Caroline Louisa Waring Atkinson - Records

National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Caroline Louisa Waring Calvert, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

Journal kept on board the "Cumberland" bound from England to New South Wales [manuscript]

State Library of New South Wales

Atkinson and Cosh family pictorial material, ca. 1842-1973

Royal Australian Historical Society

Four photographs including list of names of the sitters and a letter from Janet Cosh (1.11.1980)

National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

Papers of Patricia Clarke, 1887-2010 [manuscript]

Papers of Janet L. Cosh, 1826-1983

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