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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

Causwick Tuesday Afternoon.

My dear Sir!

With a heavy heart I take up my pen to communicate to you, & thro: you to my dear sister, the alarming state of our very dear & valued Brother. He must consider him as sinking gradually. — Dr (oskron) thinks him worse to day, & thro: the Dr, as usual, speaks cautiously, yet his language left hardly any hope to day. —

I have had much conversation with this most dear Brother. He considered himself as entering into Spring now fast. He begged a line to be written to you to take his leave in this world of you, & when he always loved most affectionately. — — Was I to give my own opinion, I fear you wd hardly find him alive, if you were now to come down. — But I may be wrong in this. We are all apt at these times, to imagine the worst. However if my sister wished to see him again

certainly no time sh^d be lost. - It is thought better
sh^d write this to you than her, that you may see your
own discretion in communicating with her on the subject.
My mother, as well as ever possibly be expected.

Believe me D^r Sir, in much haste,

our faithfully & affectionately yr^s

R. Walden