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MATUDA HERBARIUM

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MEXICO, D. F.

F.M.
Instituto de Biologia
Casa de Lago, Chapultepec,
Mexico, D.F., Mexico

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March 26 1952

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
Division of Botany
University of California
Los Angeles 24, California
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Mathias

I am sending you a packet of botanical specimens
by this Institution, some Labiatae an Umbelliferae, in con-
tinuation for your identification.

Your colaberation are highly appreciated
Hoping to hear your continued success,
With best wishes and kind concerns
I beg to remain

Your very turly

E. Matuda
E. Matuda
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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 5, 1932.

Dr. O. E. Jennings,
Carnegie Museum,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

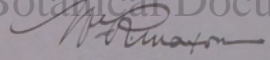
Dear Dr. Jennings:

At the request of Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
there are being forwarded to the Carnegie Museum
in your care 258 specimens of Umbelliferae, which
Miss Mathias selected for study during her recent
visit here. ~~The~~ Shipment is by express.

258 OK
O.E.J.

I do not know how long Miss Mathias is likely
to need the specimens, but if they can be returned
by June 1, without serious hindrance to her work,
the favor will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



William R. Maxon
Associate Curator
Division of Plants.

(Copy to Miss Mathias)

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 20, 1939

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Mathias:

It has been a long time since we have heard from you. The last news that I had was that you had been ill, but I sincerely hope you are ^{now} up to the mark. If so, and you are at work again on your favorite group, I shall be glad if you will have a look at the 14 specimens of Mexican Umbelliferae collected by Lyonnet, which were sent on loan during the latter part of December. If you can readily write in identifications, even conventional ones, we should rather like to have the material back, so as to be able to report the identifications to Professor Lyonnet. He has been successful in obtaining several subscribers for sets of his Mexican plants and is, I think, in need of the names.

Of course you know that Mr. Killip has been in Colombia since the latter part of January. He complains bitterly about having been confined pretty much to cities (from which points, however, it appears that he has made numerous fine excursions), and says he longs to get back to the wilds of Plummers Island! He is sailing May 1 and will be back here about the tenth.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly

William R. Maxon
Curator, Division of Plants

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May 11, 1939

Mrs. G. L. Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

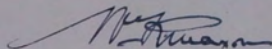
Many thanks indeed for your letter of April 27, both for the personal good news it contains and for looking up the fourteen Umbelliferae concerning which I inquired.

As to the latter, you say that twelve of the fourteen Lyonnet specimens were to be returned by some member of the herbarium staff at once, but the package has not been received, and I think I ought to let you know about it, since ten days have elapsed. I have no idea the package has been lost in the mails, and surmise that it must have been laid aside and merely overlooked.

Mr. Killip is presumably now on the high seas. He should arrive in New York May 16, and I suppose we shall be seeing him the next day.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly



William R. Maxon
Curator, Division of Plants

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WILLIAM R MAXON.

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North Texas State Teachers College
Denton, Texas

Department of Biology

23 February 1940

Dr. Mildred Mathias
Department of Botany
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Mathias:

I would like to send you numbered duplicate herbarium specimens of some Central North Texas Umbelliferae if you would be willing to verify, or in some instances determine these specimens.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. L. McCart

Wm. L. McCart

Curator of the Herbarium

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North Texas State Teachers College

Denton, Texas

Department of Biology

11 March 1940

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
Herbarium of the University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Mathias:

I was pleased to receive your card a few days ago in which you said you would determine or check identifications of the Umbelliferae from this region.

I have been working on twenty-nine counties of central North Texas, many of which have had little or no botanical exploration carried on in them.

It will probably take a few weeks to assemble the duplicate specimens that we will present to you.

The specimens will probably come in packages of fifty specimens. I will write you again when the specimens are sent.

I receive my mail prompter when addressed to 805 Avenue A, Denton, Texas

Respectrully yours,

Wm. L. McCart
Curator of the Herbarium

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answered
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reprint sent
see studies II.

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September 6, 1938

Mrs. Mildred M. Hassler,
1156 Keeler Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr. C. O. Erlanson, to ask if you still have available reprints of your papers on "Cymopterus and Related Genera" and the recent one on Lomatium. If so, I should much appreciate it if you could spare me copies of these papers. If in return I can send you reprints of anything which I have on hand, I shall be most happy to do so.

Mr. Erlanson sends his regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Rogers McVaugh,
Associate Botanist

RMcV. IMS

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October 4, 1938

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
1156 Keeler Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

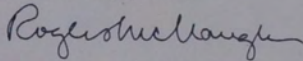
My dear Miss Mathias:

Thank you very much for the package of reprints which arrived safely yesterday. I am very glad, indeed, to have them. I have a few reprints in which you may be interested and I shall try to send them along in the next few days.

Mr. Erlanson is now out of town for several weeks as a delegate to a botanical convention in Brazil. I suspect he is having a wonderful time.

Thank you for your note and I have given your messages to Mr. Killip and Mr. Morrison.

Very sincerely yours,



Rogers McVaugh,
Associate Botanist.

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November 23, 1938

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
1156 Keeler Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Miss Mathias:

We are sending you under separate cover a specimen of an Umbellifer, grown in our Plant Introduction Garden at Glenn Dale, Maryland, wondering if you can give us an identification. The seeds came from Henry A. Dreer in Philadelphia and are said to have come originally from Mexico under the name of Mexican Lace Flower.

If you can put a name on this plant for us, we shall be very glad to have you keep the specimen and shall deeply appreciate the favor.

Very sincerely yours,

Rogers McVaugh

Rogers McVaugh,
Associate Botanist.

RMcV. IMS

*Ammi Majus L.
European + Northern African -
introd in Mexico + in U.S.
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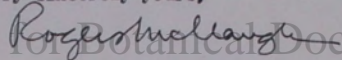
January 30, 1939

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias,
1156 Keeler Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Mathias:

Thank you for your letter of January 24 and for your kindness in determining the specimen of Ammi Majus. I had tried vainly to run it down in the National Herbarium.

Very sincerely yours,



Rogers McVaugh,
Associate Botanist.

RMcV. IMS

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March 17, 1932.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
4 Tudor Hall,
4825 Center Ave.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Miss Mathias:-

At the time your letter of January 16th was received we were trying to work out some scheme by which certain modifications could be made in reference to the publication of parts of the North American Flora. I am very sorry that I did not at that time note the last paragraph in your letter as I should very much like to have an opportunity of discussing the matter of work on the Umbelliferae with you. The situation with which we are faced is, that the Umbelliferae comes at the very end of a proposed volume and nothing has been done on any of the preceding families in this particular volume. It is, of course, desirable that an approximate sequence of families be maintained. Dr. Gleason, Dr. Barnhart and myself have given considerable attention to the matter and we have worked out a tentative plan of issuing separately paged parts of individual volumes in those cases where nothing intended to be included in a particular volume has as yet been published. I think this scheme is a practicable one and it would enable us to proceed more rapidly with publication in the future than has been the case in the past, provided arrangements can be made for the actual preparation of the manuscript covering the individual families. I think you will agree with me that it is highly desirable, wherever possible, to take advantage of the accumulated knowledge of specialists in individual groups.

Unfortunately, this institution, like others of its kind, is handicapped at the present time because of insufficient funds and I do not see any immediate possibility of adding to our staff just now. An ideal arrangement, perhaps, might be an appointment covering a reasonable period of time that would enable a specialist to work either at The New York Botanical Garden or elsewhere on the preparation of the manuscript covering an individual family. It is possible that some scheme like this may be consummated in the future, but there seems to be no immediate prospect of funds being made available for this specific purpose. The best that I could possibly do at the present time would be to give you a scholarship appointment for a limited period on a very nominal salary, and I doubt very much whether anything I could offer would be satisfactory to you. Still, there is a possibility that something mutually satisfactory could be arranged that would enable you to go ahead on the actual preparation of the manuscript covering the Umbelliferae of North America.

March 17, 1932.

It is, of course, not essential that the work be done at any particular place, presumably much of it could be done at Pittsburg, although at times you should of course have the opportunity of consulting essential literature that probably is not available there. Some literature can be provided, perhaps on loan or perhaps by copying certain descriptions and other data of this kind. The New York Botanical Garden makes institutional loans of its herbarium material and I feel that there would be no difficulties in the case of the Umbelliferae as no one is at present working on our material representing this family. I feel certain that satisfactory arrangements could be made to borrow material from other institutions for your use.

If you have any definite suggestions to offer I wish that you would communicate with me. I know that Dr. Britton is very keenly interested in the progress of the North American Flora, as the work was initiated under his leadership and in spite of existing economic conditions I would personally like to see the work expedited. Fortunately, when it comes to the matter of publication we can handle the situation because the North American Flora, as to the actual cost of printing, is self-supporting.

Very truly yours,

E. D. Merrill
E. D. Merrill, Director.

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June 17, 1932

Dr. Mildred Mathias
Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Referring to our previous correspondence, can you give me any idea as to how long it would take you to prepare the manuscript covering the Umbelliferae for North America for publication in the North American Flora, provided some financial assistance could be granted to you by The New York Botanical Garden? I have a limited amount of money from a restricted fund that can be used for the purpose indicated. From this fund a very nominal salary of \$75.00 a month was paid to Mr. Core during the time that he spent at New York on a study of the American species of Scleria. If this relatively little financial assistance would enable you to go ahead on the project, I would be very glad to consider giving you an appointment for a number of months, if you are in a position to go ahead with the work. I can safely guarantee the continuation for at least a period of six months; just how much longer the stipend could be continued I do not know, because of existing economic conditions. This would not mean that you would of necessity have to come to New York but could do a great part of your work in Pittsburgh, although doubtless you would like to arrange to make a trip to New York to segregate material that you may need for study and to make arrangements for borrowing material from other institutions, such as the National Herbarium, Gray Herbarium, Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Field Museum.

I only wish that I had more ample restricted funds that could be used for financing the preparation of the treatment of various families for the North American Flora, but, unfortunately, this is not the case. I may state that it has been our policy to pay \$2.00 per printed page to individual authors other than those officially connected with The New York Botanical Garden. Your case is somewhat different from any other one that has been handled, in that no other collaborator has received any compensation from The New York Botanical Garden in connection with the preparation of manuscripts for the North American Flora other than the page rate mentioned above.

If you should happen to be in or near New York at any time within the next few months, I wish that you would take advantage

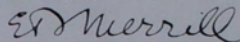
Dr. Mildred Mathias

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June 17, 1932

of the opportunity to visit the Garden and have a conference with me. I expect to be here most of the time except during August.

Very truly yours



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June 27, 1932.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
5854 Maeburn Rd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Miss Mathias:-

Referring to your letter of June 25, I expect to be in New York practically all of the time during July and shall be very glad indeed to have an opportunity of discussing with you in person the project in which we are mutually interested, that is, the preparation of the manuscript covering the systematic treatment of the Umbelliferae of North America.

I will plan definitely to be in my office on July 5. If you change your plans in reference to coming to New York, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

E. D. Merrill
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August 2, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Referring to previous correspondence and our interview regarding the work on the Umbelliferae of North America, I understand from you that the salary I was able to offer, \$75.00 per month, will be satisfactory to you. This being the case, I propose to place you on our payroll from August 1, 1932, under the title of "Research Associate."

Do you wish to have your name appear on our staff as Mildred E. Mathias, Ph. D., or should we use the name "Mrs. Gerald L. Hassler"?

For our records can you supply me with very brief biographical data covering your training and experience?

While I am certain that we can provide \$75.00 a month for the next six months, I do not know just what can be done beyond this period but think it highly probable that an extension can be arranged, if necessary.

Very truly yours

E. D. Merrill
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August 6, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Responding to your letter of August 3rd,
I will have the data copied and forwarded to you as soon as
possible. I found that I had personal copies of Richard and
Thunberg, and these are being sent to you under separate cover;
you may retain these as long as you may need them in connection
with the work that you are now doing. Eventually, they should
be returned to me. I have eliminated the species in your list
that are described in the two pamphlets being sent.

Very truly yours

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Aug 10

Dear Dr. Mathias:-

Here are all but one of your
dissectata, copied verbatim, minus where the
reference was a nomen nudum. The one
miss, Pagasea, we do not have. Photostats
of the few plates will be made & sent
later on next occasion we have to
obtain the photostat - it may be 2 or
3 weeks before sufficient means accum-
ulate to warrant us in doing this

Hastily
J. Merrill

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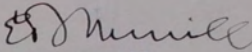
September 3, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Referring to previous correspondence and
your letter of August 22nd, I am forwarding, under separate
cover, photostat copies of the plates corresponding to de-
scriptions previously typed for you.

Very truly yours


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October 13, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

The typed data you desire will be forwarded as soon as the references can be looked up and the descriptions copied. The order is a rather large one and it will naturally take some time to search for the descriptions in the library and then have them copied. I shall not have to copy all of them as there happens to be a duplicate set of Hooker's Icones pasted into the herbarium and this will give the Hooker Icones references, as the covers bearing these clipped descriptions and illustrations will be loaned with the Sanicula and Eryngium material. I will have Dr. Barnhart check the references as to form before the list is returned to you.

To save time, I have arranged the list by works cited, and I wish that you would do this in future lists rather than arrange the references alphabetically by genera and species. What I mean will be evident to you when you receive the list after the descriptions are copied.

Dr. Barnhart informs me that pre-Linnean synonyms are not cited in the North American Flora, but good pre-Linnean illustrations are occasionally cited. As far as I am concerned, I am willing to leave this entirely to your judgment.

I am having a rubber stamp forwarded to you for stamping our sheets after you have actually examined them. This stamp, "Examined for North American Flora", should be used on or near the label. I would very greatly prefer if you would use a pad with black, if possible, indelible ink rather than a colored aniline as the latter tends to fade badly.

Mr. Wilson is segregating the Sanicula and Eryngium material and as soon as the specimens are packed they will go forward to you by freight or express.

Very truly yours

E. D. Merrill
E. D. Merrill
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Our temporary help on whom I depend for these heavy orders for typing are here from Mondays to Thursdays & each week only. Typing will start Monday

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October 26, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

I am forwarding by express prepaid a package containing photostat reproductions of the illustrations and typed copies of the original descriptions and other data that you recently asked for. We succeeded in locating all but one of the original descriptions. I have turned your list over to Dr. Barnhart who will place the abbreviations in the form used in the North American Flora and return the list to you.

Very truly yours

E. D. Merrill
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*This was the one of Scholtes in
Verh. Bot. Genootsch. which
is not in our library*

The package was addressed to the
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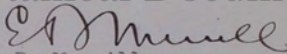
November 9, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Referring to your letter of November 6th, it will be permissible for you to return that part of the first loan that you no longer need, retaining certain material for further study. In shipping the bulk of the material please send me a memorandum covering the number of sheets that you have retained for further study, and a supplementary loan, or an extension of the original loan, will be granted for the sheets you desire to retain.

Very truly yours


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Janusry 7, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

In connection with my task of pasting clipped original descriptions and critical notes into the herbarium I find that we have single copies of your papers of 1929 "Notes on Southwestern Plants" and "Studies in the Umbelliferae II." I wonder if it would be possible for you to supply me with one extra copy of each of these and two copies of any other taxonomic reprints that may be available.

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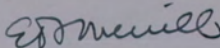
January 12, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

I am forwarding to you by parcels post about 25 sheets of Umbelliferae from the Northwestern Himalayan region. This material may be retained for your herbarium. If you can, without too much trouble, name any of the specimens, a list of numbers would be very greatly appreciated, even if such a list covers only the generic names.

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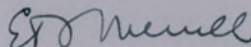
Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Many thanks for the reprints which you kindly supplied to me for clipping and insertion into the herbarium; these will be handled immediately.

The authorization that I secured sometime ago to pay you at the rate of \$75.00 a month for six months expires at the end of this month. If it is important from your standpoint that this be renewed, I think that we have funds available for another six months at the same rate, although the money is from a restricted source and compensation cannot be continued indefinitely because the income from the special fund will not be sufficient. My understanding of the situation was that you would utilize this money to pay such incidental expenses as may be necessary in connection with the prosecution of your work on the study of the Umbelliferae. Please let me know your desires in the matter so that I can take the item up with our Executive Committee in due time. The Scientific Directors have already tentatively authorized a continuation for six months, but the matter must be acted upon by the Board of Managers. In view of our financial limitations I have thought that the situation might possibly be met by a curtailment in the monthly payments so as to spread the money over a longer period of time. I realize, of course, that a monographic treatment of the Umbelliferae of North America is a long-time job and certainly one that cannot be consummated within a limited period.

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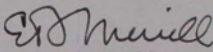
February 6, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

To assist me in securing the approval
of our Executive Committee for an extension of your ap-
pointment will you please supply me with a very brief report
covering progress you have made during the past six months?

Very truly yours


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February 27, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Referring to our previous correspondence,
I take pleasure in informing you that your position has been
continued for a period of six months at the rate of \$75.00 per
month to assist you in continuation of your work on the Monograph
of North American Umbelliferae.

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April 8, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
Carnegie Museum Herbarium
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Responding to your letter of April 6th,
please feel quite free to take with you to Washington any
of the herbarium material belonging to this institution that
you now have on loan.

Very truly yours

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July 26, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

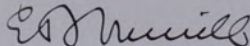
Our accountant calls my attention to the fact that the six months extension granted you in February expires at the end of July. I have no authority to continue this, except on my own personal responsibility; action by the Board of Managers or by the Executive Committee is needed. No action can be secured before about the middle of September, as a majority of the Executive Committee are absent from New York and will not return until September.

Please let me know as soon as possible how you are now situated. If it is absolutely essential, I will undertake to continue your monthly payments on my own responsibility until the Executive Committee can approve or disapprove, but disapproval would mean that I would have to pay the bill personally, although I doubt if it comes to this.

At the same time, or, perhaps better, at the end of August or early in September, please give me a summary report of the status of your work on the North American Umbelliferae. These data will be necessary for presentation to the Board when I recommend a continuance of your appointment.

I regretted very much to learn of your illness, necessitating a major operation. I sincerely hope that you have fully recovered by this time, or that you will fully recover in the very near future.

Very truly yours



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October 20, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

In following up various matters I note that I have not responded to your last letter in which you stated that you expected to be in New York in September, and that you would consult with me on the occasion of your visit here. I have been unable to do anything, as yet, regarding the continuation of your small stipend because it has been impossible for us to arrange for a meeting of our Board, although there certainly will be a meeting of the Executive Committee before the regular meeting in November. Would it be satisfactory from your standpoint if I, on my own responsibility, subject, of course, to eventual approval by the Board, continued payments to you from October 15? I am, of course, interested in expediting work on the North American Flora, and I judge that you are equally interested in completing the manuscript for the Umbelliferae.

Very truly yours

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November 17, 1933

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

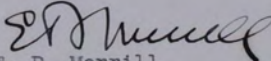
Dear Dr. Mathias:

In continuation of our recent correspondence I take pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of our Executive Committee yesterday my recommendation that your appointment be continued for a period of six months at \$75.00 per month from October 15, 1933 was approved.

Our annual meeting comes during the first week in January. I wish that toward the end of December you could prepare and send to me a brief summary report of what you have accomplished on the treatment of the Umbelliferae of North America during the period that our arrangement has been in force, that is somewhat over one year.

As to publication, we can commence very shortly after sufficient manuscript is prepared to complete a part. I do not know what your plans are, whether you prefer to complete the entire manuscript, or whether it would be possible for the earlier part, or parts, to be published in advance of the final completion of the later genera in the group.

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April 27, 1934

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Our accountant informs me that the extension of your appointment of six months expired on April 15. I realize, of course, that you have by no means finished the work on the Umbelliferae for the North American Flora and that from your standpoint a further period is desirable. It will, however, be necessary for me to take this matter up with our Executive Committee to secure the necessary authority. This I can do at our next meeting which should be held early in May. Will you therefore give me a brief status of what has been accomplished by you during the past six months on the project in which we are mutually interested. I think that funds are still available in the unexpended balance from the unrestricted endowment from which your compensation comes. Just how long we can stretch this assignment I do not know at present. I am, however, very keenly interested in the completion of the task which is now engaging your attention.

Very truly yours

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PS You might summarize very concisely what was done up to 6 months ago, and add a supplementary statement covering last 6 months
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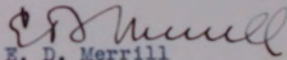
May 4, 1934

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

The list of illustrations for the North American Flora should be a selected one. Citations of only a few of the better illustrations will be sufficient. In general, selection should be made, as far as possible, from those that are more generally available rather than those in very rare and inaccessible works. I agree with you that it is desirable, as far as possible, to cite figures showing details of the structure of the fruits.

Very truly yours


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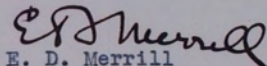
May 10, 1934

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
5854 Maeburn Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Mathias:

On my recommendation the Executive Committee of our Board of Managers at a meeting held May 7 authorized your continuance for a period of six months from April 15 at the rate of \$75.00 per month for work on the Umbelliferae for the North American Flora. I am instructing our accountant to make the necessary entry on his book and to forward to you a check covering the amount due from April 15th.

Very truly yours


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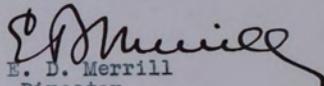
Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
Carnegie Museum
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Our accountant informs me that the extension of your appointment for six months from April 15th expires this month. As I wish to recommend to our Board of Managers at its meeting on September 21 that this appointment be continued, will you kindly send me a brief progress report on which I can base my recommendation?

I note from your letter of August 17 that you plan to transfer your work to New York about the middle of this month; this being the case, a brief report could be prepared by you after your arrival in New York. If, however, you have changed your plans, please send me a memorandum covering the case.

Very truly yours


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March 12, 1935

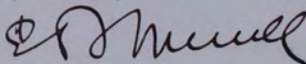
Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
R. D. Shingletown
State College, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Our Accountant calls my attention to the fact that the extension of your appointment, approved last October for six months, closes with the payment on March 15. If this is to be continued, I must secure authorization from our Board. In order to take this matter up intelligently with the Board, I will, however, need certain information from you as to what progress has been made, what is the status of the project as to completion of the manuscript, and what time do you estimate will be necessary to complete the manuscript. Can you supply these data?

At the time this arrangement was approved by me it was not anticipated that the work would be continued over such a long period of time. As I have explained to you previously, the amount paid to you is the income from a restricted fund, and we have been gradually utilizing an accumulated balance as the annual income by no means meets the amount that is being paid to you. It is only a question of time what payments will have to be reduced, or the project will have to be discontinued until the income accumulates to such a point that it may be advisable to take up the work again. This is a situation over which I have no control. I am, however, keenly interested in the completion of this work on the Umbelliferae for the North American Flora, and I sincerely hope that in the not distant future your manuscript can be completed.

Very truly yours



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April 17, 1935.

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias,
R. D. Shingletown,
State College, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

I sincerely hope that you will be able to take up work on the Umbelliferae again shortly, as now that we have put our hand to this task it is, of course, desirable that it be consummated within a reasonable time.

I acceded to your suggestion that the relatively small stipend we have been paying you be discontinued for a few months, but with this reservation, that in case you do find that you can continue on the manuscript and need the support, I will again recommend that the appointment be continued. I shall, of course, take this action whenever you let me know later in the year that you can resume your work - or I will arrange to continue it for part or all of the summer, if you so desire. I shall reserve all income from that restricted fund for your use.

Please feel perfectly free to write me if and when you can again take up the work. If you do decide to "go on vacation" this summer I shall of course expect to hear from you later in the year when you resume work.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

E. D. Merrill

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