

Edward Thomas Connold was born at 11 Castle Street, Hastings in June 1862 and died in St Leonards-on-Sea in January 1910 aged 47. Although he moved between various schools and various jobs as a child and a young man, he returned permanently to St. Leonards in 1885.

He was an amateur scientist who earned his living as grocer. Connold's diverse passions are evident through his extensive contributions to *The Hastings and East Sussex Naturalist*.

His interests extended to include shells, wasps, caterpillars, wildflowers, and marine life, though his most important work was in the field of plant galls. Before his death he was preparing a work on British wild fruits for publication.



Edward Thomas Connold



Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, an institution he enthusiastically supported holds a wonderful collection of glass plates made by Mr Connold.

After spending some time creating the photographic record of the collection, I became aware of Mr Connold's precise record system on the envelopes containing the glass plates.

Almost all of them show the name of the species, dates it was observed and the location.

As a local man, Mr Connold recorded the plants either in Hastings or surrounding areas, ranging from Alexandra Park, Beauport Park, Guestling Woods to Battle and Lewes.

In one of his books titled "Gleanings from the Fields of Nature", he writes:

*The studies are from copious notes, mental and written, made during very many enjoyable rambles along the shore, and through woods and by-paths of rural districts around Hastings and St. Leonards-on-Sea, and from careful examinations of the objects under the microscope.*

Here are some of his wonderful images:

This is an image of blackberries captured by Mr. Connold on the 15th of October in 1907.



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15th of October  
1907

15/10/07

Blapberry

(82 ~~berry~~)  
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(N<sup>o</sup> Winchelsea Station)

He took this  
photograph near  
the Winchelsea  
Station



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2/8/04

Rubus dumetorum

N<sup>o</sup> 11111      var. diversifolius Lindl

(N<sup>o</sup> Beaufort Park



12/8/09

Blossoms of Fuchsia

(Silverhill)

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22/7/08

One seed head of.  
Tragopogon pratensis  
(Goats beard)

(Lewes)

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Childrens' Encyclopedia p. 5185.  
Blossoms of Horned Poppy  
(Caulis)

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19/7/04

Fruit & ♂ flowers of Mulberry.

(Beaumont Park)



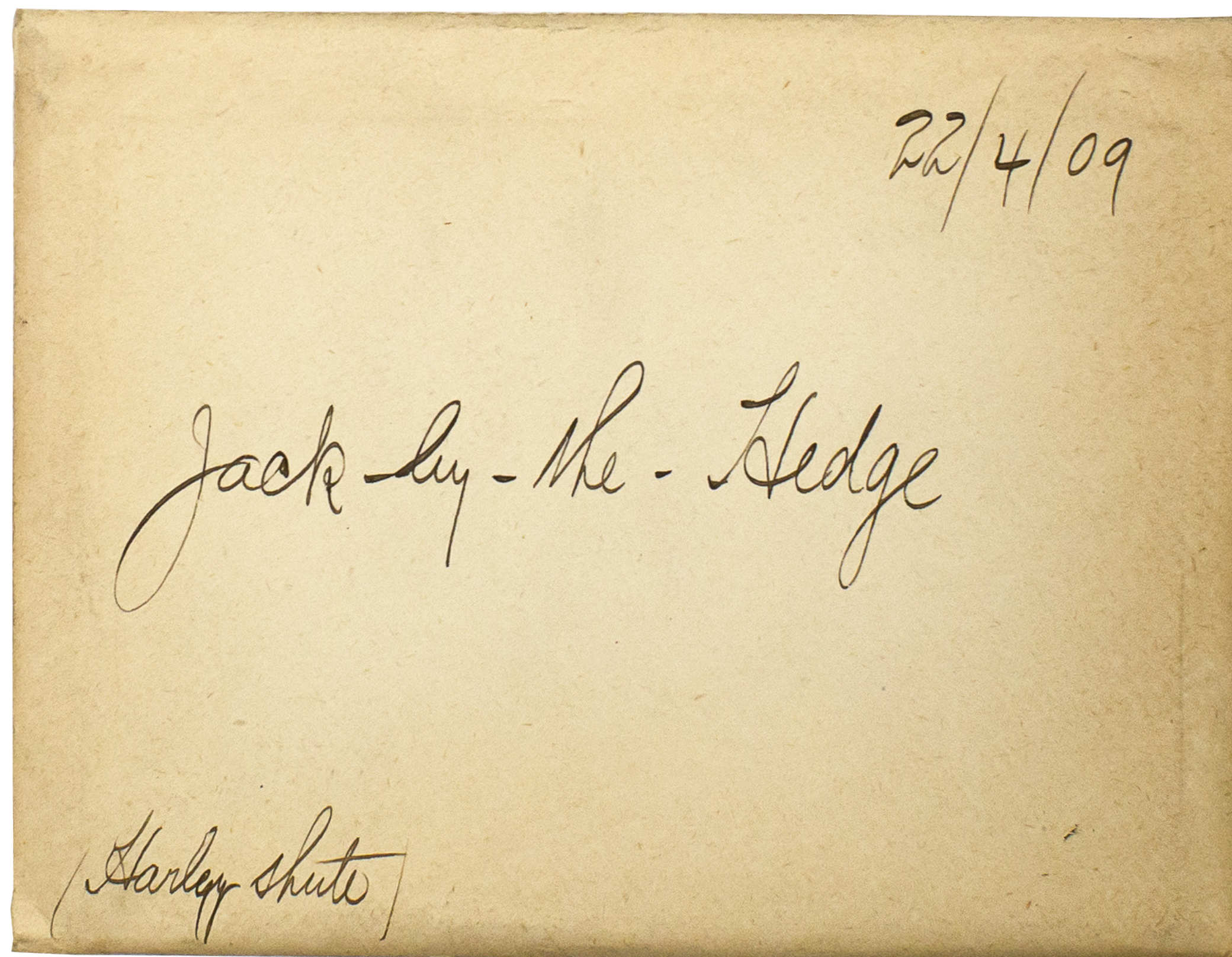
"Wild Fruits" Series

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18/6/06

Wild Raspberries

(from nr Lewis)



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Children's Encyclopaedia. p. 4611  
Large Butterfly Orchid  
(Deauport park)



CORN COCKLE

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*Childrens' Encyclopaedia p. 4421*  
*Blossoms of Corn Cockle*  
  
*(Hollington)*



12/5/06

One root of Primroses

111 blossoms  
49 buds & old blossoms  

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160

(Battle Wood)



12/6/04

Fruit of the Bird Cherry

(Quitting)