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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

Dan E. Mayers, Esquire,  
LORIAN,  
Wadhurst: Sussex,  
England.

Dear Mr. Mayers:

In order to facilitate my future work, by reducing the immediate labors of propagation on seedlings now in partial propagation, I have undertaken to sell these stocks to the Tingle Nursery, whose address I have already sent you.

As my experience with them is entirely satisfactory as to plants and highly unsatisfactory as to communications, I am telling you this now.

As a favor to me, Mr. Tingle has agreed that I may sell a few plants by retail to special persons who have known of the work and some of whom, who have seen the plants in flower.

If you would be interested in having single plants of a number of kinds, some named and some still to be named, but under number, I can manage the shipment under your regulations, to your agents in New York. The plants are of two sizes, the larger ones will be five dollars each and the smaller sizes two and one half dollars. All will have flower buds. The local inspector can arrange for the Federal Permit for the overseas shipment. I doubt if there can be more than twenty plants, but will not make any estimate until I hear that you may be interested, or might prefer to arrange with Mr. Tingle lateron, as he means to propagate as rapidly as possible.

With this stock out of the way I can settle down to the increase of the newer things, all of which are distinct from these and excellent. Those that are now available are either double flowers, or flowers with white centers and colored margins.

Faithfully yours,

B. Y. Morrison

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LORIEN  
WADHURST, SUSSEX

August 23, 1962

B. Y. Morrison, Esq.  
Pass Christian Nurseries  
Rt. 1  
Box 24  
Pass Christian  
Mississippi  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Morrison,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 31.

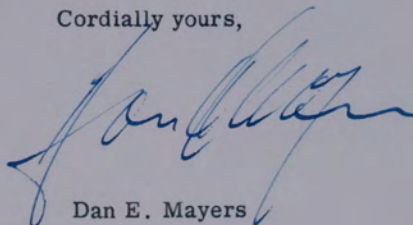
I should like very much indeed to purchase a collection of your new plants as soon as they become available commercially. Do please keep me informed regarding their development.

Regarding the Glenn Dale hybrids, perhaps you can suggest one of the commercial nurseries which has a good selection of the best plants, and perhaps you can suggest as well those which you feel would be particularly suitable for England in terms of hardiness.

The Exbury hybrids, with which you are of course familiar, are very popular here in England and I am interested particularly in the Glenn Dale azaleas which are dissimilar to the Exbury plants in colour and style of blossom.

I wish you the best of luck with your further labours directed to producing superior azaleas and hope that you will keep me informed regarding their progress.

Cordially yours,



Dan E. Mayers

Route 1 Box 24,  
Pass Christian, Miss.,  
3 September 1962

Dear Mr. Tingle:

I have an inquiry from:

Dan E. Mayers, Esquire  
LORIE  
Wadhurst, Sussex, England

for a large collection of Glenn Dale azaleas, which I have declined. I cannot, as I do not have a range of kinds and do not want that sort of a job any way.

I have referred him to you and if you want to send him a list, please do. All appearances of wealth and serious intent!

The great advantage is that you do not have to ship beyond New York where he has agents who will handle the trans-ocean part of it! The only extra thing you will have to do, is to have a special permit from USDA man, not just the State permit, to inclose with shipment. It looks to me like a good deal.

Your new list is here and you certainly have a lot of elegant things. I suspect that when I catch up with myself a little more, I will be sending you an order for miscellaneous things! I need to know more plants that will "take it" down here. The only way I have, is to try them myself.

All best wishes,

Sincerely,

B. Y. Morrison

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3 September 1962

Dan E. Mayers, Esquire  
Lorien,  
Wadhurst, Sussex, England

Dear Mr. Mayers:

Thank you for your reply of August 23.

There are only two nurseries in this country that have made any attempt to maintain in propagation the Glenn Dale azaleas.

Kingsville Nurseries, (Mr. Henry Hohman)  
Kingsville, Maryland

Tingle Nursery Company, (Mr. Leason J. Tingle)  
Pittesville, Maryland.

The latter has the larger list and issues a catalogue. Mr. Hohman does not, as he does a rather small business with a somewhat limited clientele, so that a list is not so necessary.

Mr. Hohman's plants are often pot bound and unless one breaks, tears, the outside lining of roots, the plants do not start off well. The plants are good otherwise and he is a careful propagator.

Mr. Tingle's nursery is, like my own garden, on very sandy soil. His plants are grown in large numbers and so not have the individual attention they could get in a smaller plant. If you buy from him, I think you may want to do some sharp pruning the first season, feed well and get a new start. The plants are otherwise excellent.

These prejudices of mine, may be nothing more than that but I pass them along for any use you may care to make of them.

It will be a pleasure to let you know of my new things as they come along. Some may be available this autumn if I succeed in making an arrangement with a commercial man to carry on the increases.

Faithfully yours,

B. Y. Morrison