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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

August 2, 1920.

Dr. LeRoy Abrams,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear Dr. Abrams:

It has been in my mind for some time to write and tell you what an extremely profitable collecting trip I had in the desert during the time, I think, when you were in the Santa Lucias. I kept the Polygonaceae very much in mind, though I was too early to secure many specimens of *Eriogonum*. However, I obtained some useful material and field notes for the work on the MS for your Illustrated Flora.

I hope, however, that I shall be able to make at least two more trips into the Mohave and Colorado before attempting to complete another revision of *Eriogonum*.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

W. B. Jepson

WLJ-R

P.S. If you have any extra copies of Mrs. Ferris's article upon *Adenostegia* I shall be glad to be favored with one.

January 23, 1921

My dear Abrams. -

If you think of coming to the  
Botanical Society dinner Saturday night,  
will you make my home your headquarters  
- stop all night with me and as long  
as you can. I have sufficient room and  
if Mrs. Abrams will come, too, it will be  
an added pleasure.

Yours sincerely  
Willis L. Jepson.

My quarters are 2714 Benvenue Ave.  
Take College Ave car and get off  
at Derby St. Or you can come  
direct to the dinner place near  
Sather Gate at the Y.W.C.A. cottage  
at 5:30. The dinner will begin at 6:15

April 21, 1922.

Dr. W. L. Jepson,  
Department of Botany,  
University of California.

Dear Dr. Jepson:

I have just completed comparing your treatment of the Liliaceae with my own manuscript, and I am much pleased to see that our conception of the plants is much the same.

The genus *Allium* is my most difficult group. In the serratum series I had come to the same conclusion as you but had decided that Watson really meant to describe the interior rather than the coast form, especially since the Douglas plant was without web. I had, therefore, tentatively named the coast form but since you have designated the Douglas plant as the type I shall follow your lead.

*Allium hickmanii* I still think a good species, although you might be right in considering it a variety of *hyalinum*.

I am not so sure about *Allium parishii* and your new species. It seems to me that the entire or almost entire stigma of the Parish plant distinguishes it from *fimbriatum*. I had been treating your new species as a small mountain form of *parishii* and I am loathe to give it up.

I had also quite a different conception of *Allium sanbornii*. While I was East I attempted to find the type of this in Wood's Herbarium but it was not to be found. However, the specimen in the Gray Herbarium and a sketch of the type made by Watson lead me to conclude that *sanbornii* is closely related to *parryi*, distinguished by everted stamens. Your new species *intactum* seems to be the same.

21 Apr 1922

Dr. W. L. Jepson--2

Have you seen bulbs of Jone's Allium davisiae?  
I have not, but the flowers suggest very much  
Allium lacunosum.

Your Veratrium insolitum must be an interesting  
plant. I have a very poor specimen collected in the same  
general region by Ratten, which I had laid aside as  
an undescribed species. I think it must be the same  
as yours, but only the base of the panicle is present  
and the flowers are all sterile.

May I beg to borrow from you, for my artist,  
specimens of the following:

Veratrium insolitum  
Allium anserinum  
Allium modocense  
Allium falcifolium densissimum  
~~Allium~~ kelloggii  
Quamassia lowellii.

Sincerely,

Professor of Botany.

A:W

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

October 15, 1926.

Dr. L. R. Abrams,  
Stanford University, California.

Dear Doctor Abrams:

After my considerable absence, things are settling down a bit, and I am making ready to sort out field material. Amongst other things, I have in view getting together in this way a considerable number of interesting specimens of Eriogoneae. It will be more of a pleasure to do this group for your Flora than perhaps you can realize.

In the fact of violent opposition, I have always stood resolutely for freedom in the production of floras and any other botanical works here in California, and it will be some satisfaction to give added point to my long contention. Moreover, your Flora of the Pacific Coast is an important work and I am glad to help it for that reason.

Still there are other reasons, less cogent. When inquiries asking for titles of California floras come to the Botany Department, it is evidently natural that the chairman should reply by listing only the titles for which you stand as author. So, if in addition to my serious reasons for support of your work I also derive on the side a considerable hilarity, I feel certain that you will forgive me.

When I left Berkeley in December last, I was quite finished with the long struggle upon my "Manual" and was obliged to "cut and run" as soon as I saw the bound volume. It was not possible for me to send out personal copies at that time, nor to do any other of a thousand things that were calling to high heaven to be done. However, I take pleasure now in dispatching to you by today's post a copy of the "Manual", with my compliments, trusting that you may find it useful for your reference shelf.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. Jepson.

WLJ:H

November 23, 1926.

Dr. W.L. Jepson,  
Department of Botany,  
University of California,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Jepson:

Your presentation copy of the manuel<sup>a</sup> is deeply appreciated, and I am very much pleased to be so kindly remembered<sup>a</sup>. We used the manuel<sup>a</sup> in the systematic work last spring, and found it most satisfactory. The automobile has so extended the area covered by a class, that it is a great convenience to have the whole state included. My students determined Humboldt, Shasta and Sierra Nevada plants just as readily as the local, An experience never before enjoyed in my twenty or more years of teaching.

Most sincerely yours,

[11 Masswood Road]  
Berkeley, Calif

Jan. 29, 1927

FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

The Council of the California Botanical Society has selected you to preside at the Annual Dinner on Saturday evening, February 12, and I hope very much that you will come up. Anyway, it's your turn, as you are still First Vice President of the Society.

I am getting ready to build on my lot above the head of Bancroft Way on the hillside. The garage and servants' quarters are



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done, but the house plans are only now  
being made ready. I greatly regret  
that it is not possible to offer you  
the shelter of a roof, but I will  
provide for you over night in  
some other way. As to this I will  
let you know about the details  
in a few days.

Dr. Chaney of the Carnegie Insti-  
tution will be one of the main  
speakers.

I hope all goes well with your  
work. With many pleasant  
remembrances,

Yours sincerely

W. L. Jepson.

Feb. 4, 1927.

Dr. W.L. Jepson,  
11 Mosswood Road,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Jepson:

Your kind invitation asking me to preside at the Botanical Dinner is greatly appreciated, but as it happens I feel you have made an unfortunate choice. I had written a letter sending my regrets, which through an oversight was not mailed over the week-end, and now your printed circular has arrived which alters the situation.

My principal reason for wishing to be relieved is a poor voice. It is never strong, and just now it is unusually bad on account of a cold that still lingers. If it is not too late I hope you will get some one else. The logical person, every member will agree, is yourself, and it seems to me especially appropriate that you should preside this year.

Most sincerely yours,

[11 Mosswood Road, Berkeley]

FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

June 7, 1927.

Dear Dr. A. S. S. —

I am much taken aback, especially at this late date, to learn that in some way there was a misunderstanding about the California Botanical Society dinner program. The Council wished you to be Foremaster, the Society expected you to be, and needless to say I very much desired it. We understood, indeed, you were not coming. I wanted to talk with you that evening, but this year all the details of the dinner had been taken over by myself and I was overwhelmed with my effort to have it go off smoothly as if there were no struggle or effort.

Wish you and show about your contribute some short articles for the Journal of the California Botanical Society. We say "short" because printing prices are so excessive that

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we can issue any 8 pages at a time. And we do not want to give up a whole issue to one contributor. It is planned, when we start again, to keep going regularly and promptly as a quarterly - and then bimonthly as soon as we can stand the strain. It is not planned to compete, of course, with regular journals or proceedings, but to gather up, what might otherwise be lost, of short notes and facts. Pierce says the articles should be wholly biologic, physiologic and the like. I agree; but until he contribute enough to fill all the pages so, then I must piece out with systematic stuff.

Further we must extend our membership even to keep 8 pages going. Won't you help out by sending in a few names as you meet persons who may be interested?

Yours Sincerely

W. L. Jepson.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

11 Mosswood Road,  
Berkeley, California,  
December 2, 1927.

Doctor LeRoy Abrams,  
Department of Botany,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear Doctor Abrams:-

Enclosed you will find a brief note relating to the personal history and training of Mr. Rimo Bacigalupi. I would be glad if you would criticize this, both by way of subtraction and addition, from the standpoint of his possible qualifications for filling the curatorship of an herbarium. Any information that you can give me, both for and against him, will be appreciated and held confidential. I shall be glad of as early an answer as you may find it convenient to make.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson.

WLJ/MBG

See Jepson to Abrams  
2 Dec 1927

Mr. Rimo Bacigalupi.

Took his B. A. and M. A. at Stanford University.  
At present Instructor in Botany at Mills College.  
Twenty-six years of age.

He is well-grounded in the principles of systematic botany and has an accurate and fairly extensive acquaintance with the California flora. He is an eager collector and has a real liking for herbarium work. His acquaintance with foreign languages is excellent. He speaks French, Italian and Spanish, reads German very well, and has a working knowledge of Latin.

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

11 Mosswood Road,  
Berkeley, California,  
February 10, 1928.

Doctor L. R. Abrams,  
Stanford University,  
California.

My dear Abrams:-

It would give the members of the California Botanical Society great pleasure if you would make a brief talk on any subject that interests you at the dinner on February the 18th. It is our custom, you know, to have a few short speakers in advance of the main speaker, and I hope that you can be one. It is rather hard to limit speakers who have so much to say that we should be glad to hear, but it is necessary to finish our program as near nine o'clock as possible, and it is felt that this practice in the past has a great deal to recommend it. Our members certainly like to hear reports from a variety of speakers. We hope very much that you can do this.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

WLJ/MBG

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

February 28, 1929

Dr. LeRoy Abrams  
Department of Botany  
Stanford University  
California

Dear Dr. Abrams:

Your words in memory of Mr. Parish at the dinner meeting of the California Botanical Society were wisely spoken, and in my belief the impressiveness of them was heightened by brevity. This is written to ask if you will not commit them to paper and with the two letters make an article for Madrono? Such a record would be worth while. I hope you can do it.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*W.L. Jepson*

W.L. Jepson

WLJ H



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
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Nov. 15, 1929.

Dear Dr. Abrams. —

Will you kindly loan me your specimens of *Lepidium*, Parish nos. 794 and 1187? perhaps filed under *L. menziesii*, perhaps under *L. reticulatum* or maybe *L. virginicum*.

I should also like to have your representation of *Arabis pulchra* Jones, *Arabis perennans* Wats., *Arabis Beckwithii* Wats. and *A. canescens* Nutt.

So far as I can see at this moment this loan will not be needed above a week.

I shall be obliged for the trouble which is taken. The parcel may be sent by express collect or by parcel post at your convenience.

Very sincerely Yours,

Address:

Division of Phænogamic Botany,  
203 Botany Bldg.,  
University Campus,

Berkeley, California

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

Apr. 4, 1929

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

By parcel post I am returning the loan  
of Cruciferae sheets so kindly placed at my disposal.  
One sheet is being held because a drawing is not  
quite finished but will be returned tomorrow or in  
a few days. Please to accept my best thanks for  
your consideration.

Very Sincerely Yours

W. L. Jepson.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

November 12, 1929

Dr. L. R. Abrams  
Dudley Herbarium  
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear Dr. Abrams:

Please to accept my thanks for the Parish matter, which we will try to make into a little memorial notice.

It has been on my mind to look in on you at Stanford, but various matters have kept me steadily fast here. I shall be glad to talk over the matter of the drawings of *Eriogonum* any time that is convenient.

It has now been my good fortune to clear up the matter of *Eriogonum deserticola*. I chanced on it myself, a bush in the Colorado Desert, but did not suspect it could be Watson's species on account of his intimation that it was annual. However I now have good flowering material and woody axes three feet long and one-and-a-half to two inches in diameter. Curiously enough, as so often happens when once the thing is located, it is found to be very common in its district.

Likewise *Eriogonum palmeri* has been now definitely placed on my *Eriogonum* map. It is another clear type which was omitted from the Manual because of lack of knowledge concerning it.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Sept. 3.  
1830

Dear Dr. Adams. -

For several weeks my time has been devoted to a study of the Benthamian types of *Eriogonum*. Today I looked up the original Mezies' specimen of *Eriogonum fasciculatum* at the Natural History Museum, with especial reference to corolla pubescence. I regret that you are not here, according to your first plan, so that we might talk the subject a bit.

Yours very Sincerely  
W. L. Jepson.

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

Please to accept my thanks for the  
copy of Benson's Trees and Shrubs of western Oregon. I am  
writing a notice of it for the next Madrona.

Yours sincerely  
W. L. Jepson

Nov. 24, 1930

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

Dear Dr. Abrams. —

I am extremely glad to have your article on *Gaultheria* for Madroño. It indicates, obviously, certain confusion in California material. With this I am mailing by parcel post a few (six) sheets from the working collection of the "Flora of California", in accordance with your letter of December 4.

Yours sincerely  
W. L. Jepson

Dec. 5, 1933.

17 April 1934

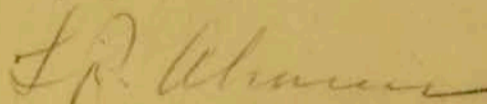
Dear Professor Jepson,

I am planning to have my second volume of the Illustrated Flora ready for the press early in the autumn. This will include the Choripetalae from the Polygonaceae on, and also the Sympetalae up to and including the Primulaceae.

Please let me know how you are getting along with the Eriogomeae, and when you would like to discuss the question of illustrations. I have on hand quite a number of drawings of Eriogonum, Chorizantho etc, but by no means all of them.

I am deeply sorry that I missed your Research lecture. Every one speaks very highly of it. I congratulate you on the honor and especially on the credit you have brought to systematic botany.

Cordially yours,



P.S. On account of the requirement of a Latin description I am not publishing new species in the Flora, so if you have any new species or subspecies in the groups you are contributing I suggest that you take care of their initial publication in Madrono. Of course there need be no especially hurry, for it will take several months for the volume to go through the press, after I get every thing assembled and submitted.

May 9, 1934.

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

Returning from the field I find your letter of April 17. I am glad to know that you are so well forward with your work and I shall make every attempt to keep up with you as to the Eriogonae. It will be best, I think, to submit a draft to you for criticisms and suggestions, with the idea of meeting your requirements as to conformity with the general plan of your flora. Possibly I can "get by" without much necessity for Latin diagnoses. At present I am loaded up with our end-of-the-year duties, but I plan soon to get at the manuscript again and determine how much work remains on it. Many drawings I suppose might be made, but there are others that are better to wait on the final decisions as to species. I will write again as soon as I can.

Yours Sincerely

W. L. Jepson.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

Jan. 14, 1935

Dr. LeRoy Abrams,  
Dep't. of Botany,  
Stanford University.

Dear Dr. Abrams.--

Professor P. A. Munz has in Bot. Gaz. 85:250 cited Austin & Bruce 2364 (Shumway, Lassen Co.), of the Dudley Herbarium as Oenothera<sup>andina</sup> Nutt. var. *typica*. I do not wish you to verify this determination but will you kindly see if the collection is all one thing?

As the same species, same place, he cites likewise Austin & Bruce 2364 of the University of California Herbarium. In our collection there are five individuals on the sheet. Four of these are cruciferous plants, the fifth being Oenothera andina. All the material in the pocket on the sheet is also cruciferous.

If you can make the needed examination, I shall be greatly obliged. My best wishes for your prosperity in 1935.

Yours sincerely

W. L. Jepson

W. L. Jepson

January 28, 1935

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Sciences Bldg.  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

Our herbarium sheet of Austin and Bruce No. 2364 contains six specimens -- two of which are Oenothera andina, the other four closely resembling these in habit, hence the confusion, but they are young flowering specimens of Cleomella parviflora.

Hoping that I may see you at the Botanical Dinner,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

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LRA:J

May 10, 1935

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Sciences Building  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

My manuscript for the second volume of the Illustrated Flora of the Pacific States is about wound up and will go to press in the autumn or early winter. May I ask how you are getting on with the manuscript of the Polygonaceae? If possible, I should appreciate having it sometime this summer, for as you know from much experience making the final preparations for printing takes much time.

As I think I wrote you, I do not have in mind publishing new species or varieties that require Latin descriptions in the Flora, so if you have any of those in mind, would suggest that you plan prior publication in Madrono or elsewhere. I am planning to do the same, soon, and in that connection the thought has just occurred to me that you may have some parts of the "Flora of California" printed which I have not seen. We have parts I-VII. Please let me know if any more have been published.

Sincerely,

LRA:J

3000 Life Sciences Bldg.,  
University, Berkeley.  
May 13, 1935.

Prof. L. R. Abrams,  
Dudley Herbarium,  
Stanford University.

Dear Dr. Abrams:

Dr. Jepson is away at present but I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 10. The manuscript of *Eriogonum* is progressing, and grows as time goes on, but Dr. Jepson has had in mind for some time that you would be calling for it, and expects to have it ready, barring unforeseen circumstances, at your need. He does not anticipate any difficulty about publishing new names. The closely related genera are being worked too.

Yours sincerely,

*L. T. Dempster*

L. T. Dempster,  
Research Assistant.

*file under (Jepson)*

CUNARD WHITE STAR



PASSENGERS  
WAITING ROOM

26-27, COCKSPUR STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew,  
Surrey, England,  
September 11, 1935

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

This is the third summer that I have been at Kew working on the *Eriogonaeae*. As you would understand and expect the problems continue to increase in number and grow space, but must be brought to a close whenever necessary for your flora.

For practical reasons I am trying to make the keys as usable as possible. It is helpful to try out new collections on the keys but I have used up all my own gatherings at that game. If you

have any unnamed specimens - duplicates  
that you can, without too much trouble,  
place at my disposal I should  
be happy to receive them at  
Berkeley. I shall come down to Stanford  
and go over your mounted material  
again, because it is now many  
years since I looked at it.

I have just returned to Gen  
from the Botanical Congress at  
Amsterdam. It was a fine gathering  
and I enjoyed it hugely. I expected  
to see you there and regret that  
you did not come.

Every time that I leave California  
I go back to it - my home land -  
with new delight and new pleasure.  
But I had news in a letter today  
from one of my laboratory assistants  
which caused my heart to sink

into my shoes. He said that the enrollment at Berkeley was 1500 above last year. Since we already had 5000 to 8000 students too many, this is a real calamity - a tragedy which is intensified by decreasing budgets for laboratories. So though I come home joyfully, I dread the hundreds of pounds of mail awaiting me, the telegrams, telephones, the steady line of visitors through my door, the obvious needs of students - and without any means or facilities for handling all this. Even the complete sacrifice of my own time does not answer. I think that you at Stanford are to be congratulated that you have a limitation on numbers.

With pleasant remembrances and  
best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Willis Linn Jepson

October 23, 1935

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Science Building  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

Over the week-end I took my class in forest botany on a field-trip across the Sierras, otherwise I certainly should have attended the Nuttall celebration at the Jepson Laurel. I was very sorry not to be with you on such a memorable occasion.

As I wrote you last spring, I am planning to turn my manuscript for the second volume of the Illustrated Flora over to the printers in January, and I am pleased to know you will be able to have the Eriogoniceae ready before that time. Would you be willing to treat the entire family? I think I also told you that some of the drawings of this family were made several years ago. I can give you a list of these and can arrange to have my artist draw any additional ones that may be needed. Would you care to have a conference to clear up any details?

Very sincerely yours,

LRA:J



3000 Life Sciences Bldg.  
University of California  
Berkeley, California  
November 27, 1935

Dr. L. R. Abrams  
Natural History Museum  
Stanford University  
California

Dear Dr. Abrams:

I have been trying almost every day to get away to Stanford to see you in response to your request for a conference, but each time I have been defeated and I now write this note. However, I shall come at my first opportunity. There are certain reasons why it would please me very much, on account of certain materials and notes which I have accumulated, and on account of old-time interest, to do the whole of Polygonaceae for you, and especially the genus Polygonum -- but it would not seem possible to get it done in time -- there would not be enough time.

It seems likely that you did not receive a letter which was sent you from Kew and so I enclose a copy. It is not of much moment now, but the letter indicates the months put in on Eriogonum at Kew.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

December 19, 1935

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Sciences Building  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

I am sorry my recent letter did not acknowledge the receipt of your letter from Kew. The fact is, I am rather inexperienced at dictation and so I often say things I ought not to say, and leave unsaid those things I ought to have said..... Perhaps a psychologist would find some "inhibition" or "complex" at the bottom of it all. In your case, for instance, I might have been blind with envy of your summer at Kew and the British Museum, but however the psychologist may measure our actions and reactions, I certainly would enjoy another summer in England, and I am sure you did.

We do not have any supply of duplicates arranged by families, but Mrs. Ferris has two *Eriogonums* of this year's collections that may be of interest to you. We are sending them by parcel post.

Perhaps it would be more convenient for you if I came to Berkeley for our conference. I would like especially to discuss the drawings with you, as soon as convenient.

Yours sincerely,

LRA:J

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

Room 3000, Life Sciences Building, March 7, 1936

Dr. L. R. Abrams,  
Dudley Herbarium,  
Stanford University.

Dear Sir.--

I find your name on the Flora of California mailing list, and in Dr. Jepson's absence I am sending you Volume two, part two, which I trust you receive safely.

Yours truly,

A. C. Carlson  
Assistant to Dr. Jepson

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
BERKELEY

January 3, 1935.

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

I have been taken down with a cold, but it is my hope to get out of it shortly when I will answer your letter more definitely.

With best wishes for the New Year

Yours Sincerely

Willis Linn Jepson



St. Helena Sanitarium  
Sanitarium, California

February 12, 1936.

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

It is my hope to get over this "cold" and its resulting depression in two or three weeks, when I plan to have typed two of the genera of Polygonaceae, in order that you may criticize the manuscript as to treatment or form.

The interruptions which overwhelm me, and upset my "planned economy", are greatly to be regretted but I have found no way of avoiding them in Berkeley. I will write again as soon as things better.

Yours Sincerely  
Willis Linn Jepson



St. Helena Sanitarium  
Sanitarium, California

Feb. 29, 1936

Dear Dr. Abrams. -

This is to report some  
progress, which encourages the hope  
that more can be done soon.

Yours Sincerely,  
W.L. Jepson.

March 11, 1936

Dear Dr. Jepson,

Your note of February 29th reporting progress was very good news. I have not seen St. Helena for a number of years, but on one of our camping trips we spent a few days there resting up, and it was a haven to us then.

Please do not let the manuscript of the *Eriogoneae* disturb you. I still have some alterations and last minute checking up to do.

When you do feel like getting back to work, I shall be glad to talk over the form of text and the drawings with you.

Wishing you rapid and complete recovery to your old vigorous self, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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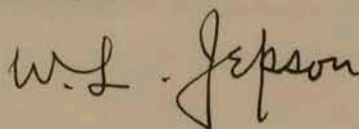
Sept. 17, 1936.

Dear Dr. Abrams.—

With this letter, and attached hereto, I am sending you a copy of Part 1, Volume 1, of the Flora of California. This part completes Volume 2, including title and index.

Yesterday I wrote your name on a copy, but noticing that it was slightly imperfect I laid it aside. On account of the numerous and often insistent interruptions to which I am subject, I now find that an asistant mailed you this copy. Will you be so good as to return it—the one sent yesterday. I am enclosing address slip and postage. I shall be greatly obliged for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



W. L. Jepson.



October 1, 1936

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Science Building  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

Complementary copies of two parts of your Flora of California recently were received. Pressure of the opening days of college have not permitted me to look through these carefully, but I know they are of the same high standard as the earlier numbers. I appreciate your courtesy very much indeed.

Sincerely yours,

LRA:J

January 13, 1937

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Sciences Building  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

With the exception of the Eriogoneae, the manuscript for my second volume is now practically completed and I wish to have it ready for the printers early in March. I know you are hard pressed for time and that my asking you to contribute this group was an imposition; therefore, if you are not able to prepare the manuscript before that time, I wish you would feel free to beg off. I am sure our friendship through these many years will permit this without any misunderstandings on either side.

With kind regards and best wishes for the new year,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

LEA:J

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
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3000 Life Sciences Building  
January 22, 1937

Dr. LeRoy Abrams,  
Director of the Museums,  
Stanford University, California

Dear Dr. Abrams.—

It is doubtless necessary to acquiesce in the suggestion contained in your letter of January 13, since it seems impossible to complete the manuscript of *Eriogonum* in time for your need. So much effort has been given the genus that one dislikes to relinquish a task on which he has labored long. The hope of uninterrupted time is, here in this place, an illusion. Tomorrow, in a sufficient way, is wholly free. So were the "tomorrows" of years past. So was today yesterday. And today is hopelessly insufficient to meet the unexpected demands that multiply about one every hour when one is surrounded by a huge population. And tomorrow will be even less sufficient.

Over and above my desire to finish a botanical task once begun, there is impelling me, another reason of which you might never think, perhaps scarcely understand. In the place where you work you give and receive cooperation. In the place where I work I give cooperation — and with the

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more zeal because of the relations involved here. It would be a satisfaction, I have thought, to have my name in your flora as a sort of evidence of cooperation with the public in general, which I feel has been wide and unstinted, though there be little permanent record of it. I entertain the illusion that next summer vacation I could complete the Eriogonum paper -- but I do not expect you to set any store by my illusions.

With kind regards, and best wishes for the success of your great undertaking,

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STORE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
BERKELEY

Berkeley, California  
February 7, 1939

Dr. W. L. Jepson  
Life Science Building  
University of California

Dear Dr. Jepson:

I hereby desire to certify that a stock of each of the  
six paper-bound parts of

Jepson's MANUAL OF THE FLOWERING PLANTS OF CALIFORNIA

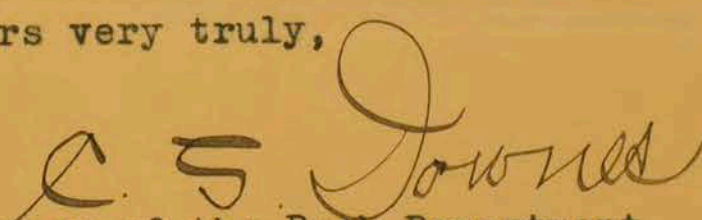
were received at the Associated Students Store, University  
of California, and placed on sale at the following dates  
as shown by our stock records:

Pages 1 to 32,	Nov. 27, 1925.
Pages 33 to 128,	Sept. 28, 1923.
Pages 129 to 384,	Dec. 6, 1923.
Pages 385 to 768,	April 14, 1925.
Pages 769 to 960,	Sept. 23, 1925.
Pages 961 to 1170,	Nov. 24, 1925.

(Pages 1171 to 1238 were issued with pages 1 to 32).

It is to be said that in response to one inquiry only  
the reply was made that the work was not available. This  
was wholly an inadvertence due to an error in supposing  
that the inquirer wished a bound volume. This reply was  
made prior to the receipt of the stock of bound volumes.

Yours very truly,

  
Manager of the Book Department  
Associated Students Store  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

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11 Mosswood Road  
Berkeley, California  
April 27th 1939

Dr. L. R. Abrams,  
Dudley Herbarium,  
Stanford University, California.

Dear Dr. Abrams.--

With this I am enclosing a statement regarding the publication dates of my Manual of the Flowering Plants of California. It is scarcely a necessary statement, it seems to me, but you may wish to put it in your files in such manner that any interested person may consult it.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

See Jepson to  
Abrams, 27 Apr 1939

The dates of publication of Jepson's Manual  
of the Flowering Plants of California

The dates of publication of the various parts of my Manual of  
the Flowering Plants of California are as follows:

Signature 1.                   Pages 1 to 32, Nov. 27, 1925.  
Signatures 2 to 4.           Pages 33 to 128, Sept. 28, 1923.  
Signatures 5 to 12.         Pages 129 to 384, Dec. 5, 1923.  
Signatures 13 to 24.       Pages 385 to 768, Apr. 14, 1925.  
Signatures 25 to 30.       Pages 769 to 960, Sept. 23, 1925.  
Signatures 31 to 37.       Pages 961 to 1170, Nov. 24, 1925.

On account of certain difficulties in 1922 it was clear to me  
that printing of my Manual would be slow. Therefore, as soon as a  
certain number of signatures were printed, a stock of such signatures  
was bound in paper covers and distributed by mail to various insti-  
tutions or individuals and also placed on sale at the Associated  
Students Store in Berkeley on the dates as above indicated. One  
hundred sets of each lot were brought to Berkeley for this purpose.  
The dates given above are the dates as given on back of title in the  
bound volume. The same dates appear throughout the volume on the  
last page of the last signature of each part or lot. Pages 1171 to  
1236 (index matter at end of volume) were issued Nov. 27, 1925 with  
pages 1 to 32.

It has also been my practice to make immediate application for  
copyright on the publication date. For this purpose copies of each

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lot of signatures of the Manual were sent to the Bureau of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., on the publication date for each lot. The last lot of signatures was mailed on Nov. 27, 1925. As shown by my Certificate of Copyright, this lot was received at Washington on December 3, 1925. This Certificate of Copyright is numbered as follows: Class A, Xxc., No. 875636.

The following personal note may be of some interest. My earliest University years in Botany were spent as assistant to a polished and able scholar, Edward Lee Greene, who took the most intense interest in nomenclature and everything that had to do with nomenclature. He cared tremendously about the subject. In printing botanical papers the utmost care was exercised by Professor Greene regarding dates of publication. He so impressed upon me, when I was very young, a sense of responsibility in such matters that it seems to me impossible that I should ever fail to meet the obligations as to dates in botanical publication. It was Professor Greene's practice, enforced by a philosophy duly expounded, to place his publications on sale in full time to meet the requirements of the exact publication date. He had also another practice, namely, that he mailed presentation copies of his publications to a selected list of botanists and botanical institutions on the publication date. He did not philosophise to me concerning this, but in time, through reflection, my own philosophy was developed concerning it. Printing is, of course, not publication. Even placing a publication on sale may not truly be publication, since the publication may not sell. Real publication is distribution, and not merely distribution, but distribution to interested persons, in this case to botanists and botanical institutions. In the case of every botanical publication with which I have had to do, the



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publication has not only been placed on sale on the printed date, but also distributed as presentation copies. Copies of the various parts of the Manual of Flowering Plants of California were not only ready and placed on public sale on the dates indicated above, but presentation copies were also distributed on the date of each part.

In November, 1892, I distributed circulars to botanists making announcement of the appearance in January, 1893, of Brythos, a new journal of botany. Likewise, since that time, circulars have been distributed in advance announcing every new publication of mine. Circulars announcing the Manual were distributed in advance of the publication of the first lot of signatures.

Since the above dates of publication of the Manual of the Flowering Plants of California are exactly those on back of title in the published book, there is really no sound reason for this explicit statement. It seems, however, that during the course of publication an inquiry for the book addressed to a bookstore was answered by a clerk inadvertently in the negative. The clerk, later, readily admitted his error as an oversight. If so trivial a circumstance is to be capitalized, then such a novel idea can unquestionably be used to upset every publication date as far back as the first edition of Linnaeus' Species Plantarum, and without any exception whatsoever.

Even trivialities may, however, be magnified and I think it wise to supplement this statement with a signed letter from the Manager of the Associated Bookstore, declaring that, according to the records of the store, the parts of the Manual of Flowering Plants of California were placed on sale on the dates as printed in each part.

Willis Linn Jepson.

Willis Linn Jepson

Berkeley, California.

April 3, 1939.

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Room 3000  
Life Sciences Building,  
Berkeley, California.  
June 20, 1941.

Dr. L. R. Abrams,  
Dudley Herbarium,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear Dr. Abrams:

Successive goings away into the field have put me behind on my desk work. Amongst many memoranda I find a slip indicating you have been here in Berkeley and wished something. It goes without saying anything I have is at your command and I will send you material any time. I am sure it is not at all necessary to say this to you, but this letter does give me opportunity to express my pleasure that you troubled to come so far to our Commencement here in Berkeley on May 24 when I received my degree. I warmly appreciate so friendly a gesture.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*W. L. Jepson*

W. L. Jepson

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11 Mosswood Road,  
Berkeley, California.  
July 31, 1941.

Dr. L. R. Abrams,  
Dudley Herbarium,  
Stanford University,  
California.

Dear Dr. Abrams:

As a consequence of a paper read at the Council Meeting of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, October 5, 1940, at the invitation of Mrs. Bryant, the Managing Director, a report was prepared for Mrs. Bryant at her request on the matter of the Garden's publications. At the Council Meeting, April 19, 1941, a Committee consisting of Dr. L. R. Abrams, Dr. P. A. Munz and myself (Chairman) was appointed by Mrs. Bryant to consider further details of the matter of publications. After a personal interview on the subject with Mrs. Bryant, I conferred with Dr. C. B. Wolf, Botanist of the Garden, who is the one staff member most personally concerned as to publication of scientific papers.

As a result of that talk with Dr. Wolf, I am submitting herewith, for your use, a draft of the consensus of opinion of our talk. Your fullest criticism on these proposals is solicited, and especially is it desired that you should make alternative proposals or supply plans for any phase of the matter that has been overlooked. I hope that you will furnish as full details as possible for any procedure that you regard as advisable or desirable.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Jepson

Enclosure

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11 Mosswood Road, Berkeley,  
California, July 6, 1943.

Dear Dr. Abrams.—

Joseph Grinnell once wrote me that botanists in general have no conception of the amount of labor and devotion given, during its preparation, to a major systematic work. But the years of unflagging industry, enforced by signal capacities, which are necessary for the completion of your Flora of the Pacific Coast, form a clear and definite picture in my mind. For volume one, which you so kindly send me, I thank you heartily. My esteem for so great a work will be lasting, but perhaps I may say that this particular copy will be most prized as a token of that pleasant friendship between us which has endured so long and will last for a life time.

With best wishes and happy remembrances,

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. Jepson*

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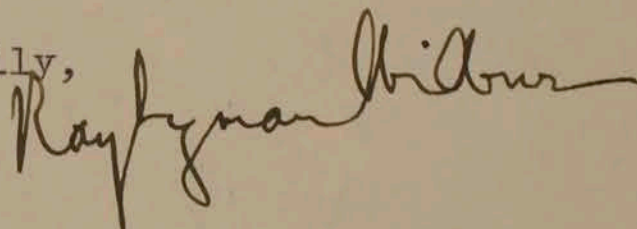
March 4, 1948.

My dear Abrams:

It is very pleasing to me to see the announcement of your election to honorary membership in the California Academy of Sciences. I know of no one who is more deserving of such an honor than you, and I am indeed gratified that it has come to you.

With congratulations, and every good wish to you and to Mrs. Abrams,

Faithfully,



R.L.Wilbur/ELF

Professor LeRoy Abrams,  
653 Cabrillo Street,  
Stanford University.