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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.

[Misc]

Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532
January 4, 1971

(7)
Dear Jeff,

For several days I have tried to find something to write you which might give you some comfort as you face the future without Mabel. The usual expressions of sympathy seem so inadequate. To be so quickly deprived of her loving kindness and sympathy after so many and such intimate years together must seem a blow more crushing than you can endure. Just this morning I have thought of something which I am sure Mabel would have you think of at this time.

Several years ago, on Mabel's recommendation, I read Frankl's book, 'Man's search for meaning'. In it he tells of an elderly friend of his who was immensely depressed at the loss of his wife. Frankl simply asked him, 'What would have happened if you had gone first?' To this his friend replied, 'That would have been terrible--my wife would have suffered beyond endurance'. Frankl then remarked how his friend's grief was his payment for sparing his wife an equal grief. I feel, Jeff, that this is a message for you, a message from Mabel, and that if you ponder it you will find a meaning in your suffering which will help you--I earnestly hope so.

Frank tells me you are returning to the farm with a couple to help you carry on. I believe this is very wise. There, on your own beautiful hills, you can remember Mabel more keenly, and in your remembrance live again with her the many years of your work and joy together. As Frankl says at another place in his book, 'Having been is also a kind of being, and perhaps the surest kind'.

All my sympathy, Jeff, and my most affectionate good wishes.

Sincerely,

George

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON



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May 10, 1976

The Editor, New York Times
229 West 43rd St
New York, N Y 10036

Dear Sir,

The national forest management battle is being fought on the wrong issue-- economics, as understood by industry and politicians, instead of ecological impact on a priceless resource. The Congress, however, is unable to argue the proper issue, its members not being ecologists. There are literally thousands of articles on forest management. Many of those ecologically oriented are flatly contradicted by others which are written to support industry's interest in efficiency and profits. Congressmen are naturally perplexed.

At this same time the Congress is seeking a solution to the equally important problem of the BLM lands--shall we, or shall we not, just turn them over to the miners, the stockmen, and the motorcyclists? Here too ecological impact is getting short shrift.

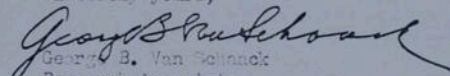
Some citizens of great concern have already called for killing the BLM bill, H.R. 5224. I call upon the Congress to kill all bills--Randolph-Brown, Humphrey et al, and any others dealing with the management of our national forests--in favor of a moratorium of two years. Two years may be too short in which to gather all that is now known about management, and sift the grain from the chaff; but more time is too long to let the rope of our forest go on as it has been accelerating since the end of World War II.

During that two years let the Congress appoint an advisory committee of scientists only--no legislators, no government executives, no hirelings of timber and lumber interests, and no one who has any personal axe to grind, not even the aestheticians. Most of these should be biologists; and every one of them should be of high rank, though not necessarily of high position. Let this committee be charged with producing a scientific report on what is now known about forest management and its total ecological impact. This report should be explicit about what is agreed upon, what is not agreed upon, and that which cannot be argued until there is more evidence.

There is already plenty in the files to fill the first two categories. That in the first category the Congress could depend upon. That in the second could be adjudicated by some further appointment, or if not put in the third group. Then two years from now let the Congress pass a five-year interim bill. In this the agreements of the first group would govern. At the same time the continuing committee would hopefully add to group one by resolution of further matters in groups two and three. At the end of the period let there be a new five-year interim bill, governed by the revised group one. And so on, five years by five years, as we all learn more about our national forest resources and their proper management.

Should the Congress make a bad blunder now, as so many of us fear it will, we shall not have any forests worth arguing about a quarter century hence. The present choice before each member of the Congress is as fateful as any which he or she has ever met.

Sincerely yours,


George B. Van Schenck
Research Associate

von Schaack

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
University of Oregon

MEMORANDUM

September 29, 1976

TO: BIOLOGY STAFF
FROM: S. S. Tepfer
SUBJECT: Departmental Committees 1976-77 - Final list

[friends - who sent me papers of von Schaack]

A. Personnel and Course Committees

1. Personnel Committee: Tepfer, Castenholz, Grant, Hoyle, Morris, Munz, Stahl
2. Introductory Courses: Novitski, Bajer, Barker, Capaldi, Carroll, Cook, Grant, Gray, Morris, Postlethwait, Smith, Wisner (G) (UG)
3. Core Curriculum: Munz, Bonnett, Bradshaw, Castenholz, Fernald, Herskowitz, Hoyle, Morris, Sederoff, Sistrom, Stahl (G) (G) (UG) (UG)

B. Committees dealing with student matters

1. Graduate Awards: Hague, Barker, Herskowitz, Postlethwait, Udovic (G) (G)
2. Graduate Recruitment: Streisinger, Barker, Udovic
3. Graduate Examinations: Wimber, Cook, Fernald, Herskowitz
4. Graduate Progress: Grant, Capaldi, Carroll, Hoyle
5. Undergraduate Affairs: Bradshaw, McConnaughey, Postlethwait, Smith, Soderwall (UG) (UG)

C. Other Committees

1. Research Support: Munz, Sederoff, Wimber
2. Affirmative Action: Bonnett, Bozovic, Maynard, Schabtach, Sistrom (G)
3. Library: Udovic, Bradshaw, Capaldi, Carroll
4. Animal Facilities: Fernald, McConnaughey, Soderwall
5. Plant Facilities: Wimber, Cook, Hague, Wagner
6. Teacher Education: Murphy, Wisner
7. Seminar: Harris, Hague, Wiitanen (G) (G)
8. Summer Session: Murphy, Rudy
9. Electron Microscope: Schabtach, Bonnett, Harris
10. Bio-Optics: Howard, Harris
11. Radiation Control: Novitski
12. Shop Representative (Science Service Policy Committee): Wiitanen
13. Computer Use: Wiitanen
14. Huestis Scholarship: Soderwall, Gray, Morris

SST:em

Name Roe Keith E. Field: Botany Preferred
Last First Middle Country: United Kingdom

Date June 2, 1975

STATEMENT OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The statement of proposed activity should be carefully prepared in light of the review stages and criteria outlined in the program booklet.

If applying for a lectureship, list course subjects to be offered and indicate your experience in teaching them. Describe any research plans. Comment on the reasons for your choice of country or countries and any past experience you feel would facilitate your adapting to teaching and living conditions that differ from those in the United States.

If applying for research, describe your project, giving reasons why it should be undertaken in the country specified. If willing to lecture occasionally, list lecture topics. Applicants in the creative and performing arts need not prepare an academic research proposal, but should describe the activity and comment on its potential value.

Project statements that exceed one page, invitations, and relevant correspondence should be submitted in five copies.

Summary One of the most confusing biological theories of the past century deals with the origin of alternative generations in plants. A scientific and historical analysis of writings on this subject will add to our knowledge of the evolution of biology and free modern workers of long-standing misconceptions regarding the subject. Archival materials in British institutions are of paramount importance to the project.

Detailed Statement: A major controversy in botanical theory arose during the late 1800's as a result of new discoveries in plant morphology, specifically those involving plant life cycles. Stimulated by the growing trend to evolutionary interpretation, the controversy over the origin of alternation of generations in plants soon embroiled the major botanical figures in heated yet generally futile debate; futile because the arguments preceded by some years an adequate knowledge of genetics and understanding of certain lower plant cycles, central to the issue. By the time facts were known to provide a sound theoretical understanding of the origin of alternation in plant life cycles, the subject was thoroughly tainted by misunderstanding and confusing terminology and has thus remained until modern times. While several recent workers have provided a modern interpretation of plant life cycles, they still acknowledge the spirit of theoretical confusion. A recent paper of my own outlines the controversy and gives a modern interpretation of "opposing" theories. Yet the full impact of the alternation controversy on the history of biology remains unappreciated because of its long-standing confusion and general disregard. The history of 19th and early 20th century biology itself cannot be fully and properly written without an understanding of the development of alternation theories and an appreciation of the roles played by opposing factions.

What is now desirable is to complete the scientific and historical analysis of how and why confusion prevailed in this subject for so long. Not only will this provide insights to the development of botany during an era of rapid change and help write a chapter in the history of biology but will free modern workers of long outdated misconceptions about alternation of generations and the evolution of life forms.

While the first ideas on kinds of alternation of generations developed in Germany, the controversy over their origin soon settled in Great Britain and most subsequent argument centered there. Much rhetoric surrounded the controversy, both in print and in meetings and likely in correspondence. Unpublished views thus expressed would likely shed light on the development of ideas in evolution and genetics generally. The main British figures involved were Bower, Scott, Lang and Vines. Correspondence with their former institutions reveals that a significant amount of manuscript and other archival material exists and is available for study.

It is proposed that both published and unpublished writings of these botanists and their German contemporaries be studied to cast an historical perspective on the study and trace its evolution through an age of discovery in morphology and genetics.

The resources in libraries and botanical departments at Kew (Royal Botanic Gardens) and the University of Glasgow would be indispensable to the study. Resources in other British institutions and those in Germany would be accessible from either of the above locations.

Lecture topics: History of alternation theories; Historical geography of plant classification; Evolution and dispersal in Solanum; Literature searching with an on-line bibliographic data base.

KEITH E. ROE

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PERSONAL DATA: Born Williams, Iowa, 25 August 1937, married, two children
State of health excellent

PROFESSIONAL STATUS: Senior Assistant Librarian 1974-76; Associate Librarian 1976

EDUCATION: 1972-73 University of Oregon, School of Librarianship, MLS (1973)
1962-69 University of Wisconsin, Madison, M.S. (1966), Ph.D. (1969)
Major: Botany (Systematics), Minor: Horticulture
Major Professor: Hugh Iltis
Thesis: A revision of Solanum section Brevantherum
1956-60 Iowa State University, B.S. (1960) Major: Horticulture

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE: 1974-77 Assistant Head Librarian, Life Sciences Library, Penn State University.
Supervision of reference service, policy, and personnel, including 2 professionals, 1 library assistant, 5 clericals. Responsible for collection development in plant sciences, including selection of books and journals, evaluation of subscriptions; providing reference service, orientation tours & class seminars, computer literature searching; hiring & training of part-time employees, preparation of bibliographies and searching aids; overall supervision in absence of head librarian.
1977-present Head of Life Sciences Library
1973 Bibliographer for natural sciences and mathematics, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City. Responsible for collection development in sciences, reference service, supervision and policy for AV services.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 1974-present Graduate course in bibliography entitled "Research literature of agriculture and biology".
1969-71 Assistant Professor of Botany, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Undergraduate and graduate courses in General Biology, Botany, Plant Taxonomy, Morphology, Anatomy, Ecology, Plant Geography, Cytology.

FIELD EXPERIENCE: 1964-65 Botanical expeditions to Mexico and Guatemala

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: 1960-62 U.S. Army, 2nd & 1st Lieutenant, Honorable discharge

GRANTS & AWARDS: Eli Lilly advanced curriculum scholarship (undergrad); National Institutes of Health research fellowship (grad); Research Initiation Grant (Penn State 1976)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: Member of American Library Association; Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries; American Institute of Biological Sciences; International Association for Plant Taxonomy; Elected to Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society, in 1969.

Papers presented: Searching with the CAIN on-line bibliographic data base, AIBS, Corvallis, Oregon, 1975; Dispersal and speciation in Solanum section Brevantherum, 1st International Solanaceae Conference, Birmingham, England, 1976.

Have refereed manuscripts for Brittonia and Evolution; reviewed books and films for AAAS Science Books & Films; evaluated research proposal for the NSF; advised students; attended training workshop on CAIN data base at the National Agricultural Library; investigator in research project on use of CAIN, sponsored by the NAL; Member of Library Faculty Organization, PSU, Instructional Affairs Committee, 1976, Digital Library Research Committee, 1997-98.

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December 4, 1963

Dr. Raino Alava
Dept. of Botany
University of Turku
Turku, Finland

Dear Raino:

It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you again and to learn what you have been about. I believe it is six years since I last saw you in California. Quite a lot has happened here since then about which, perhaps, not too much news has reached you. As you surely know, Dr. Frits Went was appointed director here in the following spring and has only just recently resigned his position. These five and one-half years have not seen us making the progress in new scientific facilities which we had all hoped for. Dr. Went's program to provide additional quarters for the library and herbarium, as well as more research space, somehow or other got bogged down in the disagreement with the board over other matters and late in October he resigned with the statement that it was impossible to make progress until the board should find more money for a scientific program. If you were to get hold of the St. Louis papers you could read all sorts of things about this and I could write you various things about it. But all told you wouldn't be particularly edified by the whole matter and we'll just leave it at that. The fact remains, however, that we do not have a director and it is not clear when we shall have one. Nor do we have much of a staff left, for in addition to Dr. Woodson's death there have been several resignations. In particular, there is no one now to direct the herbarium, although Dr. Dodson will watch over its activities for the rest of his stay here, which I believe is only about two months. The only other taxonomist here is Dr. Cutler whose activities of course are largely with archeological botany. Dr. Anderson is well after having had years of illness, but he too can work only slowly and much of his time is spent with editing the BULLETIN and such matters. There is also no editor for the ANNALS and, in fact, our publication for this year is not yet in page proof and, when it will be, it will be at most sixty pages. Dr. Dodge has retired and in June Dr. Andrews will leave to become head of the Botany Department at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. However, you must not get the idea that we are going to close up because we are not. The new president of the board is very actively enlisting outside opinion on what program to follow here and how to obtain a suitable director to take charge of it. The interest throughout the country in the Garden is very considerable and I feel sure the board must find ways and means of re-establishing our former activities.

To come to your request for the loan of specimens of Conioselinum this should be directed to the Curator of the Herbarium (the position is vacant but the request will be taken care of) -- I could, of course telephone upstairs and ask them to send you such specimens, but this is not according to

Dr. Raino Alava
University of Turku
Turku, Finland

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the regulations and I should prefer that you have a formal request sent. The material which you would receive from here would not contain anything which I collected on Attu, for the only part of my collection which I deposited here consisted entirely of grasses. Outside of this country my collections were distributed to Edinburgh, Kew and Leningrad at least. The largest collections were distributed here to the National Herbarium and to the Gray Herbarium from either of which I believe you would be able to borrow Conioselinum. As for my paper of 1945 of which you speak, it has essentially no scientific value, being merely a list of the plants I had noted on the island with simple descriptions for the benefit of the servicemen who were stationed there. I regret there are no more copies available, but I shall enclose a transfer copy of page 21, since that is the page you refer to.

I have more or less lost track of George Freytag except to know that he is teaching at Escuela Agricola Panamericana and that he has a family of some five children. Hugh Iltis was down for the symposium this fall and seems to be getting along very well now and to be in considerably better health. As you know, he and his first wife were eventually divorced, she getting the custody of the little boy of whom he was very fond. As long as she stayed in Madison where he was living there was continual friction over this, but now that she has moved away friction is no longer very possible so that he seems to be in much better spirits. He is married again and has another son by his second wife. Since he had already legally adopted the first son of his first wife, he now has three sons to all of whom he has been a good father.

Well, this letter is getting longer than it should I am afraid, - so all for now. I am very glad to have heard from you and look forward to hearing from you again. With all good wishes for the Christmas season to both you and your wife

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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University of Turku
Department of Botany
Turku, Finland

November 19, 1963

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
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Missouri
U. S. A.

Dear George,

So many years have passed since we have heard from each other that I really do not know how to start the letter. As you probably know and have known already earlier, I am back in Finland again. Back in my old university as a curator of the herbarium and the botanical garden. These two jobs have kept me quite busy, but nevertheless I am trying to do some research at the same time though it has not been very much as yet.

I have for some time been interested in *Conioselinum* and have tried to bring experimental taxonomy as a possible tool to solve at least some of the problems of this genus. I have already a nice but small collection of live plants in our botanical garden. However, it is not easy to get seeds of them or live plants from different parts of its distribution area. One of the reasons might be that the fruits and seeds mature so late in the season that most botanists have finished with their field work when it would be best time for seed collecting. On the basis of the material that I have now I can say that polyploidy and possible hybridization are at least partially responsible for the problems in that genus.

At the same time with the cytology I have done some more detailed studies of herbarium material, though I have not wanted to borrow too much material yet until I have a little better knowledge of the background of the variation. As I remember you spent some time in Attu Island. And also did collect *Conioselinum* among other plants. As I have not seen any of the Aleutian material I would be very grateful to have your specimens as a loan for a short time if you would let me have it. Also other specimens of *Conioselinum* in the MBG herbarium, if it is possible to get it for a loan.

Hulten in his Flora of the Aleutian Islands refers to your paper (*Ligusticum* Gmelini Cham. & Schlecht. - Van Schaack, Fl. Isl. X (1945) p. 21.) If you have any copies of that paper available I would be most grateful to borrow it, as I have not been able to run it down in any of our libraries.

Just yesterday I had a letter from a friend of mine in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Among the news that he wrote he also mentioned that Woodson died recently. It came to me as a shock, since I had not heard about him having been ill. Was it something quite sudden? I realize that it is entirely my own fault not having heard anything from or about MBG for a long time. If you have time, please, do let me have some news about the good old place and the people there. How are the Andersons? How many other "oldtimers" are there? My very best regards to all of the people that still might remember me. And my very best regards to you.

as ever

October 24, 1963

Mr. Paul Allen
c/o United Fruit Company
Tela, Honduras

Dear Paul:

Your letter with the listing of your library came last week just as the annual symposium was ~~gathering~~, so that I did not have immediately the time to look at it. But this week I have gone over it and have examined it item by item with W. R. Hecht of the Hecht Book Shop, 4207 Olive Street, St. Louis 8, Missouri, who is the man to whom I suggested you might be able to sell your library. Mr. Hecht finds the content of your collection most desirable from the standpoint of a general botanical catalogue, which he could get out and would like to purchase both lists of books. I told him it was my understanding these could be delivered free of charges to the dock in New Orleans. With this understanding he would like to suggest a price of \$1000.00. This is certainly far from what you paid for them and far lower than you could obtain by selling them to a library in which most of the material could be immediately added to the collection, but finding such a library would surely not be a simple matter if indeed at all possible. I am inclined to believe that since he would purchase these sight unseen without further negotiation the price is not unreasonable. However he is willing to discuss the matter of an adjustment in this price if you think it is far out of line.

Joe Ewan was here at the symposium and saw your lists. As I wrote you, I suggested to him that Tulane might be interested in receiving the collection. He told me, however, that with few exceptions he believes that Tulane already has copies of all of these items.

I am sorry I have misplaced your letter so that I can not at the moment make any remark about the several other items which you mentioned in it, such as Bateman plates, etc. I expect to find the letter, however, and shall write you again regarding these matters.

I am glad to know that you can continue working for I know your real enjoyment in accomplishment and I trust that what you are doing is giving you real satisfaction. Apparently you will not be coming to St. Louis in October which I regret, for I had looked forward to seeing you and Dorothy.

As for your next move with regard to Hecht's offer, I shall be glad to act as your agent if you wish or have you deal directly with him. He is thorough reliable and has a good credit rating.

With all good wishes to both of you

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

September 26, 1963

Mr. Paul Allen
Tela
Honduras

Dear Paul:

Please don't call me Dr. Van Schaack after all these years, although our meetings have been very few and brief. I certainly hope that you and Dorothy will be able to come to St. Louis in October and should appreciate your letting me do for you ahead of time or when you are here anything that would help you.

I should like to be able to give you good advice about the disposition of your library, which would result in its giving as much pleasure to others as it has to you. While it is true that by the sale of such a collection through a dealer each individual piece will probably have the best chance of reaching a particular someone who would use it, I feel sure that there are many places, both in Central America and in the United States, for which such a collection would be a most "welcome windfall", should you wish to give it away rather than selling it. It may be true that the majority of your books would be found in any good library, but I doubt very much that the majority of them would be found in any but the really large libraries. If you want to give your books away, I would think first of leaving them in Central America, perhaps the National Library in Honduras where you spent so much time, or at Zamorano; or, if you want them to come back to the United States, I should not be at all surprised that even so up and coming an institution as Tulane would find what you have ~~not~~ to contain too many duplicates for its consideration. In fact, I am taking the liberty of writing to Joe Ewan about this matter and you may hear from him.

On the other hand, if you wish to sell your books, I think you could do much worse than selling them to W. R. Hecht, the local natural history book seller in St. Louis. I have talked to him about this matter and he says he would be very interested in considering the purchase of your library and, were such a purchase to go through, would be in a position to make a trip to Honduras to undertake the packing of the material if that would be of help to you. The difficulty here, however, is the same as it would be with any other purchaser — he doesn't know what you have, nor what its condition may be. Is the inventory which Dorothy made on cards or in the form of lists on paper sheets? If it is the latter, perhaps you could send this up to give him accurate information on which to base an offer; as a matter of fact I should expect the UFC would have a duplicating machine on which you could easily have a copy of such sheets made to send along. By the condition of the books Hecht refers to such things as foxing and other fungus damage, which so commonly is found in books from the tropics. I am inclined to believe that you have kept your books in good condition but, that you have, it would be important for him to know.

I wonder what you have in the \$75.00-100.00 class; that used to be a moderately high bracket but, at least for natural history books, it is no longer so high, so perhaps some of your books are in the \$100.00-200.00 class without your knowing it.

Mr. Paul Allen

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September 26, 1963

As for the matter of an auction I don't think that idea is applicable here. There are few auctions in this country of anything but quite expensive material and that you say you do not have a great deal of.

A word about the scientific reprints -- even if you sell the other part of your library, I think you should try to give this set away as a lot, for you would get very little for it and, as the years go by, many of them would be ground to pulp on dealer's shelves. If they are largely concerned with Central American botany for example, they should certainly be valuable to any of a number of institutions in Central America, as well as to such a place as Tulane or one of the other universities in the southern part of the United States. In fact, I am not at all sure they wouldn't prove of important value to the library here, for while we could not undertake to catalogue them they would be classified and use of them would cut down on the destructive circulation of many of our journals, which during the years 1935-55 were very badly bound and will not last what should be their normal lives.

I look forward to seeing you and hope that you will be in better health than you seem to predict. Please remember that I should be glad to do anything here for you that you will be good enough to ask of me.

With warmest greetings to Dorothy and yourself

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:mr

Tela, Honduras
September 21, 1963

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

I have intended to write to you for some time in regard to a problem that is somewhat outside of the realm of my experience, but I should think well within yours. It concerns my personal library, which I have accumulated over a period of nearly thirty years, and which poses one of the major packing chores, when we are faced with a move from place to place.

This is not large, by the standards of the library at the M.B. G. , but runs to perhaps 800 volumes, plus several hundred scientific reprints. A few of these Dottie would want to keep, if anything were to happen to me, but the majority should, I think, best be sold, to assure their best chance of falling into the hands of someone who would use them.

I have a vague recollection that one has a choice of offering a lot of this kind to one of the larger booksellers, taking more or less what may be forthcoming, or that as an alternate possibility, they might be put up for auction.

Dottie has made a subject and author inventory of the lot, which is not however arranged in any very systematic order. Subjects cover the range of our interests, over the years, and run heavily to botany, horticulture, travel, history, art, archaeology and ethnology. A few volumes are rare, in the \$75-100 a copy class, but the majority would be found in any large library, and would be of no interest to any established botanic garden of university, with the possible exception of a few things.

Any suggestions that you can offer as to the best means of disposing of such a collection would be greatly appreciated. I would like to think that some of these things got into the hands of people who would enjoy them as much as I have. I have even thought of donating the lot to a place that would regard it as something of a welcome windfall, but realize that the mixed nature of the subject matter would make this difficult. Let me know what your thoughts are on the subject, if you can.

Our present hope is to come to St. Louis for a few days in October, if I am still strong enough to make the trip. We will look forward to this possibility, and that of seeing you, in any case. Dorothy joins me in warmest regards.

As ever,

Paul

It would be helpful to have

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[Eugene Anderson]

May 22nd 1969

Dear George.

I got a letter from Truf in the first mail yesterday and one from you in the second and took them over to the house and read them to Dorothy. She was delighted to be included in your 20 year memories of our springtime safari, the only things she had forgotten were theumpy beds the first night. And we learned a lot of geography and Island History and Hamamelis and other things.

"The days that make us happy makes us wise."

Dorothy's speech is back to normal or very close; she is using a "walker" and now gets about on the second floor pretty much by her self and extends her range

everyday. Under separate cover I am forwarding a copy of the Washington University Magazine with an article I wrote about Engelmann that included much new information from the Trelease manuscripts. I expect you will have seen it but you might like a copy to add to your library.

I have just finished doing a long article on all the studies of the wild flowers and native trees, the years we spent every summer in the old Barn at the Arboretum at Gray Summit.

I thought of you last summer when we drove through Pella. The place still looks extra neat and the Lunch Counter place where we stopped for a snack was extra clean.

Edwin Anderson, Botanist.

[Concerning Edgar Anderson retirement]

Often, indeed in nearly every instance, a memorial volume
in honor of a scientist consists almost wholly of
papers in which the writers treat ^{some paper} ~~some~~ ^{something} ~~of~~ ^{which} ~~of~~
experiential interest to themselves, habitually, & of some
interest to the subject of the memorial — in any
event each of them trusts he is presenting knowledge
peculiarly his own. The best way ~~for each of them~~
to make sure of doing so is to write ~~in~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~
of the subject — only the writer can know what
the subject meant to him, as a person, as a scientist,
as a teacher, or a leader, etc. It is only this type
of paper which is sought for the volume under
consideration. Each of you knows things about
Edgar Anderson, which none of the rest can know,
or in any case, so well, which, if told, will
illuminate his personality & accomplishments for
all those the less fortunate in not knowing
him as well as you do.

Anderson

Possible authors.

- Sax
- Stebbins
- Seltin
- Stenroos
- Andrew (Henry + Lebbie)
- x Milin
- x Cooper
- Etter
- Sauer, C.
- J.
- Mashian
- Epling
- Commerson
- Gates
- Cutler
- Haeck
- x Alvon
- Rudy
- Mangelsdorf
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- (Hansen)
- Nicherson
- Kidd

Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532
December 14, 1967

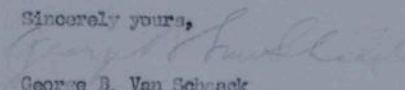
Mr. J. N. Bartfield
45 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y. 10025

Dear Mr. Bartfield,

I have shifted my field of activity from the Missouri Botanical Garden, where, until recently, I had been librarian for nearly a decade. Beginning this month I am bibliographic consultant for the Morton Arboretum, where I should much appreciate receiving your catalogues.

I note in AB for December 11 that you advertise for a copy of Pareto, *The Mind and Society*, 4 v., original edition. I have a copy as new, still in the wooden box, just barely opened for identification before its owner died, and it descended to me. In all these thirty-two years I've not been able to get to it, and now it looks as if that may be a permanent condition! I hate selling books, but then, I love buying others--perhaps a good offer would move me. Do you wish to quote a best offer?

Sincerely yours,


George B. Van Schaack

JOHN E. BEAUMONT

January 31, 1979

Dear Prof -

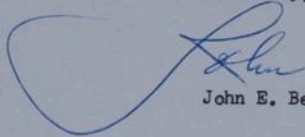
I guess we all go through life so intent on our own goals that we seldom pause long enough to look around as we rush by. Certainly, this has been the case for me the past year. I received a note from your friend Joe Ewan after your letter to him. I intended to contact him, then lost his letter and name. It surfaced, as many of my lost papers do, at Christmas. I wrote him and last week we had our first meeting.

I say our "first" because I hope it will not be our last. We spent a thoroughly delightful morning together going over the interesting things that he has done and is doing. What a fascinating individual! However, for me it was more than that. Seated in his study with his old friends piled shelf after shelf up to the ceiling I had the feeling of being comfortably "at home". I am not sure how to describe it. Perhaps I should say that a glow of warmth moved from them and from him to me. I was not an inquisitive intruder. I was a distant friend come for a visit. What an exciting morning!

We also talked at length about you. Apparently, he thinks you are a super person. Naturally, I agreed. Anyone smart enough to give me an A in Calculus has got to be smart. But what a fascinating thing you have been doing besides your math! I was very impressed. I had no idea you had so many facets.

I hope you have seen our friend Frank Bell again. He is a most interesting chap in spite of being so smart . .

Sincerely,



John E. Beaumont

TEMPORARY ADDRESS WHILE ON SABBATICAL LEAVE
Box 532 Kelseyville, Calif. 95451

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LYMAN BENSON
SYSTEMATIC BOTANY
EDWIN A. PHILLIPS
ECOLOGY AND PLANT PHYSIOLOGY
March 10, 1965

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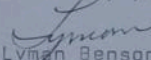
Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 1965. I appreciate very much having the information which you have sent me concerning the original drawings from Emory's "Notes on a Military Reconnaissance from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego." I shall be much interested in looking through the various illustrations the next time I am in St. Louis. I appreciate your preliminary check. Thank you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Lyman Benson
Professor and Head
Department of Botany

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February 11, 1965.

Professor Lyman Benson
Box 532
Kelseyville, California 95451.

Dear Lyman,

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I am glad to hear from you again, but I regret that I am unable to give you any very helpful information. I know nothing about the original drawings of which you write except to say that if they still exist at the Garden they should be found either in the Engelmann notebooks which I showed you, in a similar scrapbook of Roetter's drawings (containing, I suspect, at most 5 percent of what he did for Engelmann) or in the herbarium—they do not seem to be among the Engelmann material on the Cactaceae which he shelved in the systematic part of the library. All of these places can be searched when you come, but I am not very hopeful that we will find very much. How I wish some trained person could be hired for a year just to sort and catalogue the reliquias of Shaw, Engelmann, Trelease and Greenman which is scattered throughout the building, and currently could doubtfully be collected even in one place, for we have no single clear space large enough. But I must not get on this line of thinking, for I could write you reams about it.

Cordially yours,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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January 26, 1965

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

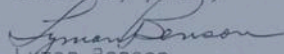
I appreciated ever so much your help with the manuscript material ~~by~~ Dr. Engelmann, and as I wrote you earlier, I appreciate very much having the map of distribution of the cacti prepared by Engelmann.

I am wondering about another point. As you know, Dr. Engelmann wrote a letter dated February 13, 1848, which was published as a part of Emory's notes on military reconnaissance from Fort Leavenworth to the westward. This appeared on pages 155-159, and was accompanied by two pages of rather poor sketches. ^{Some} The names applied by Engelmann to the plants in the sketches have been used long and widely and some of them are well established. However, the rest have not been taken up and, of course, all of them must be evaluated. At the bottom of page 155 Engelmann mentions the fact that the size of the plant has not been indicated and therefore ^{Emory} has appended a footnote, "where the size is not mentioned, the original drawings are the size of nature."

At other points in the text, as for example, under Species #7 on page 157, Engelmann again expresses some reservation about the size of the plant or of its parts, and certainly the figures as reproduced are much smaller than the plants were in nature. However, the size, if it was really the actual size, may be indicated in the original drawings. I am wondering whether these are still in existence. If so, I would appreciate having an opportunity to see them the next time I come through St. Louis, or I shall try to find them in Washington, if they are there. I should appreciate having any information that you may have concerning this matter.

Thank you and with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Lyman Benson
Professor and Head
Department of Botany

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November 14, 1963

Mr. G. B. Van Schaack
Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

Thank you ever so much for your recent letter which arrived just as I was returning from South Africa where I attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of the National Botanic Garden of South Africa at Kirstenbosch.

I appreciate very much your remembering me with duplicate publications and I shall appreciate having this one for the Pomona College Botany Library. Thank you ever so much.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Lyman Benson
Lyman Benson

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*Seringar's
Illustrations du genre Melocactus*

Sent 2/4/64

November 16, 1964.

Dr. Lyman Benson
Department of Botany
Pomona College
Claremont, California.

Dear Dr. Benson,

The Engelmann map has proved more difficult to copy than I had hoped, but what I send you herewith is at least, I believe, permanent, for it is done photographically and the chemicals have been washed out. I am sorry it is in so many pieces, but the diagram enclosed with this letter will show you how to arrange the ten numbered parts (numbered on the upper left hand corner). I think by judicious choice of the overlap used a fairly good result can be obtained for practical, if not for artistic purposes!

To date I have had no time to look at the problem of having the letters copied, but perhaps that will be possible some time during the year.

It was a pleasure to have you here and to have some things which you found useful. I hope you will be able to come back soon.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaeck
Librarian

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January 23rd, 1967

Mr. John V. Brindle
326 Emerson Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

Dear John:

We are still looking for somebody to come here as a librarian to succeed me either at my retirement date in September, 1968, or not too long thereafter. The advertisement which we have recently had in LJ and ALAB, plus the position description which I have sent to various library schools, you will find on the enclosure. In all, some fifteen names have already been involved with at least fourteen of them now relegated to the 'also ran' status.

I write you for two reasons: First, because I realize how many people you must run into at the Hunt Library, you might some day notice one who ought to be alerted to our need and the attendant opportunity! Secondly, because you might even know someone already employed at Hunt who ought to be considered. In fact, I send you this letter at home because the grapevine has it that not everyone at Hunt is entirely satisfied with his job. We should certainly not care to consider anyone who could be classified as a 'malcontent'; but not being satisfied with one's job does not necessarily mean that he is a malcontent--he may simply be in a position not suitable to his interests or competencies. The staff at Hunt is now so large that I should be surprised if there were not two or three people so placed who might be glad to know of this position. We intend to pay a decent salary--as, of course, we have to and should--but our fringe benefits are, to date, somewhat less good than to be found in most institutions of this size and importance. Somewhat more difficult, I feel, is the problem of providing enough assistants for anyone who takes this job--my staff at the moment consists of one full time person and two at half time--I understand that at the New York Botanical Garden the librarian has a staff of at least five times this for a job, which I admit, probably is twice as great.

If you have any thoughts in the personnel way which you think would help me I should be most grateful to hear from you. In any event, I hope things are going well for you, personally, and that 1967 will be a fine year for your activities, your family and the library.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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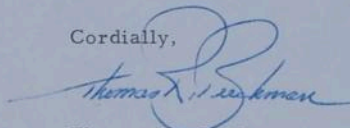
Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden Library
2315 Tower Grove
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

I was delighted to have the opportunity of meeting you in Chicago, and I hope that we can soon get together again in St. Louis. As you know, I am very much interested in examining your copy of the first edition of the Systema Naturae.

I should also be grateful if you would send me further information concerning the meeting you mentioned at the Hunt Botanical Library sometime this fall.

Cordially,



Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

TRB:lh

An incomplete list of the Soulsby numbers listed in
 A catalogue of the works of Linnaeus preserved in the
 Library of the British Museum, 2d ed. 1933. (in MEG library)

2a	211	437	696
9	213	444	697
11	220	445	717
14	231(1828)	446	720
18	236	448	735
19	249	449	868
20	250	451	888
24	251(?)	456	889
25a	252	472	968
26	253	473	971
28	257	480	994
33b	261	483	999b
33c	262	484a	1029
39	272	485	1065
43	275	500	1076
44	276	510	1091
46	279	512	1279
48	281	515	1282
50	297	516	1285
51	299	527	1286
52	300	529	1292
57	301	573	1296
60	305	574	1297
62	307	580a	1300
83	315	589a	1301
95	320	595a	1304
116	322	601	1305
117	324	603	1308
133	327	605	1312
136	332	608	1314
137(v. 586 only)	333	610	1316
138(v. 586 only)	420	613	1330
192	423	615	1355
202	424	616	1370
209	425	657	1377

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1430	2046	2595	3321
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1469	2088	2661	3588
1493	2089	2662	3589
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1881	2419	2851	
1886	2426	2853	
1891	2438	2869	
1912	2441	2871	
1952	2459	2879	
1966	2470	2910	
1974	2471	2913	
1987	2473	2916	
1991	2483	2919(p. 53-58 only)	
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July 31, 1963

Mr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Buckman:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 26. It was a pleasure to meet you in Chicago and I hope we may meet again soon here in St. Louis or at Lawrence.

I found upon my return to St. Louis that I had somewhat misinformed you about the conference at the Hunt library, namely to the effect that Dr. Stearn would be present, for the program does not say that. I enclose a photocopy of the announcement which I trust will be of interest to you. As you see the date is not this fall but this month (i.e., August). Immediately upon my return here I wrote a letter to Dr. Lawrence in which I mentioned having met you and remarked to you the fact that the Adanson Symposium was to be held and noted your not having heard of it. My own thought in this matter was that, in making this mention and remarking to him that your botanical library had come to favorable notice the last several years, he might extend you an invitation to the symposium. That was, however, as far as I could go.

With the thought that you may be interested in knowing the extent of our Linnaean collection I enclose a list of the Soulsby numbers of most of this material. It is probably better than 98 percent complete so far as Linnaeus own works are concerned. So far as the other material is concerned I have no idea how complete it is, doubtfully as much as 50 percent.

I am pleased to know that you are planning to make a visit to St. Louis. I shall be here during the rest of this week and next week; I shall be pleased to see you any time during that period and any time after my return from the Adanson Symposium. Just when this would be, however, I am not at the moment able to say, for I may go east from Pittsburgh for ten days or so.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 11, 1963

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
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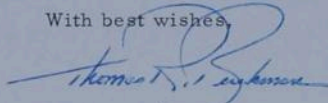
Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of July 31. I have just recently returned from vacation, and because of my absence in California during the month of August, I was unable to avail myself of Mr. Lawrence's kind invitation to attend the Adanson Symposium. Actually, the program appeared to be somewhat outside our scope of interests, and seemed to be more specifically designed for professional botanists than for librarians. Nevertheless I am most grateful to you for writing Mr. Lawrence, and of course I will write to him also.

The list of Soulsby numbers representing items in your collection is of great interest to me. As you may know, we are compiling a checklist of our Linnaeana, and your list will be very useful as an indication of other major resources in this area.

I do fully intend to visit you in St. Louis sometime, but exactly when this will be I cannot say now. In any case, I will write you some time ahead to arrange a suitable time.

With best wishes,



Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

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March 4, 1964

Office of the
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

As you know, we are planning to have a Conference on the Bibliography of Natural History here at the University of Kansas on June 25-27 this year, some of the details of which are given in the enclosed information sheet. I am now formulating the program, and I should at this point like to inquire if you would consider reading a paper for us on some subject of interest to you that would also fit into the framework we have in mind. What I would like to have, is a paper of about 40 to 50 minutes in length, prepared for oral delivery but also suitable for publication in a volume of proceedings that may be issued after the Conference, and one which combines substantive matters with the bibliographical approach and some discussion of the specific uses of rare books, manuscripts, and illustrations in studies of natural history. I should think that you might very well do an interesting paper on grasses, pointing to their historical sources in the literature, or perhaps you might wish to deal with someone or a group of early American botanists. You have been to these meetings before and know exactly what is required: something useful, scholarly, and at the same time somewhat lively and entertaining at least in part. This sounds like a very large order indeed, I know. However, I am convinced that you would do an excellent job of it, and I hope therefore that you will accept our cordial invitation to participate. I can offer you expenses and an honorarium of \$100.

I have not received confirmations from all of the speakers as yet, but I am hoping to secure such people as Dr. William T. Stearn, British Museum (Natural History); Dr. Robert Mengel, Editor of The Auk; Professor Robert C. Stauffer, University of Wisconsin; Professor Sten Lindroth, Editor of Lychnos; and others. I should be very happy to receive suggestions from you of people that you would particularly like to see on the program.

Mr. George Goodwin, librarian, the American Museum of Natural History, has written to me in very enthusiastic terms about the Conference and has suggested that we might also have a round table discussion on such matters

Dr. George B. Van Schaack

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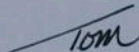
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as subject bibliographies, and the dating of publications as this relates to nomenclature. I do not know Mr. Goodwin, and I suspect that you do. Would he be an effective leader for such a discussion, or a possible program speaker? I should like to have your advice on this point.

I hope that I may have your acceptance of this invitation at an early date, and that we can then begin to correspond about details. If you wish, please phone me collect here at the Library. The number is Area Code 913 UN4-3602.

I still intend to come over to see you one of these days. This year has been particularly harried what with building construction, and an inordinate number of committee assignments, but I should be able to break away within the next month or two.

Yours cordially,



Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

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CONFERENCE ON THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NATURAL HISTORY

University of Kansas

June 25, 26, and 27, 1964

A conference on the bibliography of natural history, under the auspices of the Rare Books Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (American Library Association), and co-sponsored by the University of Kansas Library, Lawrence, and the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology, Kansas City, will be held on June 25, 26, and 27.

Registration will begin at noon Thursday, June 25 on University of Kansas campus where the program will continue through Friday evening. The Saturday morning session, June 27, will be held at the Linda Hall Library, adjourning with a luncheon at noon. Bus transportation from Lawrence to Linda Hall on Saturday morning, will be provided.

The conference registration fee is \$30 which includes meals, lodging in a university dormitory, and other conference expenses. The meetings will be held in the K. U. Memorial Union, and the Library. All of the buildings to be used for the conference are fully air conditioned.

Kansas City is easily reached by air or rail from any part of the country; Lawrence is 38 miles west by turnpike. Bus transportation will be provided from the Kansas City terminal on Thursday. St. Louis is less than an hour away from Kansas City by air; delegates continuing to the A. L. A. convention in St. Louis may find this means of transportation convenient.

Program

The program will focus attention on rare books, manuscripts, and illustration in the historical studies of the natural sciences.

Our purpose is to stimulate studies in the bibliography of natural history in this country; to provide an opportunity for an exchange of views between American specialists and some of their foreign colleagues; and to discuss through a series of papers some specific examples of the uses of older books and manuscripts in the natural sciences.

We expect about 150 to 200 people to attend the meetings; most of them librarians, museum curators, historians of science, scientists, and bibliographers. We intend that the program speakers will come from a number of academic institutions both here and abroad, for example, from the British Museum (Natural History), Uppsala University in Sweden, from Yale, Tulane, Wisconsin, and elsewhere. There will also be several knowledgeable book collectors and antiquarian bookdealers on the program.

Some of the topics we plan to cover include the uses of bibliography in natural history, natural history books from a bookseller's point of view, historical studies in genetics, popularization of geological ideas, bibliography of ornithology, Darwin: the editing of the unabridged Origin of Species, Linnaean studies in Sweden, early natural historians of America, botanical illustration, etc.

A volume of proceedings will be published following the conference.

The final program and other details will be announced in April. Further information may be obtained by writing to Mr. Thomas R. Buckman, Director of Libraries, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

February 1964

March 11, 1964.

Mr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom,

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th and the enclosed announcement of the Conference on Bibliography of Natural History. I am indeed pleased to have your kind invitation to read a paper, but I doubt I have anything particularly significant to present. In any case, I would have too little time left already unassigned before the end of June to take up either of the topics you suggested, neither of which have I thought about before.

The only paper I could propose would be an essentially expository account of the several sets of woodcuts which were used to illustrate the various editions of Mattioli's commentaries on Dioscorides (1549-1577, during his life time) and their successors (Opera omnia) and others edited by Camerarius, Verzascha and Zwinger (last edition, 1744); one set was used also to illustrate a series of eighteenth century European floras. Practically everything I should be able to say is already to be found in print somewhere, but there is, so far as I know, no connected account of the material, which is mostly in German and Italian of a hundred years ago and Latin of two hundred to four hundred--and such accounts as there be are not well, if at all, illustrated.

The first set (1549) was pirated and exists in very few copies (besides our own I know of only three), Pritzel did not see it and Nissen did not know it, though he gave the only reference, except HM catalogue, in which I find it mentioned. Mattioli's own sets, playing-card size and full-page, are well known and are admired for their technique and pattern; but they were not too useful scientifically although they appeared in several posthumous Opera omnia. The former was copied in France full-size and also cut down to large postage-stamp size, this latter serving to illustrate the floras of Europe (noted above) down to 1806. The best set stemmed from Gesner who left it unpublished. It was bought by Camerarius and used by him for a new edition of Mattioli (1586), and later for many others, the last in 1744. Thus, for nearly two hundred years the "node" of Gesner (Institutum as Camerarius calls it), much superior to Mattioli's, served science even though copper engravings were common long since.

I am by no means sure this sort of thing comes within the description of the type of paper you intend to have presented. It has intrigued me to learn some of the details of this story, to make numerous comparisons of cuts in the different sets, etc., and an account of it might keep a few people awake some warm 'dune morning, but I am hesitant to think of it as scholarly (the complete bibliography of Mattioli in this title alone is over 60 editions of which I have seen only 20) or very important--and if you agree with me I shan't feel at all hurt. If, however, you want it presented, I would hope that when printed it could be adequately illustrated--an unillustrated paper on illustration I find rather dull--the essence of illustration is the communication that only illustration can provide.

I know Mr. Goodwin at the American Museum of Natural History slightly, having called upon him twice when I was in New York. Enthusiastic he certainly is and indefatigable in his work--in fact I think he is a kind of missionary, who might well lead a useful discussion better than he would present a paper. The dating of publications as this relates to nomenclature is not a very exciting subject but an important one, not likely to interest too many people at the conference. Certainly, an ancillary topic would be the irresponsibility currently being indulged in by practically all of the people who are reprinting the so-called classics of natural history. I have examined a large number of these and only rarely does the original imprint appear on the so-called facsimile title page, being shifted to the verso instead, and, when there are several dates involved in a multi-volume set, merely the inclusive dates are given. Unless students of the latter half of the twentieth century are more careful about listing original dates than their predecessors have been, all sorts of people long dead are going to be future authors. One of the worst jobs done here was the recently reprinted Potany of the Antarctic Voyage of Hooker, three text volumes and three of plates, the last '3 in 1'. In the three text volumes something happened to the preposition "of" in the title and it does not appear in the facsimiles, although it is in the facsimiles of the plate volume. The three sets of plates are separately numbered (as they should be), but there is no indication which set belongs to which text volume, etc., etc.

The dating of botanical publications involving printing is being pretty well taken care of by the Flora Malesiana Foundation, by Dr. Stearn, by Dr. Rickett, etc. What doesn't seem to have been done is the dating, or even reordering, of botanical Americana items, of which many were ephemeral and of which only a few copies are left. I am not any kind of authority on this, but Professor Joseph Ewan of the Department of Botany, Tulane University, is, and I suggest you write him. He should, as a matter of fact, attend the conference, for he is one of the very few learned in natural history Americana. He has recently had a serious operation and what his summer plans may be now, I don't know--before the operation he was to be in England, mostly at the BM, from early June to mid-September.

I trust you will be able to get some of the people you mentioned in your second paragraph, for I should like to look forward to hearing their papers and to meeting them.

I hope you will be able to get to St. Louis as you suggested within a month or two. Since I shall be away from about April 25 to May 20, I trust you won't hit that period.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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March 16, 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
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St. Louis 10, Missouri

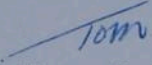
Dear George:

Thank you very much indeed for your full and informative letter of March 11. Without any prejudice or judgement at all, may I please wait another ten days or so before making a decision on your very attractive offer to talk on Mattioli's commentaries on Dioskorides and their successors? I have specifically asked another possible speaker to talk on an aspect of botanical illustration, and would like to have his response before reacting further to your proposal.

Alternately, if a panel discussion should be organized, would you be willing to participate on it with Mr. Goodwin as moderator?

Again, many thanks for your good letter. I will be in touch with you soon.

Yours cordially,


Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

TRB:lh

March 17, 1964.

Mr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of March 16th. Please be assured I am not the eager beaver type and feel perfectly free to do what you think best.

As for being a member of the proposed panel discussion, I appreciate your invitation but must in all realism beg to be excused. In a group of two I speak at least half of the time, in a group of three I speak occasionally, in a group of four I practically never say anything—I am definitely not a panel discussion member type.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
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March 24, 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

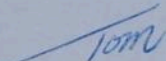
I am definitely planning to have your paper on the woodcuts in Mattioli's commentaries on the program. Please do go ahead with it along the lines you suggested in your letter of March 11. Will you plan to use slides or a display of books? We have a number of Mattioli's works here which might be helpful. I'll send you more details about them if you like.

I believe your paper will fit in very nicely with two others (quite different) on other phases of botanical illustration. Dr. Frans Stafleu of the International Association for Plant Taxonomy, Utrecht, will talk on "Redouté and His Circle," and Professor Richard C. Rudolph, Department of Oriental Languages, U. C. L. A. on "Chinese and Japanese Herbals". You will be in good, and equally distinguished company.

By the way, I had written to Professor Ewan earlier, but he declined my invitation. He is going to be away in England at the time of our meetings.

I'll keep in touch with you as our plans develop.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

TRB:sh

March 27, 1964.

Mr. Thomas R. Duckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of March 24th. I am indeed pleased to go ahead with the paper of which I had written you. May I only have time enough to do the photography with which I should like to illustrate it, for I shall be using 2x2 slides. I am interested to know you have several Mattioli, for I should like very much to see them. Your idea of a display of books interests me and perhaps if you have a place to set out your Mattioli volumes it would be helpful for those who should wish to see the illustrations in their original state. Would it be too much for you to send me enough data about your copies that I might identify them with this in mind?

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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April 11, 1964

Mr. Thomas A. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom,

I hope you can consider releasing me from my promise to read a paper for you in June. It distresses me to ask you to do this, and I have tried to persuade myself that I need not. But the simple fact is that while my health has not been good for well over a year I had not expected, as during the last month, to feel increasingly without the energy to do either my job or the extra things I have promised. My doctor told me three years ago I should have to cut down, but I paid little attention. Now I do not see how further to ignore the way I feel.

It was most kind of you to ask me and I was pleased to look forward to being a member of the group of contributors. I still hope to be able to attend the meeting, for the program promises much of interest.

With thanks and appreciation,

Sincerely, yours,

George B. Van Schaack

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PLANT TAXONOMY

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and Nomenclature
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(Netherlands)

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Dr Thomas R. Buckman
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas 66045 - U.S.A.

Dear Dr Buckman,

Further to my letter of 23 March I should like to give you the titles of some of the books that I could possibly discuss in my paper on Redouté at the June symposium. I do not mean that you should put them all on display if you should happen to have them all (which is somewhat unlikely) but you could perhaps make a choice or let me know what you have and I could adopt my lecture to the books on display. In addition I shall have a certain number of 4x4 cm kodachromes.

- Spaendonck, Gerard van -- Fleurs dessinées d'après nature.
L'Héritier de Brutelle, C.L. -- Stirpes novae, Paris 1784, Fol.
✓ 0 0 Cornus, Paris 1788, Fol.
✓ 0 0 Sertum anglicum, Paris 1788, Fol. X
✓ 0 0 Geraniologia, Paris 1787-1788, Fol.
✓ 0 0 Journal d'histoire naturelle, 2 vols., Paris 1792, Qu.
baw Db64 ✓ 0 0 Desfontaines, R.L. -- Flora atlantica, 2 vols. Paris 1800, Qu.
✓ 0 0 Candolle, A.P. de and P.J. Redouté -- Plantarum historia succulen-
tarum (alternative titles: Historia plantarum succulentarum,
Histoire des Plantes Grasses. Usually in one volume, Qu. or
Fol., varying number of plates varying title page dates and
places (mostly Paris An VII).
baw AeBvY ✓ 0 0 Ventenat, F.-P. -- Description des plantes nouvelles, cultivées dans
le jardin de J.M. Cels, Paris 1800, Fol.
baw AeBvY ✓ 0 0 Choix de plantes dont la plupart sont cultivées
dans le jardin de Cels. Paris 1803, Fol. X
0 0 Jardin de la Malmaison, 2 vols. Paris 1803, Fol.
baw ✓ 0 0 Michaux, André -- Flora boreali-americana, 2 vols. Paris 1803, Qu.
0 0 Histoire des chênes de l'Amérique, Paris 1801, Fol. X
baw Ea 128 ✓ 5 0 Candolle, A.P. de -- Astragalogia, Paris 1802.
✓ 0 0 Redouté, P.J. de -- Les linacées, 8 vols., Paris 1802-1808, Fol.
cub AeBvY ✓ 0 0 Bonpland, A.J.G. -- Description des plantes rares cultivées à
Malmaison et à Navarre, Paris 1813. X
0 0 Duhamel du Monceau, H.L. -- Traité des Arbres et Arbustes, ed. 2.,
7 vols. Paris 1800-1819.
✓ 0 0 Rousseau, J.J. -- La botanique de J.J. Rousseau, illustrated by
Redouté, Paris 1805, Fol.

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- col. ✓ 0 0 Michaux, F.-A. -- Histoire des arbres forestiers de l'Amérique septentrionale, 3 vols. Paris 1810-1813. _____ x
- ~~col. 3603~~ → ~~_____~~ -- The North American Sylva, 2 vols. 1819.
- col. Q ✓ 0 0 Redouté, P.J. -- Les Roses, 3 vols. Paris 1817-1824 (there are several editions, Fol. and Qu.) _____ x
- col. Ac ✓ 0 0 _____ -- Choix des plus belles fleurs et des plus beaux fruits, Paris 1827. Qu. _____ x
- 6 0 _____ -- Choix des plus belles fleurs, Paris 1829. Fol.
- 0 0 _____ -- Le bouquet royal, Paris 1843.

In addition to these books there are a number of publications issued under the name of Redouté giving a selection from his works. There are even several modern and very well produced facsimile's. If you should have any of them I should be glad to hear this from you. You may also have later editions of some of the above-mentioned books.

I hope that I do not give you too much trouble by asking you to check for me which of all these books are in your library. I should be delighted of course with high_lights such as Redouté's Liliacées, or Ventenat's Malmaison, ^{knowing} but the rarity of these books I doubt whether you have them.

Can you let me know whether you want the speakers in the symposium to arrive earlier than the other participants, or are we supposed to come with the others on the Thursday morning?

Thanking you in advance for your help,

yours very sincerely,

F.A. Stafleu

F.A. Stafleu.

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Album de Redouté 1954

Junta + Honores (repeal.) 1955

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LIBRARIES

Office of the Director
Lawrence

June 3, 1964

Dear George:

I wonder if you can help us with this? We have only the items marked in red, and should, if at all possible, like to borrow at least some of the others for Stafleu. Do you have any of them, and if so could you lend for a short period. We would, of course, take very good care of the volumes you send, and would be sure that they are returned to you in good order. May I have your early reaction?

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 10, MISSOURI

June 8, 1964.

Mr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom,

Your note of June 3rd reached me only late Friday afternoon which I hope explains the delay in my answer. We have quite a number of the items which Dr. Stafleu lists, but like many of our other books some of them are in just too bad condition to make me feel they can be lent. However, I have marked seven which I should be able to send you. These are:

- × L'Héritier de Brutelle, C.L. -- *sertum anglicum*
Venterat -- Choix de plantes ...
- Michaux - Histoire des chênes ...
- Bonpland -- Malmaison
- Michaux - Histoire des arbres ...
- Redouté -- Les Roses (quarto set)
- Redouté -- Choix des plus belles fleurs et des plus beaux
fruits (not 1827 but some later edition).

The first three of these are in black and white but the others are in color. In addition, we have one of the reprints mentioned by Stafleu, the 1955 Fruits and Flowers, which contains, as he says, very well produced facsimiles. As for the use of these books while they are in your care I am assuming that it would extend (except perhaps for Dr. Stafleu's reference) to display only and that, in cases which would prevent their being handled by those viewing them.

Insofar as I have reluctance in sending these volumes out of the library it is based on the fact that I find very few lackeys who can really be trusted to exercise good sense no matter what their intention is. Accordingly, despite your own concern that these books should be treated with the care necessary not to damage them, I shall probably be apprehensive until they are back in St. Louis. I am myself as far as it is possible to be non-casual about the treatment of such books and indeed shall pack up these personally. I certainly do not expect you to do the same, but I shall hope you have some responsible staff member who can be counted on to see that for return shipment the packing will be of the same general type of security.

Although you do not mention it I am sure I am right in assuming that you will want to be billed for such expenses as may be incurred in our making this loan.

I have recently heard from George Lawrence that he will be taking part in a panel discussion at the conference. I shall be very glad to see him there and I look forward to this discussion which, I hope, will have something to say about the responsibility of those currently reprinting older books mostly with deplorable neglect of proper bibliographical detail.

I trust you do not find my conditions too stuffy and explicit--it seems to me it is much easier to avoid misunderstandings by having things spelled out as clearly as possible ahead of time. As soon as I hear from you I shall undertake the matters necessary to send the books to you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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June 12, 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your good letter of June 8. I am in full agreement with your conditions for the lending of the books you mention, and I can assure you that we will scrupulously conform to all of them. Dr. Stafleu's talk will be at the Linda Hall Library on Saturday morning, in the auditorium downstairs which is equipped with a sufficient number of display cases to handle all of your books. I talked with Joe Shipman by telephone today, and he tells me that the space will be available.

Because we have requested the books and will take responsibility for them, I should like to have them shipped to us here in Lawrence. They should be addressed to me. When they arrive I will turn them over to the head of our Special Collections Department, Miss Alexandra Mason, who is an entirely responsible person, well-acquainted with the care of rare books. She and I together will take the books to Linda Hall early in the week of June 22, and will place them in the cases there. As I understand it from Joe, the folios can be displayed flat which will eliminate any stress on the volumes. On Saturday after the conference Miss Mason and one of her professional assistants will personally supervise the packing of the books using the same or similar materials which you have used to send them, and then on the following Monday, they will be returned to you by registered and insured post as you specify.

You are correct in assuming that we will want to be billed for whatever expenses you will have in making this loan.

We have an insurance policy constantly in effect in the amount of \$5000 covering damage or loss of books lent to us by other libraries. I do not mean to suggest that there will be any damage or loss whatsoever, but

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nevertheless I do want you to know that this policy exists. We have borrowed a number of very valuable books from Harvard and elsewhere in the past, and there has never been any need to use our insurance. A few years ago we made special arrangements with the Folger Shakespeare Library to borrow one of the first folios of Shakespeare on the occasion of a lecture by Professor Charlton Hinman. The folio was on display, under guard, for a period of about ten days, and all of this too went off without a hitch, and to everyone's satisfaction. Your concern is entirely understandable, and we shall be equally concerned that your books be returned to you in the condition in which you sent them.

If we need to discuss any other details about this, please call me collect at area code 913 UNiversity 4-3602.

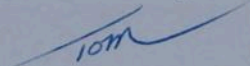
I am certain that these volumes will be very helpful to Stafleu, and will be of great interest to the people attending the meetings. We shall of course be sure that the Missouri Botanical Garden receives full credit for the display.

Finally, please do not send Sertum anglicum--we have a copy at KU which we shall add to the display.

With regard to the panel discussion, I assume that you have sent in the little mimeographed questionnaire, and that you have noted the problem of reprints lacking proper bibliographical detail. I am sure that this will be mentioned during the discussion.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25th, and again, many thanks for your kind cooperation in lending these volumes to us.

Yours cordially,


Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries

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PS: George, would you please also send the 1955 Fruits and Flowers, which you mention in your second paragraph.

June 17, 1964.

Mr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Tom,

The seven volumes of Redcuté material which I am sending you for exhibit at Linda Hall are being dispatched by Railway Express collect today in two wooden cases. They are addressed to you as you directed. Unless they meet with a major earthquake on the way, I think they will reach you without damage. You must already know I am an extremist and my packaging is always a reflection of that fact! Most of the books are not in any especially good condition, but I should like to mention the Bonpland in which the spine is partially broken at the top. I did not have time to repair this but unless it is further damaged I think it can be repaired and I should appreciate special attention that it is not further torn.

I have received the final program and find it very promising. The arrangement of material and the times for it seem especially well worked out. I am looking forward to the whole occasion with anticipation.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Department of Special Collections

30 June 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack;

This is to inform you that the Missouri Botanical Garden books which you so kindly lent to Mr. Buckman for the ACRL Rare Books Conference are being expressed to you today. They should leave early this afternoon by REA Express. They have been securely packed and are being insured for the same amount which covered them on their trip to Lawrence.

We should like to thank you for your generosity in lending these books. I appreciated very much the opportunity of seeing them. The Bonpland is a magnificent volume and the three rose volumes are particularly fine.

Yours truly,

Alexandra Mason.
Alexandra Mason
Head

February 7th, 1967

Dr. Thomas R. Buckman
Director of Libraries
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Tom:

I enclose a copy of an advertisement we have recently had in LJ and ALAB, together with a description of the position advertised. So far we are having very little success in attracting any suitable candidate, which I am sure is no great surprise to you. I am also sure you are among the few who realize the importance of getting the right person here as well as one of the more likely to come across such persons in the normal course of your going about the country. Both Dr. Gates and I should be very grateful if you would keep us in mind in this regard and either suggest names to us or recommend us to persons you may know.

My own belief is that we should not have too much difficulty filling this position if we could offer not only the good salary which we intend to pay, but as well the immediate increase in staff which practically anyone who takes this position would wish to see. At the moment the latter seems entirely impossible for we simply do not have sufficient funds to run this library at the pitch that its size and importance require. It is not so difficult in size and condition from that of the New York Botanical Garden, although there public use of it is very much greater than here. I was accordingly surprised to learn the other day that their current staff numbers twelve and a half and personnel budget amounts to something around \$75,000; our current staff numbers three, with a total budget of approximately \$20,000, to which the only possible increase is the salary for the position now advertised.

Jerry Stannard has just been here for two or three days to look at our Dioscorides and Mattioli. It was a pleasure to have him and to be able to take time to look at some of the books I hadn't gotten around to touching for a good many months. I think you are to be congratulated on having him come to Kansas as visiting professor next year.

I hope things are going well with you and hope that our paths will cross sometime this year. With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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October 5, 1965

Dr. George B. VanSchaak, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden Library
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Dr. VanSchaak,

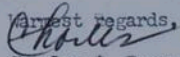
Though I haven't heard as much as a word about you or the library for many months, I am assuming that both are still functioning and shall ask your help. As part of my course work toward a doctorate here I am taking a course dealing with the research resources in American libraries. One of the requirements of the course is for each student to prepare a report on the resources in American libraries on a particular rather specialized field. Since my brief connection with the Garden library established an interest in pre-Linnaean and Linnaean botanical literature, I thought this might be an opportunity both to fulfill the formal requirements of a course and do something that interests me.

Though I am writing you before much of the semester has time to slip by and thus before taking much time for research, I am having some difficulty finding out which botanical collections are strong in such materials and in finding descriptions of those of which I do know (I have the 1896 catalog of the Sturtevant Collection). Would it be possible for you to drop me a line at your earliest convenience listing some of the collections that you consider outstanding in pre-Linnaean and Linnaean materials? I'd like both the names of the libraries holding the material and the name of the special collections, e.g., Sturtevant, Mackenzie, etc., if they have special names. Then too, if you can think of any citations to descriptions of the collections, I'd very much appreciate your sending them to me, also.

Please don't spend undue time on this. I know how very busy you are, and would find a simple listing from the top of your head helpful, I'm sure.

Some personal notes: Wayne, my brother-in-law, has taken a parish in Troy, Mo. It has two churches, Troy and Moscow Mills. They have a nice home there. They have a baby girl and are very happy. Wayne seems to find the ministry as challenging and rewarding as he thought he would. My family is still composed of a wife and two children, a boy and a girl. I am working half time here at the Research Center, where we mainly do survey research on problems concerning public library development. I am finishing my course work this semester and will then begin dissertation research. As yet I have not much idea of what my research will consist of. I taught an introductory course in reference this summer. I found it very enjoyable and hope to get a job eventually that offers some opportunity to teach.

I do hope this finds you in good health and spirit. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

Charles A. Bunge
Research Associate

October 29, 1965.

Mr. Charles A. Bunge
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Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Charles,

I was glad to receive your letter of several weeks ago and am sorry I have not been able to answer you earlier. I can only plead complete bankruptcy in time, created by the usual situation which you already know here plus a six weeks vacation largely in Europe followed by a fever probably caught there and a rather long period of recuperation.

Your idea for a report seems to be very appropriate and I wish I had more time to give you assistance. I wish I knew myself where all of the collections you wish to locate are to be found. The major pre-Linnaean ones are at Harvard (mostly in Houghton, but belonging to the Gray Herbarium and the Arnold Arboretum), the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, at the New York Botanical Garden, also, I believe at the New York Public Library, the Horticultural Society of New York, at the Yale Medical School and/or other libraries of that university, the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, perhaps the American Philosophical Society, as well as some of the medical libraries in Philadelphia, the Hunt Botanical Library, the National Medical Library (or whatever it is called), Mrs. Bliss's library at Dunbarton Oaks, very probably the USDA Library and L.C., the Lloyd Library in Cincinnati, the University of Michigan Library, perhaps the University of Wisconsin Library, the Missouri Botanical Garden Library, the Linda Hall Library, the University of Kansas Library, the Golyer Library in Norman, Oklahoma, perhaps the University of Texas, probably the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California, the Biomedical Library at UCL, the UC Library at Berkeley, at least. As for Linnaean libraries they are much fewer, I am sure, probably only at Harvard, New York Botanical Garden, Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Hunt Botanical Library (rather minimal), L. C., Lloyd Library, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, University of Kansas, probably UCLA and UC.

Well, I have had to restrict myself to the 'simple listing from the top of [my] head(which you suggested would be helpful.

As for our own pre-Linnaean collection in addition to the 1896 catalogue which you mention there was a large addendum in the Missouri Botanical Garden Annual Report for 1903, but even these two fail to list many things acquired since then.

As I say, I wish I could help you more, but I simply do not have the time. I hope you will be able to come down some time and see what is going on here. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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January 25, 1973

My office: 82° for the past week
today: 58° (same old thing)

Dear George:

Again, only a note to enclose with the accumulation of mail and a few catalogues I have saved for you. These are difficult days for me--we have sold our house and are trying to find a place to move which will answer many problems for both Ned and me. It is extremely difficult for just the right place is eluding us and we must be out of our house by March 19. Believe me, it is one of the most trying moves I have ever made, and I swear I shall someday haunt that house for it is a real part of me.

Ned's new corporation has not yet gelled and that has put an added burden of worry on us both--it does seem sometimes as if things are all gone to hell for us- I find it more and more difficult to keep looking for that silver lining. Fortunately I take solace in my work, but do find it increasingly hard to concentrate as I should. Perhaps when we know where our move will take us I shall feel better. We are looking in the Hinsdale area which will give Ned much less travel and much more time: the traffic out here these days causes $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours to the loop area and from the loop during any part of a 3 hour rush hour either way. So I spend a great amount of time alone during the week--we hope to correct that situation when we move.

Some people have moved into the new visitors' center building and find so many things wrong about it that it becomes more and more a monument to Myhrum (as Ron Coulter calls it). It is scheduled to open April 1, but it doesn't seem likely now. There are no more big changes at the library. We are working on serials for binding and will send them off to Mr. Smith shortly. Elizabeth is working on it and keeping me informed all the way. We work well together and she is very knowledgeable. Thank goodness you finished Pflanzenreich. I'll try hard to write longer and more frequently. (How about a trip to Alaska this summer?)

Allen

[Helen at Morton Arboretum?
Ass. Acquisition Lib
Calbins - Acquisition Lib
at Morton Arb.

April 18, 1973

Dear George:

We are nearing the date of last year's party and you are more in my thoughts than usual, although I must say there is not a day when I do not 'remember' in some way. Along with these few pieces of mail, I shall try to bring you up to date, briefly.

We have moved into our apartment in Hinsdale and I find the move much more distasteful and harder to adjust to than even I thought was possible; I simply detest it and am only existing from day to day. In addition to the mental weariness, I almost ruined myself physically to the extent that I lost the use of my right hand completely for about a week and the thumb and two forefingers are still numb and practically useless. The doctor is giving me medication which seems to be extremely slow, but he indicated that it was caused by a combination of physical and nervous exhaustion. Believe, me, this does not contribute to an easy adjustment--as you probably know.

In addition to the work of moving, I did everything possible to bring the work here up to date so that there would be little notice of my absence during the week vacation I took. I worked about nine hours a day for the entire month before moving and when I left before the move, my shelves were clean. But--when I returned--WOW. Because of my hand, I have been unable to work efficiently or to accomplish much with handling books, but manage to keep the current things moving.

I guess you know by now that Clarence died very suddenly last winter of a heart attack. But I doubt that you know that Arthur Myrrhum did on or about April 1--just two weeks prior to the grand opening of his building. He died of English flu. Everyone thought Mrs. D may postpone the festivities, but she did not. There is great to-do and much scuttering about by staff members who entertained the press at a luncheon yesterday and who are on duty intermittently today and tomorrow ~~for the opening~~ for the invitational opening which is for members, etc. True to custom, the drone bees have no part of the whole proceeding; as a matter of fact, we have not even been informed of the schedules; we just stay here and work asking no questions and receiving no information about anything. It is odd how they expect on the one hand that employees take an active interest in the arboretum and on the other ~~to~~ ignore and indeed almost insult them when anything of an important nature comes up.

Have you seen Colin ~~NEXE~~ Murdoch's small pamphlet-type publication entitled G. D. Ehret, botanical artist. We obtained our copy from Blackwell for \$1.35 and if you like I shall be happy to order another copy for you. In my opinion it is quite nice, although could have been much more impressive, but also more expensive, had the illustrations been done in color.

We are sending considerable binding to Mr. Smith; Elizabeth, Ian and I work together to prepare it and I think you would approve. I am ever grateful to you for your rigorous and demanding education in so many phases of the work here; sometimes because of it, I am the only one to see an error or a lacking piece or something else. I am sure this escapes notice by anyone else, but it surely is a great satisfaction to me personally.

Oh yes, I have a new car--finally the Mustang was ready to give up the ghost. I bought a Mazda RX3, Coupe, Rotary Engine, and I just love it. It's ~~by~~ a very pretty yellow with a white ~~xxx~~ vinyl roof and white upholstery. When you trade your stationwagon you should look at Mazda. It is, of course, the only car in America which now meets the pollution standards for 1975.

Hope all is well with you and that you are still enjoying your home. It must be lovely with all the springtime ~~sxxx~~ surprises coming into flower. I envy the buyer of our home--what beauty she has each new day. Keep your health--both in mind and body. Maybe I'll see you one of these days. Please forgive all the errors.

August 16, 1973

Dear George:

Thank you so much for your nice letter, received yesterday. I am so relieved that my indecision did not upset you too much. I guess I really sensed your frustration in trying to go on such a hurried trip on such short notice, and I surely felt it in myself. It is much better this way.

Enclosed are several things I had accumulated to bring with me--some recently received and some saved from some time back. I had put together our accessions lists since you left for I thought you might be interested in seeing how our acquisitions are running and the numbers we are buying these days. These, of course, represent only accessioned new books for the library. I would judge that I order about half again as many for the various departments. Rare books are slowing down for their prices are outrageous these days and actually the library has quite a collection of those in a thinkable price range.

I guess I failed to mention my personal acquisition of Parkinson, Theatrum Botanicum. I bought it quite spontaneously one day when Mrs. Lyon brought it in for appraisal and reference to a dealer. Ian looked it over and proclaimed it a sound copy, although it does not have the extra tp which our library copy has. But I paid \$75.00 for it and it thrills me to own it. I have treated the leather binding and pasted the back as you showed me and have it closed in my breakfront shelves.

Not any time now--am trying to clean up as many odds and ends as possible before leaving tomorrow for the wedding. If my father in law were not paying my way, I should be staying at home. Since I have shortened my trip, a neighbor teenager is caring for Missy. I have wonderful neighbors in my new residence, but surely do miss my house and yard. Wish I were going to visit with you and tell you all about everything. There will be a right time.

I am sorry for any over-zealousness I caused you, but I know the feeling it is to have the piled up work accomplished--it's a good feeling, so perhaps that compensates. Until sometime later--

Helen

I'm glad your ideas for improving the university library binding program are now close to accomplishment--they are lucky to have you to guide them.

Dear George:

Thought I should bring you up to date -- at least so far as our rare book acquisitions are concerned.

On March 5 Parke-Bernet (now owned by Sotheby) held an auction for the book collection of a Col. Richardson, a not well-known business man of New York City and the catalogue was extremely exciting to both Mr. MacPhail and Mrs. D. So they attended the auction and were represented by Lucien Goldschmidt. While they lost out on some of the things they really wished to get, they did get some wonderful things:

Hortus Sanitatis, 1497
Oviedo Y Valdez, La historia general de las Indias, 1535.
----- Libro XX de segunda parte de la historia ...1557
Vredeman de Vries, Hans. Hortorum viridariorumque elegantes...1583.
Pankow, Thomas...Herbarium, Kräuter-und Gewächsbuch 1673.
Martyn, John. Historia plantarum rariorum. 1728.
Sweet, Robert. The British flower garden, Vol. I-III 1823-29,
2d s. Vol. I-IV. 1831-38.
[Hey, Mrs. Rebecca] The moral of flowers. 1833.
Embury, Emma. American wild flowers. 1845.

Ian says he is going to write and tell you all about the sale and the books, so I won't burden you with my non-professional descriptions except to say that working on them was one of the most exciting things I think I have ever done. The Martyn proved to be extremely interesting because of the Linnean index on the back of the preface. The consensus is that Thomas Martyn republished the book with the Linnean index added to the original unbound volume. Do you have any theory about this?

Mrs. Davidson wants the prices paid for those volumes we get kept secret, but I do know that she had agreed to spend \$30,000 at the auction and that some of the books cost more than they had expected--I guess if a person really wanted to know the prices paid for each the auction records would show. Anyway it was exciting and a real privilege to work on such books.

Our weather seems to have broken, finally; and the spring flowers are starting. It seems such a long winter this year--started before Thanksgiving and stayed cold until yesterday; we are all weary of it. Ned's wind energy project has come a long way, but he is having a real problem funding it, which seems surprising to say nothing of disappointing to us both. He is so tired and needs to rest, but just drives himself on. I am concerned about him and about his business.

Things don't change here except for my attitude which is resigned, and I am glad I enjoy the work I do. They are cutting back on ground crew people--not firing, but juggling so that they won't have to hire so many this summer and the word is that money is very tight, but so far so good. Has your dollar been cut to the hurting point?

Hope you hear from Ian about the sale. He is away on vacation this week, but maybe when he returns he will write. Best to you from both of us. Love,

March 20, 1975

Dear Helen -

I didn't ~~hear~~ ^{find} your letter in the waste basket.

What a nose-dive your conference with Helen
Kempell sent you into! I am glad you got
out of it, ^{for his looking toward the future} but I'm sorry it ~~made~~ ^{put} you
through the grinder again, coming and with
increased resentment against MA. The place
is not going to change. Still, on the whole,
you haven't come out so badly - you are
running two departments of the library operation,
and, I would guess, a good part of ^a ~~the~~ third
(binding) - you don't have autonomy, of course,
but I'm sure you do have some independence,
for the simple reason that I am is disinclined
~~not~~ to keep track of everything. And you don't
have status, although many much less
competent employees do - This is galling, but
it has compensations. And so far as I can
see I am in a very good position.

your work, and well realizes he would be
hard but to explain you. That he doesn't
fight harder for you is simply on part
more of his way of getting along in life - he's
not a fighter. So calm down.

As for your driver, let me say I hope
what I'm now about to say won't
put you into a cracker. I must
ask you to abandon the idea of renting
a car for ~~the~~ ^{the} trip. Whether ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~not~~ ^{not}
to ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} an arguable matter or not ^{you} may
be ~~questioned~~, but I ask you to ~~adapt~~ ^{adapt}
the ~~status~~ ^{position} of nolo contendere simply
as a favor to me. ~~If you feel you~~
~~can't do this please let me know well~~
~~before our scheduled meeting time~~

I shall meet you in Crescent City with
my car, all packed with wordies and in-
struments which I shall wish to bring along,
for your convenience as well as mine.

I hope you will have a happy holiday
going up the coast.

As to how far we should go is
debatable. Any reluctance I have
about extending the trip would stem
from my concern for my vegetable
garden and for my pocket book.
I think I can get someone to water
my garden enough to take care of it -
at present I have to soak it ~~about~~
every day, ^{for} the sun bakes the frames
every day (what a miracle I would not be).

The pocket-book aspect looms because
we shall be travelling at ~~the worst~~ during
the period when ~~the~~ overnight rates will
be at their maximum - but ~~I suffer~~
the ~~total~~ cost ~~of~~ an extra day or two
isn't too critical. I wonder why you
should want to go to Vancouver. I know
why you might like to see Victoria,
but ~~if~~ ~~you~~ ~~would~~ ~~you~~ ~~could~~ ~~then~~

with the belief there are more interesting
rights to see. ~~I~~ found the famed gardens ^{at Victoria}

~~to~~ to be ~~to~~ dull and in very bad taste.

As for Seattle, seeing the city and ^{entirely} the
harbor is certainly worth the extra
day + driving, if we should have yet
for more gadding by that time.

For example an extra day devoted to
Olympic National Park (if we could find
any place to stay) ~~would~~ be verily more
rewarding. I believe you ^{would} find

March 5, 1976

Dear George:

Always at this time of year, I think of you; besides that, it is high time I write to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated your telephone call a few weeks ago. It was great to hear from you and to know that you are interested in our well being and life in general. My ex-neighbors in Naperville have sold their house nextdoor to ours and I was invited to a luncheon in her honor in our old house. It was traumatic building up to it, but after entering the house I realized that the changes made it someone's else house and that I loved the way I had built it and furnished it. It also made me realize more than ever that those belongings one can carry with him are the things which really make a home and it made me quite happy with our present home, even though in an apartment. I shall always remember the fun of giving your party in that home.

As I told you on the telephone Ned's new associates are very young, aggressive, and appreciate him for his knowledge, experience and just himself. It means a lot to him and in turn to me because it has reflected in his attitude and enjoyment of home even though he still works crazy long hours and almost every week end.

Things at work roll along in the usual fashion, with ups and downs. I am thinking about retirement a year from December, and I guess everyone else is too, for the signs of "has-been" are loud and clear. Alma leaves in September, Walter E leaves a year from June and then I leave. I had hoped that there would be a way for me to stay on in the same job on an hourly rate so that I could leave social security where it is until 67, but things have developed in the last month which tell me to go at the first opportunity. Consequently, I am looking around for a place where I can work before I reach 65 and stay on afterward, either by taking social security and pension or just pension alone. It seems to me a library closer to home, perhaps Hinsdale or Oakbrook, would appreciate my experience as well as my talent for organizing records and that is where I shall keep my eyes focused until the right time to actively pursue it. There are rather recent developments cropping up here which I find quite intolerable, but since I am so close to full retirement age I try not to let them frustrate me beyond control. Suffice it to say that IM and CD are becoming very close and the latter is able to do almost anything she so desires in the library either within or without the rules and regulations--it is really too bad for it breaks morale here.

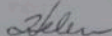
Our young reference librarian is having a nice European trip this spring, transportation and costs for ten days in London paid for by Arboretum. She is attending a meeting of Horticultural Libraries there and will take two weeks' vacation time on her own to tour England and Scotland. Mrs. D. is going to meet her in London and has arranged for her to meet some of the book dealers. Laura is a very capable girl but she has her eyes set on returning to California at the earliest opportunity, so it seems unnecessary to some people to spend all this money on her when the rest of us remain very much aware of the "shortage of money". Even Peter is feeling this one--unusual for a Chinese to express himself in this fashion, but he did to me. So, it will ever be thus--those who work hard and those who don't have to. I have no complaint personally; I have enjoyed my work and find the advantages outweigh complaints. This winter I have been taking Nancy's beginning art class and have just loved it. She started a half-day class for the first time which gave me the opportunity to attend for I couldn't be gone a whole day. She is a really great teacher and we all just love her. Bill Hess is teaching the botany part of it and altogether it is a congenial and fun class.

Floyd is giving a short course on bird song recognition beginning next week and I am signed up for that one too.

We have just received another catalogue of the Plesch sale in London and IM is busy~~in~~ making his recommendations for purchases. Our rare book purchases have been way down for a year and Mrs. D. has given us very little money. I understand she gave us some stock which Don sold the same day he received it and took a \$300.00 loss over what he could have made had he held it for a few days. He laughs and thinks it's very funny! Maybe it is--it's just that now any kind of a loss looks very big to me. I must say I have really learned to be extremely frugal, careful and sometimes downright cheap; but Ned and I have found great companionship, respect for one another, and deepened love during these times of trial and we are both grateful for all we have and which many people never have in their lives.

We think of you often and your wonderful house and all the work and improvements you have accomplished. I'd love to come back out to visit again and who knows, maybe I will. You really made the right move; I suppose in a few years we will be thinking about where we would like to live out the rest of our lives. I'm sure from expense standpoint it will not be around here.

Let us hear from you; stay well and happy-- Love from us both.



January 19, 1977

Dear George:

I hasten to get this off to make the mail this morning--so my letter will be brief.

I am glad to be able to help whenever I can. I would have sent this sooner, but Web, the only person here who had the information, has been away until today. The enclosed shows this year's officers and board, and Web says that Dr. Lighty will in all likelihood be next year's president. They elect officers Feb. 1, but they do not take office until sometime later. Your contact now would be Dr. Taylor. I asked for a copy of the current Newsletter which Web edits, but he says they have cracked down on freebees and you will have to pay \$15.00 membership fee to be included on the mailing list. I think he is doing an excellent job on it. Hope you agree. The organization has matured considerably since you were here; and you will probably recall that Clarence Godshalk and Roy Nordine were among the founders. Walter Eickhorst and Web have been active in it, but with Walter's retirement in July, Web is becoming more and more so.

The reorganization Ian told you about in his letter has been announced, but will not function in its entirety until July at Walter's retirement when Charlie Lewis will take over as Administrator of the Horticulture Dept. which will include Floyd and Greenhouse as well as Records, when they get someone to replace Pete Bristol who left last summer to go to Holden Arb. Yes, Carol has put herself in perhaps the most powerful spot in the Arb. except for Dr. Hall. She has all Public Relations activities, the visitors' center, education department, publications. Dr. Ware is the Research Administrator and Dr. Hess will replace Ray Schulenberg in July when Ray goes upstairs to work as Collections coordinator--whatever that means. Bill Hess is a great fellow whom I am sure you would enjoy knowing; he will become head of the herbarium and has great plans. They expect to build a new Research Wing and plans are now in the works--they will greatly expand the facilities for the herbarium and have research offices encircling it when it is finished. Tony remains autonomous in his position as Grounds Superintendent, and Ian remains autonomous as Librarian; however, there was some talk of putting the library under Carol in Education. I keep feeling that Carol has a vindictive interest in gaining control of the library, and I doubt she will relax the efforts to achieve that goal.

All for now--must get this in the mail. It was good to hear from you--with my next note, I shall inform you whether or not Dr. Frank Polach, formerly Plant Information manager at NYBG or Dr. Buchheim of Hunt Bot. Lib. will replace Laura Parker our reference librarian who left for California. I miss her very very much for she was stimulating and challenging with her Phi Beta Kappa mind and her great personality. We became very close and I am really lonely. I am glad to retire at the end of this year. Sorry to hear about your sister and hope she gets along all right--it's no fun to get older and have aching bones--I am learning.

See you in the next letter. Love from both Ned and me--

Selen

September 8, 1977

Dear George:

Have been wanting to write to you ever since your call to thank you for calling and to tell you how good it was to hear your voice. I had been worried about you, but decided to write again would be foolish for you never have time to reply. Thank goodness you get up early in the morning and can call on low rates; during the summer months we are three hours apart.

I am approaching the retirement hour and in four months will be a free agent. I find it hard to adjust to the thought much less the reality and only hope I will be able to find something else interesting to keep my income rolling in. Poor Ned is working so hard and so long to try to force his income up to where it will adequately handle my retirement, but so far it seems fruitless and I hate putting that kind of pressure on him. It would be so much easier if the government would pass legislation to make it illegal to force retirement at age 65; that is surely the only way they will keep me here. I still love the work I do for its interest and its diversity plus my complete independence provided I stay within the guidelines of this job. I am trying to write a detailed job description so that whoever takes my job will find it easier to follow the systems I have set up for efficiently handling the work and at the same time double checking so that errors do not creep in.

Our book budget is hurting quite badly, and periodicals are "out of sight" as you are probably aware. In addition they have cut the book budget and Mrs. D. does not contribute to the library budget as she once did. Since her retirement as Chairman she seems to have lost all interest; we haven't seen her in the library for almost a year. They say she is quite poorly and spends a lot of time at Santa Barbara and Aspen.

We haven't purchased any really exciting rare books during the past year; most of them are priced beyond our budget, so the purchases we make are of lesser importance. We have a lot of turn over because of lost and stolen books lately--not rare ones, lest you get excited. But our replacement costs for circulating books has about tripled and keeps going. We are, of course, getting a lot of different kinds of people in here now; our neighborhood has changed so that you would scarcely recognize it--and not for the better.

We have also had a lot of personnel turn-over in the past year. Of course there have been many retirements and with them, changes in organization so perhaps when it all settles down people will stay longer. The big change came with Walter Eickhorst's retirement when Charlie Lewis took over his whole department and then some. Charlie is hard to understand and has a way of belittling employees. Some refuse to take it. Maybe he will learn, and maybe they will hire the kinds of people who will stand up to him as individuals. Who knows? Our new reference librarian, Alan Barney, is a nice young man, but I think has a little too much ambition and drive for this place--I'll give him about a year and a half. He is smart enough, however, to have learned that he should not make waves. As you know, that is very hard on an intelligent person.

Helen Etter has moved to Santa Fe more or less permanently; Alfred visits her every so often, but she never returns here. The story has it that this climate is too hard on her. They bought a nice home down there and love it. Alma Greene also moved southwest - to Sedona, Ariz. - and is finding retirement a little hard. If you don't remember her by name - she was the receptionist, I believe, when you were here and Jerry Harris replaced her.

I hope your sister's condition does not compound itself and that she will be able to keep her home and end her days there if that is what she really wants to do. Will you not come back this way to visit her? Let me know when you do. All for now--and happy birthday.

Helen Etter

October 4, 1977

Dear George:

How great to know that you will be paying us a visit soon; I'm only sorry the reason for your trip is a sad one. Hopefully your sister's eyesight will be considerably improved after the surgery.

We have one problem at this end and that is timing. Nov. 2 is really a busy day for us in the library for Charlene Gary of Basilisk Press will be here from England and Ian and Christina will be tied up with her all day on the 2d and a part of the 3rd. Since I know you will want to spend time with Ian, particularly, we are hoping you can move your date to arrive on the 3rd instead of the 2d. The Arboretum has prepared rooms at the South Farm Annex to house guests overnight and your accommodations will be there. However, Charlene Gary will be staying there also on Nov. 2. That poses no problem as far as sleeping is concerned, but you will have to share the bathroom with her.

She is giving a lecture on the night of the 2d which I am sure you will find interesting if you are here; however, unless you can extend your stay through the 4th, Ian will not have too much time. Alfred said he would love to have you as his house guest except for the fact that Helen will be returning from New Mexico either the last week in October or the first week in November and he feels to have a house guest so soon would be too much for her. Everyone is looking forward to seeing you; and those people who have not met you are anxious to meet you.

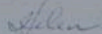
I shall be glad to meet you at the airport whenever you arrive and Ned and I look forward to spending your first night here with you. I wish it were possible for me to sleep you at our apartment, but between our poor sleeping arrangements and my dog along with Ned's erratic hours, I fear it is quite impossible. At any rate, you will be right here on the grounds at the Annex and I am sure that is where you would prefer to be.

How nice that you have found a compatible doctor there in Eugene. There is scarcely anything more important than having a doctor who will listen and understand. Sounds as if he does both.

In spite of miserable weather, we had a big crowd for our Fall Festival which was last week end. Today is gorgeous, but chilly.

Let me know when and what airline to meet you, and I'll be there. Just so you know--Ned and I will be busy October 29-31. See you soon.

Love,



on Kar 1.
Proposed: Arrival at 4:10) Ottawa

Spend the evening with your
Red + sleep at Annex.

Nov 2. Sleep-in with us comm. ~~about~~

If I 'have' at on grounds then
will be plenty to talk to.

Take care of my own dinner
and if I can still fiddle with

audition Charlene. Back
to Annex.

Nov 3. Buy a ride to Ottawa on
the Greyhound Bus downtown

I really think this would
cover all who want to see
me + for as long as ^{they hang in} I forgive

Jan + Christina — they don't owe
me a penny — except of course —

Jan's job (I forgot that!)

Churchill

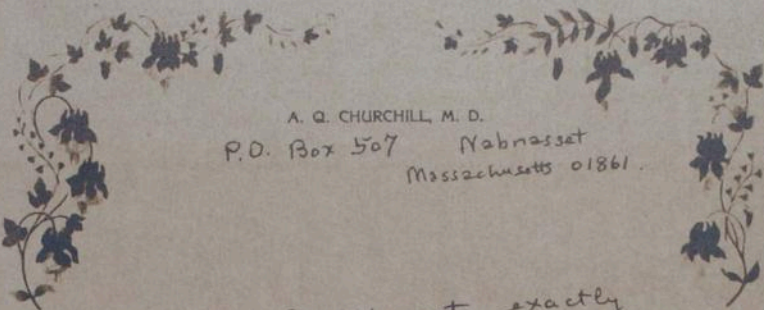
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1964.

To the Curator of
The Herbarium of The Missouri
Botanical Garden - 2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St Louis 10 Missouri;

On the birthday of my Father,
in 1945, Joseph Richmond Churchill
whose herbarium of 15,000 sheets, + or -,
was a bequest to your Herbarium,
in 1933, I write today, in admiration and love
for him. His dear friend, and mine,
J. M. Greenman is no longer living, and
I am interested to know who is in
his place as curator of the Herbarium
of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

On May 18, 1964, I completed
the furnishing of a room in
the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank
at Fields Corner, Dorchester Massachusetts
5+ is called the "Churchill Lounge".

His photograph - enlarged by Bachrach
of Boston is in a gold frame in the
room that I furnished in honor
of my Father, the president of that bank 1908-1933.
Please look at your copy, that must
be in your library, of Rhodora
Vol. 36, January, 1934, in the biography
of Joseph Richmond Churchill by
Clarence Hinckley Knowlton of
the New England Botanical Club. I
ask you to look at the portrait of
my Father, the frontispiece, and let me
know whether you have a copy of that
photograph framed or unframed
in your herbarium. Or have you another
framed photograph of my Father who
left his entire herbarium in his will
to your herbarium together with his
botanical library. As executrix of
my Father's will, after his death, on
February 14, 1933 I packed and shipped
his bequest to St. Louis, to your herbarium.



A. Q. CHURCHILL, M. D.
P.O. Box 507 Nabnasset
Massachusetts 01861.

As executrix I did not exactly
fulfil the legacy of my Father, because
I retained a few sheets of his personally
collected plants that were of special
interest to me, and a few of his
books. I was waiting to deliver
personally his "The Ferns of North America"
by Daniel Cady Eaton Prof. of Botany in Yale College
in 2 large volumes published by
S. E. Cassino Naturalists' Agency 1879.
I waited too long & I can never
deliver those beautiful volumes to my
beloved friend J. M. Greenman. I have
been enjoying the books at my home
on the shore of Lake Nabnasset in
the township of Westford since 1937.

My Father is a graduate of
Harvard College Class 1867
and also of Harvard Law School.

Have you those 2 volumes in your library? If not, they ought to go there.

They are yours, whether you include them in your library or not. But they are so large it is a problem how to

ship them safely. If your library includes them, it might be better to add them to the library of ~~Harvard~~ ^{Harvard} university, more easily accessible to me. The main purpose of my letter

is to find out about what photograph or picture of my Father is in your herbarium, and whether it would be desirable to have one there, perhaps the one in the article by C.H. Knowlton

the reference to which I have quoted. Bachrach of Boston keeps the negative on file.

I imagine that the curator + other officials in the Herbarium might be in Edinburgh Scotland at the meeting of Biologists there, just now, + it might not be possible to reply to my letter

right away. My address is on these letter sheets, + it will reach me directly or by forwarding, wherever I go.

Sincerely
Daughter of Joseph Anna Quincy Churchill
Richmond Churchill.

August 3, 1964

Dr. A. Q. Churchill
P. O. Box 507
Nabnasset, Massachusetts 01861

Dear Dr. Churchill:

As the oldest member of the herbarium staff as well as the only one not away for the summer, I undertake to answer your kind letter of July 29th. Your father's name was one of the first I learned to know well when I came here in the fall of 1947 to take charge of the portion of the herbarium devoted to grasses. What his interest in other plants may have been I am not clear about, but his collections of grasses are very extensive and form a most important segment of our really excellent grass herbarium. I also early noted in the library the many books stamped as having come by his bequest and have often found them of great usefulness. The set which you mention, Eaton's "Ferns of North America" is, of course, an important work and did we not already have a very good copy of it I should suggest your sending along your father's copy to us. We do not, however, need it and I should like to suggest that you present it to some nearer library which does. I am Harvard '29 and share your esteem for that institution and should, of course, be pleased to have you present the set to the Gray Herbarium if they need it, which, however, I am inclined to doubt. There are many other institutions in your area which, perhaps, do not have the work and could use it; I think in particular of Tufts, of Brandeis, of Boston University, etc.

I early became acquainted with your father's photograph as well, for when I came here it was hanging in the herbarium along with many others. During the last five years, however, these have disappeared from the walls, under circumstances with which I am not familiar, although I must believe that they have merely been stored. The person who is likely to know about this is Dr. Cutler, whom I shall ask to write you regarding this photograph upon his return from Europe late in August. Should it indeed have been lost, we will be glad to have a replacement made from the negative which Bachrach may have kept.

Hopefully, we shall, within another four or five years, have additional new quarters for the library and herbarium, both of which are breaking the seams of the older ones. In this new addition we should like to have an archives room where the reliques of people who have been intimately connected with the Garden in one way or another can be gathered together and properly taken care of as well as displayed. This type of thing is not very generously supported by the public agencies such as the National Science Foundation, upon

August 3, 1964

which we must depend for the major portion of the funds to build additional quarters, but we hope there will be people to whom the appeal of such a room will be great enough to induce them to give special gifts for it.

Coming here in 1947, some three years before Dr. Greenman's death, I had the pleasure of knowing him, indeed quite well, for my office adjoined his and nearly every day I visited him for 20 or 30 minutes. Of these meetings I have many happy memories and, as well, gleaned many facts which would otherwise have been hard to come by. As you know, he retired the first of January, 1948, to be followed by Dr. Robert Woodson. The latter died suddenly last November, his position remaining vacant until recently when Dr. Walter Lewis was appointed Curator of the Herbarium. During the interim period Dr. Hugh Cutler, Curator of Useful Plants, has been caring for the herbarium.

My own work here for several years now has been almost entirely in the library, without too much opportunity to visit the herbarium and be reminded of the older days. It has been a pleasure to have thought through them again in writing this letter to you. I send you the best wishes of the institution as well as my own personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Van Schaeck
Librarian and Curator of Grasses

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ECC: Dr. Cutler
✓ Library

Churchill

Written where I live
this winter - until next
May - 1965.
89 Lakewood Circle
Manchester
Connecticut 06040

January 26, 1965.



To
My Dear George B. Van Schaack
Librarian and Curator of Grasses:

Your welcome interesting letter
of August 3, 1965 has awaited a reply
too long. You report that you are the
oldest member of the herbarium staff. I
may be older than you are. On May 31,
1964 I was 80.

You wrote that you have a good copy of
"Eaton's Ferns of North America". I decided
to give my Father's copy to Mrs. Louise Stoddard,
a beloved cousin of his, who has a farm
where she + her husband have many ferns
growing in Dunstable Massachusetts, within
10 miles of my summer cottage on the
shore of Lake Umbagog. I delivered the
2 volumes to her + her husband
James Stoddard M.D.



Your letter made
me feel sure that I have done
the right thing with my Father's
valuable books on Ferns by Eaton.
I want to keep in touch with
you and or the Curator of the
Herbarium where the herbarium

of Joseph Richmond Churchill is kept, as his bequest, after his death in 1933. I am sorry his photograph had to be stored. There is not space enough for everything in your Herbarium, I am sure, to have many photographs in frames on the walls.

I was intimate with Dr. Greenman, + my Father + I enjoyed botanizing together when we visited him in St. Louis, many years ago.

I want to give you the name of a dear friend of mine in whose beautiful house I am always welcome to live, at the address that heads this letter. And here, I should like to have more news from you + your staff before I go to live, next Summer, at my cottage where you correctly addressed your letter of August 3, 1964. That address is on my envelope. First class mail reaches me there wherever I go. The name of my dear friend, here in Manchester Connecticut is William Donald Stroud M.D.

My Father never knew him. He was able to receive his M.D. at Tufts Medical School because I gave him a scholarship called by the name of my Father. Cordially, Anna Quincy Churchill.

I have several books on the shelves of Dr. Stroud's home that we have sent to your library, but I still need them. They need to be kept there.

December 9th, 1966

Dear Mrs. Clokie:

I hope that this note will tend to put me back in your good graces, considering the long time since I bid you adieu in London--just as you were rushing off to your women's club meeting. (I have often wondered what you said on that occasion and whether you have gathered any additional information since then!) As you know, I flew to New York the next day and, as you don't know, four days later I was in the hospital with a very high fever which was never explained but did subside after a few days. However, I was left very weak and I have never been able to organize my affairs since returning from Europe--you know, doing such things as writing you my thanks, sending Erika the list of seed books I promised her, etc., etc. In fact, I lost my notebook and have never run across it since. Just as I thought I was getting going last spring, I came down with another illness, which was much worse, losing four months. Now I feel very well again and am beginning to get a little bit of organization into all the stuff which has piled up in the meantime.

The visit to the Tate with you and our evening with you, Joe and Erika afterward, I have recalled on many occasions with great pleasure. And your offices in getting me to the Linnean Society and the Royal Society rooms, to the Abbey and the Cathedral, could not have been done so well by anyone else. Even at this distance of several thousand miles, people still oh-and-ah at my having got my hands on the Newton manuscript.

I have often wondered whether you decided to do anything about getting down on paper your recollections and other memories of Eric Gill. I have not seen the recent and rather extensive biography of him, but I am sure that it cannot contain many of the intimate things about him that you told us on Sunday evening, and now, with the biography having appeared, you can so much more easily write your recollections without having to create too much background.

I enclose a small list of books about seeds which I have so long intended to send for Erika's son (I am sorry I cannot remember Erika's last name). However, this tiny bit is about to be swept far up on the beach by L. V. Barton's Bibliography of Seeds, containing some 20,000 references. This is announced for January in this country by the Columbia University Press, but it will appear in London as well. The price is about \$10.00.

Joe and Nesta visited me last spring for one brief evening, after which we spent several days making a trip to Kansas City and Lawrence for some history of science meetings. Since then I have not seen him, but we do talk by 'phone occasionally and I understand Joe is just as active as ever with even more irons in the fire.

Please present my apologies to Erika, as well as my greetings. With many thanks and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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Enc.

Mrs. Hermia N. Clokie

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December 9th, 1966

P. S. We are reactivating our search for an associate librarian who would eventually succeed me, but who should have the benefit of two or three years at least with me before that time. I am wondering if you might know anyone in England who would care to be considered? A description of the position, as advertised, is enclosed in case you should. I don't know what you know about the library itself, but I might say very briefly that it contains about 60,000 volumes and 100,000 pamphlets and is one of the half dozen best collections of the type of material it contains in the western hemisphere, namely, plant taxonomy and distribution, horticulture, history of botany and illustrated botanical books.

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July 17, 1961

Mr. Alfredo Cocucci
Museo Botanical
Facultad De Ciencias Exactas
Fisicas Y Naturales
Cordoba, ARGENTINA

Dear Alfredo:

We have just recently received the first volume of your new journal, Kurtziana, and I hasten to congratulate all who were concerned with such a beautifully produced work. I have a suspicion you yourself had no little part in it which, as I remember the work you did for me, would help to account for its excellence.

By the way, you remember the diagram you made for me, showing how a grass plant grows? This was published about a year ago illustrating a short note I put in the bulletin. I am ashamed to say I have never sent you a copy of this bulletin but will see that one is sent to you.

In recently checking over our publication exchange card with your institution, I find it is obscure whether your institution was sent Vol. 47 (3) and Vol. 48 (1) of our Annals. Please let me know if these numbers have been received.

I often think of you and wonder how things are going for you. How many children do you have now? You remember little Freddie Sadler I am sure. He will be 4 tomorrow and is a most interesting child. Fred and Doris still live in Audubon Park but I think they will soon find a place further out. Now that the time for a summer vacation is here again, I think of ours of 4 years ago. This year I shall make a rather simple trip to Minnesota, but a year ago I went on a very extended trip with a young German who had worked for me all year. Part of it covered territory which you, Nora and I did: north rim of Grand Canyon, Lee's Ferry, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde and the Rampart Range and the lake in western Kansas. Monument Valley is quite changed, most of the road now being concrete. The little campsite we had on the Rampart Range (just above Colorado Springs) has been blocked off by the forest service with large rocks and we could not use it. And, the little lake in Kansas in which we had so much fun has been neglected and has become a dirty pond. But Grand Canyon was still beautiful and Mesa Verde was as interesting as ever and, of course, Colorado was quite as beautiful as you remember it.

All good wishes to Nora and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

March 11, 1966.

Dr. Alfredo Cocucci
Museo Botánico
Facultad de Ciencias E. F. y Naturales
Avenida Vélez Sarsfield 249
Córdoba, Argentina.

Dear Alfredo,

I hope everything has been going well with you and Nora. I wonder how many brothers and sisters you have given little Alfredo by this time.

Here, as you may have heard, we have had a new director since last September, Dr. David M. Gates. I am sure you remember our camping up north of Gunnison underneath Mount Bellevue--it was in the same area that I met Dr. Gates in 1952. He has been a physicist, but brought up by a taxonomical father and himself always interested in energy relations between plants and solar radiation on which he is a world authority. He is very much interested in the future of the Garden and is making a very excellent push to get us money for a new building and to increase greatly the taxonomic program here. I hope when we get our new quarters you will be able to visit us again.

As you know I am long since detached from the herbarium, having been since 1958 entirely concerned with the library. Keeping track of all the incoming material increases in complexity as does the material in volume. Just at the moment I am wondering about the Revista Argentina de Agronomía of which we have received no parts since May 1963 when volume 29, numbers 1-2 reached us. Regretting this sudden break I finally wrote last September to Dr. Parodi to inquire about the possibility of having the back numbers sent to us. Six months later I have had no answer from him and fear that perhaps he is no longer well or has become too old to take care of his many duties. If you can give me any information about this, in particular what has been published since volume 29, parts 1-2 and to whom I might write to obtain an answer to our letter I should be most grateful.

We have been very glad to receive Kurtziana and your Tra- bajos which have come to us regularly. I hope you are receiving our Annals in return--you will observe that in 1965 we returned to the normal size per volume after a bad slump following Dr. Went's resignation.

11 March 1966

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You will remember too our trip to the Grand Canyon. It is my hope to be able to get there about the first of May this year, this time on the south rim, when I think it will be early enough to see some of the spring flowers of the desert--these I have never seen, but the past winter has been good in moisture and there should be quite a display.

Fred and Daria are, as I believe you know, living in São Paulo where he is general manager for two manufactories, one producing gelatin and the other hydrogen peroxide. In his spare time he is having a large tract of jungle cleared for cultivation and the planting of a million bananas. He complains all the time about the difficulties of carrying on in Brasil, but I guess he is paid so well that he cannot think of returning to the United States.

Please remember me to Director Hunziker whom I met briefly in the Gray Herbarium two or three hours after you had been here.

With all good wishes to you and Nora,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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MUSEO BOTANICO
CASILLA DE CORREO 495
Córdoba - Argentina

Córdoba, May 4, 1966.

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

I was very glad indeed, to receive your kind letter of March 11, that made me and me very happy. In fact, all the notices contained in your letter are new for us.

Regarding the "Revista Argentina de Agronomía" I can inform you that the last issue is 29 (1-2); I am afraid it will be the last one. Unfortunately for the argentinian botanists, Prof. Farodi died of Cancer last week after suffering a long and terrible agony. He had been operated one year before of Prostate and from that time, the diagnosis of Cancer was settled.


We have received your "Annals" regularly. We have "Kurtziana" 3, ready to come out of the press, so we expect to send it to you next month.

I was very glad to know about the new Director of the Botanical Garden, and about everything he is doing to increase the taxonomic program there.

We are improving our program in the Faculty of Science; and in this connection, I would like to obtain your advise. Is there any possibility to get a Syllabus of Subjects of the Mathematical Courses in Biology at the Washington University? I also want to know your opinion of what should be the main topics of this Course.

It was really a surprise, a happy one, to know about Fred and Daris. We are five now. The little Alfred (1), Andrea (2), and Guido (3), all males. By this time, we are seriously thinking to stop production. We expect this letter will arrive after your trip back from the Grand Canyon, and we hope you still keep in your mind the beauty of the spring flowers of the desert.

Sincerely yours



Alfredo B. Cocucci
R.B.: kindest regards from Prof. A.T. Hunziker

Dr. ALFREDO E. COCUCCI

MUSEO BOTANICO
CASILLA DE CORREO 495
Córdoba - Argentina

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Córdoba, August 24, 1966

Dr. George B. Van Schaak
Librarian of the Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis 10, MISSOURI. U.S.A.

Dear George:

I am sending you this letter looking for help. I am in a very embarrassing situation in connection with scientific equipment that I bought for our University. The fact is that I have paid it using my checking account (N° 70-3567-9) at the First National Bank in St. Louis. One check (to the order of "Banco del Interior", Córdoba, Argentina, for the total amount of \$77,00 dollars) has been rejected by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York because of insufficient funds.

I am positive sure that the Bank has committed a tremendous mistake because its last statement shows a balance of U\$S 1.148,08 (see copy) and since then I only issued the following 3 checks to the order of:

1) Coasin Inc. May 2, 1966	U\$S	40,40
2) Banco del Interior July 25, 1966		977,00
3) Ivan Sorvall Inc. July 27, 1966		40,65
	Total	U\$S 1.058,05

According this I still must have a favourable balance of 90,03 dollars.

Would you please call personally to the First National Bank in St. Louis -(I have corresponded with the Vice-President Mr. H.R. Dominguez)- for an explanation of this incredible situation. It never happened to me such a thing, and you can imagine how I feel presently; I do not want to mention the harm that this event has caused me.

I am sorry to trouble you with this problem but you are the only one person I know on which I can trust.

Could you be so kind to drop me a line as soon as you have news on this matter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Alfredo E. Cocucci

Dr. ALFREDO E. COCUCCI

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August 29th, 1966

Dr. Alfredo E. Cocucci
Museo Botánico
Casilla de Correo 495
Córdoba, ARGENTINA

Dear Alfredo:

Your special delivery letter has just been received and I have already talked to Mr. Dominguez. He has told me that he wrote you last week to explain how the refusal of your check came about--that is, the modern electronic equipment being used failed to accept the old check from which you had used and the teller who had fed it to the equipment had not recognized it as being out of date. I am sure you have already heard that the Banco del Interior has received the funds by cable from St. Louis and that all has been straightened out. I believe Mr. Dominguez said that he had asked you to inform him of your cable charges in this matter for the bank wishes to pay those since the error was wholly theirs. By all means you should let him do this for you.

I am sorry your letter of May 4th has never been answered. It came while I was in California where instead of having a vacation I spent my time in the hospital. I returned here on the 17th of May and went again to the hospital early in June for some surgery. I have recovered from this, but it took a long time and with the great heat of our early summer I have been able to do very little work.

As for your question regarding a syllabus of mathematical courses in biology, I am sure there is no such thing as a mathematical course in biology at Washington University. In fact, I do not know just where you would find such a course in the United States, but perhaps I don't understand what you mean by the phrase--do you refer to biological statistics or to the mathematics of genetics or something else which does not occur to me?

I know both you and Nora will be very sorry to hear of the tragic death of young Freddie Sadler. Early in April, Fred had taken him to the factory, as he often did. A few minutes later he heard someone cry out that Freddie was injured. When he reached the room he found Freddie lying on the floor--he had fallen through a false ceiling. He was still alive, but his neck was broken and he died after eleven days. A few days later Fred and Daria came to the United States for six weeks, two of which they spent with me here in St. Louis. I do not see how they can recover from Freddie's death, for each of them had made him the center of his own life. Louis and Mimi, as good as they may be, cannot make up for the very extraordinary child that Freddie was.

Dr. Alfredo E. Cocucci

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August 29th, 1966

As each summer comes I recall our fine trip to the Grand Canyon and California. It was with some real sadness that this summer I finally sold the carryall. It was still a very good car, but needed quite a number of things done to the body and was really too heavy transportation for the type of driving which I now do. I was very fortunate to get an excellent Ford stationwagon, which is much easier to drive here in the city, but it would not do for some of the things we did with the old carryall.

One can now go through Monument Valley (where we saw the scorpions) on a superhighway, but I understand it is built so far above the sand that it would be difficult to drive off as we did to look at the plants.

Many thanks for regards from Prof. Hunziker. Please give him my greetings. With best wishes to Nora and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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MUSEO BOTANICO
CASILLA DE CORREO 495
Córdoba - Argentina

Córdoba, December 20, 1966

Dr. George B. Van Schaak
Missouri Botanical Garden
"Shaw's Garden"
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
ST. LOUIS 10, Missouri
U.S.A.

Dear George:

Thank you very much for every thing you have done in connection with my trouble with the Bank; fortunately, everything is all right now.

Nora and myself deeply regret the tragic death of young Freddy Sadler, it seems impossible to believe how such a thing could happen. I do not have the address of Alfred and Daria in Brazil, so if you could let me know it I should be very happy.

In fact I am ready to leave this country next January in order to spend one year in the United States. This time, I shall go with all my family. (Nora and three children, Alfred, Andrea and Guido). We are taking a Japanese ship (Sakura Maru) via Brazil. The ship is expected to stop three days in Santos so we shall intend to go to Sao Paulo, and see the Sadlers. We expect to reach San Francisco on February 24 after crossing the Panama Canal; Berkeley is our final destination. I am engaged with Professor Jensen from the University of California, to work on the ultra structure of Angiosperms embryo-sac. I am sure it will be an opportunity to see you again and remember so many wonderful moments we have lived together ten years ago.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Sincerely yours.

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Alfredo E. Cocucci

Missouri Botanical Garden
Library
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

December 27th, 1966

Dr. Alfredo E. Cocucci
Museo Botanico
Casilla de Correo 495
Córdoba, Argentina

Dear Alfredo:

I am very glad to have your letter saying that you are going to spend another year in the United States. I can see this will be quite a different expedition from the earlier one and am very glad for you that you have a chance to spend a whole year in California. I certainly look forward to seeing you and Nera and getting acquainted with your three boys.

I am glad to hear you will be able to stop off at Sao Paulo, for I know that Fred and Daria will be glad to see you. Their address is

and their telephone number

I have had quite a bit of trouble in getting mail to them--three letters in a row were returned last spring. Perhaps you might send a note to both their home at the address above and also to Fred's office which is

Caixa Postal

The name of his company is Companhia Brasileiro de Gelatinas.

I am sorry not to be able to meet you in Berkeley and help you get settled, but I am sure you will be well taken care of--the people there have always been very friendly to me as I am sure they will be to you.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

December 4, 1964.

Dr. Lincoln Constance, Vice Chancellor
University of California
Berkeley, California.

Dear Lincoln,

Many thanks for your kind note regarding your message to Mr. Blanchard. I feel sure he has filed it away and that it may some time take effect; but currently, I believe, he has rightly put me on the shelf, for I told him that I should have to delay a consideration of any position for some months at least because of domestic necessities and even more because of the responsibility I feel here.

Which brings us back to the same old problem! We are still looking for a director and still trying to convince the University of at least two things: first, that the director here should be a man of broad botanical experience with a special training and accomplishment in taxonomy, and second, that taxonomy is not a dead subject, the support of which should be discontinued. In this regard you may be interested in the copy of a letter which I recently wrote to Dr. Pake. The paper I refer to is the one Waldo Schmitt had in the *Androsian Report* in 1953 entitled Applied Systematics. It is short enough and non-technical enough for there to be a chance that George Pake will read it. There would be little chance he would get so far in your interesting paper which just arrived in Taxon. Still, I should like to have him see it and should you have any separates I could make very good use of two of them for this purpose. I am writing for some copies to Utrecht, but it may be weeks before they come and time may be of the essence.

With best wishes for a fine holiday season,

Most sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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July 19th, 1966

Dr. Lincoln Constance, Vice Chancellor
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Lincoln:

Your kindness in sending me several copies of your Taxon paper on systematic botany should have been acknowledged many, many months ago. When I asked for these copies I believed there seemed still the necessity for massive education along these lines among those who were choosing a new director for us. I won't say that the education wouldn't still be salutary, but, as you well know, our new director is very strongly oriented toward the fundamental importance of taxonomy. However, the papers you have sent will not go unused for your remarks have much to say to all beginners in the subject.

I had hoped to drop in on you for a few moments this spring, but my trip to California in May ended in the Santa Rosa Hospital just after my arrival. A tour from Phoenix to the canyon, to Santa Barbara and up the coast proved too dehydrating and I spent a week getting enough liquid back into my system so that I could take a plane home.

I hope things are going well with you personally and I know that professionally you are always having something of interest happening in the student body.

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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August 27, 1964.

Dr. Robert Cooper
Auckland Institute and Museum
Private Bag
Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Dear Bob,

I wonder if you went to the Congress in Edinburgh--no one who knows both of us has so far told me that he saw you there. I did not go, as you have guessed, but stayed right here in St. Louis where we had a spell of heat which for many days reminded me of those several days just preceding our leaving for the west in 1952. Twelve years ago I had get up and go enough to take you and the family out to Gray Summit where we all layed in the water for several days, but twelve years later I find myself just lying in my own perspiration on the bed.

The immediate occasion for my writing this note is to inquire whom I should address regarding the publication and availability of such proceedings of the Seventh Pacific Science Congress as might be of use to us here. Presumably it is someone in Wellington, but that is all I have been able to find out. Should you know, I would greatly appreciate your advice.

Even so far away you must have heard some reverberations of goings-on here--a recent note from W. Stearn who visited here in June said that upon his return to London, the first remark a visitor from South Africa made to him was "I hear you have been in the United States, what is going on at the Missouri Botanical Garden?". Viewed broadly, this is a good question which even some of us here find it difficult to answer, although I think it is becoming clearer that our actual condition is a state of purge which will eventually result in a renewed activity with much greater understanding on the part of the Board of Trustees of what kind of an institution they are responsible and what kind of activities it should be engaged in. My own impression from rather close contact with the president and one or two others during the last year is that a great deal has been learned by these people who have really done an excellent job of soliciting advice on their many problems from people all over the United States as well as a few from Europe. Our greatest problem is to find a director. Not only is the supply of suitable people relatively small, but the fact that within

a dozen years three directors and one acting director had floundered in the position has made practically every desirable candidate unwilling even to consider it.

At the same time, as you may have heard, the Botany Department at Washington University has been having his own series of troubles. As you know, Dr. Woodson died last November, Dr. Dodge retired a year ago in June, Dr. Andrews has gone to the University of Connecticut, Nick was pushed out by Woodson and Commoner, Dr. Anderson has retired-- into this rather large vacuum Dr. Went was received upon his resignation from the Garden last October--however able he may be in some ways, he is not fitted to fill this vacuum with anything except the usual product of people who like to hear himself talk. For the moment, the taxonomy program is essentially dead, but it seems likely it will be revived within the next year or two, and in fact there has already been appointed a new member of the staff who is a cytotaxonomist who, according to Shimmers, does not belong to the wing of the taxonomic group in bad odor in the United States (that is bad odor with the taxonomists with Shimmer's persuasion).

Somewhere or other I used the word note in regard to this message, wherefore let this be an end except to send greetings to Jessica and the children and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schnack
Librarian

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AUCKLAND INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

28th September 1964.

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
Librarian,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of August 27. It was good to hear from you. Rumours of the staff changes at the Gardens and University reached us - the most remarkable being a long-distance conversation with Rudy on his way back from the Antarctic. We hear from him each (N.Z.) summer and greatly enjoyed meeting and entertaining Ann when she came to New Zealand the summer before last. By good planning we arranged for her to see our northern coast, something of the centre of the North Island, and had her at Wellington airport in time to meet Rudy when he landed from the Antarctic. Then they rented a car and toured the South Island. When are you coming?

I have lost touch with Norton Nickerson and will be grateful if you can let me have his address sometime. I have thought of writing to Chancellor Elliott and telling him that, personally, I think he is a bloody idiot to allow Commoner to make things so difficult that Dean Andrews had to leave. I hate to suppress indignation - it might give me ulcers, but Jessica tells me that I am always blowing off about something and should mind my own business. As you see, she still keeps me in some sort of order, and is aided and abetted by young Robert and Jessica. Both are very serious-minded young students - swotting science subjects for the B.Sc degree. Actually I am very proud of both of them, - I'll send some photos of them.

At last we have a new director, a good one who is taking us places. So there is a series of exciting developments in our display, research and other programmes. Everyone is too damn busy to spare the time for feuding and fighting and already some of our "dead wood" is finding the pace too hot and leaving us. I may yet visit U.S.A. again, - for the past six years I have had to forget my taro work and help with more urgent jobs. One result of the new regime is that I have another assistant, Jeanne Goulding, who is to spend six months, from January 6, 1965, learning herbarium techniques at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. Do you know Dr. Leroy K. Henry, with whom she will be working? The invitation for her to go came as a surprise following the visit of Dr. George Cooley of the Gray Herbarium. He chose well - she is an excellent worker (handicapped for years by an ailing mother).

As regards your official request for the source of the proceedings of the Seventh Pacific Congress, it is the Government Printer,

Wellington, New Zealand. I have had a copy of Volume 5 - Botany on my shelf, unopened since 1953, and am posting it under separate cover. Perhaps it will meet your needs.

Please give my regards to Andy. In the hectic years under an aged, erratic director, Sir Gilbert Archey, - now retired thank God - I have derived great comfort from Andy's remark that there are more horses' arses in the world than horses. Also my salutations to Nell Horner, Taddy, and Bob Gillespie, if they are still about. Also Lad Cuntak - but I suppose they have gone in the Giant Purge, or forgotten us. Of Giant Purges, read Dr. Darwin's Diary if it is available - there was a Penguin edition here several years ago. There is an amusing entry:

"Gave Mrs. B.... the Giant Purge for stoppage.... Alas she died on the stooling pot..." Hope M.B.G. doesn't go the same way,

From time to time I have to defend taxonomy in this neck of the woods. We have a Professor of Botany, V.J. Chapman, who dismisses it as old-fashioned, a Professor of Microbiology, R.F. Matthews, who has as much of more drive than Barry Commoner, and a Professor of Chemistry, L.H. Briggs, who had the foolish belief that anyone could identify plants for screening. I edit the Newsletter of the Museums Association and have used it to state the case for taxonomy, - and give the silly bastards hell when I can. The recent report of the Royal Society of London on the need for more trained taxonomists has been most welcome, although it does not go far enough. The Cancer Research, with which I have been helping with named material since 1957, is on the way to produce some worthwhile theoretical and practical results, and our new director will ensure that the Museum gets a share of the glory and taxonomy a good plug.

We live now at 524 Parnell Road, Parnell, Auckland C4. This is close to the Museum and University. I get home for lunch and enjoy the walk - instead of driving across town through the ever-increasing traffic. Our need for a bush lot had passed with the children now adults; our car was worn out, and the travelling each day was a nuisance, so we moved. The children have not approved yet - they are fuddy-duddy conservatives, but Jessica and I enjoy the city with the variety of shops. We have far more visitors dropping in. It is heavy on the cellar and caketins, but good fun. How about calling in?

Best regards,
Sincerely,

Robert Cooper

December 14, 1964.

Dr. Robert Cooper
Auckland Institute and Museum
Private Bag
Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Dear Robert,

Many thanks for your kind letter of late September bringing me up-to-date on your own activities and the family's. I am glad the children are doing so well and wish I could hop on a plane and come down for a visit to see them and go off on a field trip with all of you. But I am beginning to believe that my own wings will be delivered before then and just where they are going to take me I don't know.

Thanks also for the copy of the Proceedings of the 36th Pacific Congress which reached here a month ago. I hope when you say you are sending a copy you have never referred to that you don't mean you have never had occasion to refer to the work but merely to this particular copy! We have a good file of congress publications but still lack quite a few. Tracing most of them, however, would be much more difficult than just writing to a friend of mine in New Zealand.

Your letter came just before the annual systematics symposium which was attended by Norton Nickerson. He was glad to hear the news of you. Since he left here he has been teaching at Tufts University (Medford 55, Massachusetts) where he seems quite happy, and from there, of course, he can now get to his beloved Cape Cod shores in minimum time on new express highways.

We are still looking for a new director. The chief ray of hope is not that we have found a likely candidate, but that the Beard seems to be reaching the point where it may be willing to pay the price necessary to get a good candidate to accept. Of course, the reverse side of this coin is to be avoided, so the struggle goes on to see that only really suitable candidates are presented.

By separate post I am sending you a copy of a handlist which was prepared for an exhibit on our books held at the new Washington University Clin Library last summer, together with a copy of a recent number of the Bulletin in which this exhibit is referred to in connection with the exhibit at the International Congress at Edinburgh.

This letter will reach you in time to bring my best greetings for the season and for the coming year which, of course, goes for the whole family.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schesack
Librarian

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THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

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March 4, 1970

The President
Dover Publications, Inc.
180 Varick St.
New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Sirs:

Ever since 1945 when I returned to the 'States' and began buying your reprint editions I have been impressed with the choice of your selections, with the quality of the objects produced, and especially with your adherence to the standard of good paper and Smythe sewing. Accordingly during the past year or so I have become increasingly dismayed to find that you are selling your fine product to Peter Smith, from which he produces a shoddily bound book in cheap cloth, having first destroyed the folds you had retained, merely lightly attaching the resultant sheets to a very weak mull--an imperfect binding if there ever was one, demonstrably a money-maker for those who are in business only toward that end. That you have never merited this characterization yourselves is clear from the very reasonable prices you have charged for your publications. I regret seeing you aid and abet someone whom I must so characterize. In these days of rising opposition to pollution Mr. Smith is contributing to the pollution of many library collections.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Bibliographer

cc: Peter Smith



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April 10, 1970

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Bibliographer
The Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

It was very kind of you to comment on our reprints.

As for Mr. Smith's rebinding, when we sell our books to Peter Smith or anyone else we cannot ethically or legally tell the purchaser what he can do with the books. In a recent court decision it was established that even the New York Telephone Company could not keep people from adding attachments to their telephones even though these attachments impaired the quality of telephone communication. We consequently have to take a hands-off position and neither abet nor discourage.

Our books lend themselves to individual rebinding. If librarians object to Mr. Smith's editions (and with good reason) they can go to other sources and have Dover books bound individually. This excellent rebinding can be done for \$2.00 to \$3.00 which would still make our books less expensive than so many reprints that are now appearing. I suspect that many librarians don't want to take this trouble and they are more responsible than we for "polluting" their own shelves. Since the law does not allow us to interfere with another man's business we must necessarily let matters rest as they are especially since librarians do have a good solution to this problem.

Our books on botany have been well received and we are always interested in suggestions for reprints of valuable out-of-print titles. I would welcome your suggestions.

Sincerely,

DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Hayward Cirker
President

HC:sp



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

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January 18, 1971

Mr. Hayward Cirker, President
Dover Publications, Inc.
180 Varick Street
New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Mr. Cirker,

Last April 10th you kindly answered my letter regarding the use of your publications by Peter Smith. Thank you for your explanation, which was quite adequate. A great part of the present publishing business is sliding so fast in the direction of over-publication in the form of 'perfect' bindings, misrepresented facsimiles, and microreproduction, that I feel too solitary to keep fighting!

But you are still holding up the flag, and I write you now to answer your remark that you would appreciate any suggestion for your own series. I should like to suggest that you seriously consider one botanical title:

Hitchcock, A. S. Manual of grasses of the United States. ed. 2. Rev. by Agnes Chase. Washington, Govt. Pr. Off., 1950. 1051 p. illus. (U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Miscellaneous publication. no. 200(Rev.))

This volume went out of print some two or more years ago. It is my understanding that Dr. Richard Pohl, Dept. of Botany, Iowa State University, Ames, continues unsuccessful in persuading the government to reprint this (to date) indispensable manual of all the grasses of the U. S. Courses in agrostology are much more common now than they were two decades ago, and this book is applicable to all of them, and is, I told, literally unobtainable--I have not myself seen it in antiquarian catalogues for several years. Regarding its usefulness and availability I suggest you write Dr. Pohl, who has been perhaps the foremost U. S. teacher of agrostology in the midcentury. Another person very much interested and experienced in this endeavor to whom I suggest you write is Dr. Hugh Iltis, Dept. of Botany, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Reprinting over a thousand pages, of course, presents both printing and economic problems. I should like to suggest that this book cannot stand the wear and tear it would receive if put out as a paper-back.

May I suggest one other item in a totally different line--printing--and here I recall your many excellent contributions to the graphic arts. The book I have in mind is Printers and printing by David Pottinger, Harvard U. Pr., 1941. Textwise I consider it a very excellently done exposition, and, as you know, it is a model of beautiful printing--far too little to be found in so much new work being put out.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
George B. Van Schaack



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January 20, 1971

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
The Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

I was especially pleased to hear from you because we now have in production a reprint of Hitchcock's MANUAL OF GRASSES OF THE UNITED STATES. When we learned that the book was out of print with the Government Printing Office we immediately decided that so valuable a book should be restored to circulation. We are planning to publish it as a two-volume paperback. We have found that paperbacks do hold up reasonably well if they are no more than 600 pages. Our experience has been that the market is more likely to support a moderately priced paperback rather than a more expensive edition. I will notify Dr. Pohl of our plans, and I will send you a set when it appears.

We will certainly look into your suggestion that we reprint Pottinger's PRINTERS AND PRINTING.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hayward Cirker', written in a cursive style.

Hayward Cirker
President

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[Downs]

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9:30 PM

7201 Cornell
St. Louis, MO 63130

Dear George,

It's too late to call you, this evening, what with your early bed time; but Herb Patrutz just called me to tell me that Tom Downs expired but a half hour ago. Tom was home from the hospital recently, but a relapse followed by a terminal coma was inevitable. Marian is under sedation for the evening; fortunately, however, Debby D is home with her mother. Somewhere between

Friday and Monday, there will be a memorial service, probably at Lupton Chapel rather than at Graham Chapel, since so many people are out of town now. [We are on an experimental calendar, this year and next, with a 3 week intercession after New Year's.] As sad as it is, it is good that Tom's years of suffering are over.

George, if you can plan a visit here before the hot weather sets in, please let us

know. Of course you'll stay with us. We'd
hope to see you ^{also} at the wedding in June, but we fear
for the heat at that time.

An enclosed clipping has been set aside for you.
It is a pity that it must come to you when
a sad - occasion letter is mandatory.

Please keep in touch.

Fondly,

Frank

THOMAS LUTHER DOWNS

THOMAS LUTHER DOWNS WAS BORN AT REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1906 AND SPENT HIS EARLY YEARS IN NEW ENGLAND. HE WAS GRADUATED PHI BETA KAPPA AND SUMMA CUM LAUDE, FROM BOWDOIN COLLEGE IN 1927 AND RECEIVED HIS PH.D. IN MATHEMATICS IN 1934 FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY, WRITING HIS THESIS IN CLASSICAL DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ONE OF THE GREAT TEACHERS OF THAT TIME, W. C. GRAUSTEIN, PUBLISHING HIS RESULTS IN THE DUKE MATHEMATICAL JOURNAL. AFTER EARLY TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE, HARVARD COLLEGE, SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE, AND TRINITY COLLEGE, FOLLOWED BY WAR-TIME OFFICER SERVICE IN THE NAVY, HE WAS, FOR ONE YEAR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY. IN JUNE OF 1947, HE CAME TO WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN TIME TO TEACH IN THE SUMMER SESSION, AND, EXCEPT FOR A SABBATICAL YEAR IN THE LATE 50'S, REMAINED IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR 24 YEARS, UNTIL HIS BECOMING EMERITUS IN JUNE OF 1971.

THOMAS LUTHER DOWNS, 1906-1972

AT FIRST, THE TASK SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE: TO ENCAPSULATE WITHIN THE SPAN OF A FEW MINUTES THE ESSENCE OF A LIFETIME. YET, UPON REFLECTION, ONE SEES THAT, HERE, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEASURE OURSELVES AGAINST THE EXAMPLE OF A LIFE OF SERVICE. THOSE OF US WHO WERE HIS COLLEAGUES CAN ATTEST TO HIS KEEN SENSE OF DUTY, OFTEN CARRIED TO THE LIMITS OF ENDURANCE, CERTAINLY BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF ANY REASONABLE PATIENCE. BUT TOM HAD A NEW ENGLAND CONSCIENCE WHICH LEFT NO ROOM FOR SELF-CENTERED PREDILECTIONS OR CONVENIENCE. IF THE TASK HAD TO BE DONE, IT WAS DONE, NEVER MIND HOW MANY GALLONS OF MIDNIGHT OIL. WE TOOK FOR GRANTED, I FEAR, THIS DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF SUPPORT. ONE WONDERS HOW MUCH OF OUR OWN WORK WAS BROUGHT TO REALIZATION BECAUSE SO MANY TIME-CONSUMING AND UNPLEASANT ROUTINES WERE SO COMPETENTLY HANDLED. IT WAS MORE THAN THAT: TOM WAS EVER AVAILABLE TO CONSULT AND TO WEIGH THE BEST METHODS OF INSTRUCTION AND OF TESTING THAT INSTRUCTION. STUDENTS WHO FOUND HIS DRY CLASS-ROOM WIT DELIGHTFUL SELDOM REALIZED HOW MUCH AGONIZING TOM DID OVER BOTH THE MECHANICS AND THE RE-ASSESSMENT OF TEACHING AND TESTING. AND, THROUGH IT ALL, HIS INFATUATION WITH HIS FIRST INTELLECTUAL LOVE, POST-CLASSICAL GEOMETRY, WAS EVER ALIVE. HIS LAST ACADEMIC EFFORTS WERE EXERTED IN GUIDING A YOUNG INSTRUCTOR IN THE ART OF TEACHING THIS DISCIPLINE, AND HE NEVER STOPPED RE-EXAMINING ITS FOUNDATIONS.

THOSE OF US WHO WERE HIS FRIENDS PRIZED HIS COUNTLESS COURTESIES AND KINDNESSES, HIS URBANE HUMOR, HIS GRACIOUSNESS AS A HOST, AND HIS EXTRAORDINARY GOOD MANNERS AND EASY DIGNITY, EVEN IN THE FACE OF A CRUEL AND TENACIOUS ILLNESS. ONE ALWAYS FELT COMFORTABLE AS A GUEST IN HIS HOME IF ONLY FOR THE REASON THAT HE SO CLEARLY AND GENUINELY EXTENDED TO HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER THE RESPECT, DEVOTION,

THOMAS LUTHER DOWNS, page two

AND LOVE WHICH OTHERS SO OFTEN MERELY SIMULATE FOR THE OCCASION. HE WAS, IN THE VERY BEST SENSE IN OUR GRACELESS AGE, A TRUE AMERICAN GENTLEMAN.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US ALL -- FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES-- TO SAY GOOD-EYE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE TIME FOR FAREWELL HAS COME MUCH TOO SOON; BUT WE MUST BE GRATEFUL THAT THE SUFFERING HAS ENDED AND THAT THE REST HAS BEGUN.

Franklin Haimo
14 January 1972

Henry Evans *Printmaker*
555 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California 94102
392-5849

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Dear Mr Van Schaack-

So glad you like the catalog and so sorry to report many if not most, including the digger pine, are items no longer in print. When you visit me I will be glad to go over the various ways I have of printing multi-color prints, and meanwhile, if you want to see the new slides showing some of my recent prints that are available, then please drop me a line and I will lend them to you.

Seasoned greetings,



George B Van Schaack
St Louis

December 13th, 1966

Mr. Henry Evans
555 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your kind gift of a catalogue of your linocuts shown at the Hunt Library! I am glad you are getting such a good showing there and I wish I might look forward to getting them before the exhibition closes. I am afraid this seems a little unlikely, but perhaps I will get back to San Francisco sometime and when I do I shall certainly stop in.

Of the illustrations in the catalogue I am especially taken with No. 36, the Digger Pine. As a tree, it is one of my favorites in California and, of course, its cone is a magnificent object (provided its not dropping on your head!) Is this number out of print or still available? I'd be interested in knowing the price and whether a copy could be rolled and sent by mail with safety--I think we should have a copy of this here in our library.

I note in Dr. Lawrence's introduction that you make multicolour prints either by the "suicide (?)" method or by using multiple blocks. I wonder what your experience with the multicolour single impression method has been. As I am sure you know, that was Redouté's technique, which he carried to a kind of logical extreme. It is now back in operation, by a method which I have not been able to discover, in the production of multicoloured postage stamps.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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January 3, 1968

Dear Joe,

I am much pleased to have a copy of Florula Ludoviciana in the new facsimile. Things were so hectic at St. Louis in the last weeks (actually months) that I never got to examine any of the earlier appearances in the series-- had I done so perhaps my content at what is happening in that series could have been equally well expressed some time ago. It is a delight at last to have in hand an example of a facsimile reprint which, in every detail I can think of checking, meets the standard I have been developing these several years: both covers, half title, title page, verso of title page, etc., etc., and all the final leaves, including all blanks, and all facing in the right direction--HURRAH! It has been with much gratification I have handled this volume from end to end and back again.

And then, all that precedes the true facsimile is right; proper announcement on facing title pages for series and volume (so far as I can see in every detail), with correct and useful information on verso of the latter, and all capped by your own very excellent introduction. This is certainly one of your best short pieces, for choice of what to say, for organization of it, and for style. Finally, Hafner put somebody on these pages who understands effective typographical appearance--it was a challenge on p. xi-xi to keep the thing looking so good.

Errors are very few: one misspelled word (p. viii, paragr. 2, line 1: lead for led); one missing period (p. xi, sub 5: Raf); a slant for a period on p. vi, near bottom, following 1817. And only one perplexity; I cannot understand the sentence on p. xi: 'Identifications preceding ... small capitals'. I have tried: All identifications preceding Index pagination are Merrill's, those following them i. e., Index paginations are the Editor's, with his accepted identifications i. e., those accepted by him in small capitals. But it won't work, and I get no further with anything else!

I emphasize that I have not seen any of the other facsimile Florula Ludoviciana material, at St. Louis, by the way, and the accident of my not having seen it is not to be taken as a criticism of the quality of the reprint. I have not seen any of the other facsimile Florula Ludoviciana material, at St. Louis, by the way, and the accident of my not having seen it is not to be taken as a criticism of the quality of the reprint. I have not seen any of the other facsimile Florula Ludoviciana material, at St. Louis, by the way, and the accident of my not having seen it is not to be taken as a criticism of the quality of the reprint.

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Dear Joe

It is really very pleasant living here. Things are moving slowly in my getting to real work--the superintendant has been on vacation for over two weeks, and nothing is done on my office so far--but the spirit is good, and everyone is very friendly--and I am so deferred to I shall be spoiled--I guess I'm easily the oldest person on the active staff! Then living among the trees, at a street-end where no one passes, where there are no shouting and racing children, and every (visual) prospect pleases is wonderful--the aural prospect is occasionally disturbed by planes, rather like Kew, and the morning and evening roar of traffic penetrates a little--but otherwise, quiet, quiet, quiet, and peace. I am very lucky.

There is going to be much work to do, for despite my title the director plans on my helping him a great deal with matters other than books. And he has taken on a really big job--the place must start spending its income (governmental pressure) and that seems to be rather large--aims must be formed, described, presented and defended, and people found to carry them out. He has suggested that I think of people he should talk to about aims and personnel, and in addition the membership of an advisory committee to come here, to confer with him and the board, and to make recommendations. The emphasis as he and I have discussed it so far is on non-overexpansion, on arousing public interest in the program (not for support, but for interest), and in general on making the place a truly living museum which will 'open doors' (not necessarily just botanical; e. g., some might find doors opened to an interest in illustration, in exhibition, in printing, etc.) My thinking so far has produced one sample committee: Baker of UC, Iltis, Fosberg, Leopold (if Aldo had a son or daughter as effective as he was), yourself, and a member of biology staff of nearby university (Chicago or UI) My own criticism is double at once: too slanted to just botany, and too many of my immediate friends (but then, I know so many of the right people!) Comments?

Well, I am gradually making headway with the electric typewriter--but my 1-finger hags a little low, and when I space the '1' strikes first. Must sign off and get to some work. We have been having a spell of cold weather--17 below last Saturday morning, and mostly around zero ever since--I am much pleased to find that it is not troubling me.

Shall be looking for you in the spring, by which time I hope I'll have things stowed away--by now I am comfortable enough just for myself, so it is hard to keep going on cleanup and organization when there is so much about to read.

Most cordially

George B. Van Schaack

P. S. The only address I shall use is Morton Arboretum--nobody knows where 48 103 Lincoln Drive is!

Ewan

TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70118

Department of Biology

10 January 1968

Dear George:

Your letter, on eyesight-saving off-white paper, was so welcome. Of course I was pleased to read your warm satisfaction with the Florula Ludoviciana.

On the matter of sentence on p. xi, "Identifications preceding . . . small capitals" it amounted to either keeping the style or fonts rather few and (perhaps for most instances worry-free) or adding other devices to distinguish a) Raf's original decision, or which of two suggested, b) when Merrill had nothing to suggest, c) when Merrill had a suggestion, d) when I agreed with Merrill's decision and there need be no tedious mention of fact, or e) when I struck out on my own with a novel identification. No dilemma this but a polydlemma that only a Raf could conceive.

I hope that you will find time to write your views, for though I think I see improvement in this reprint where there is need for statement of honest guide-lines. You could do a fine job.

Why not think of MA as "where ideas germinate and trees grow"? This, in the great foundations' line of the moment, should satisfy any man who ever lived in the circle of UChic where Robert Maynard Hutchins was constantly seeding men's minds. Precisely, why not plan, not alone to foster the MA its plantings, library, and publications (arising out of its own habitat in an immediate sense) but to foster, "for promoting useful knowledge" in the tradition of the AFS, outside activities, which will be more green than red (that is, botanical in nature than zoological, more chlorophyllous than bloody).

Now this "sample committee"--you did not call it a free sample committee--might very well serve to guide the administration in its decisions on what would constitute viable proposals for the MA to bless with their funds.

I like the whole idea and I can think of some great fun in working on this whole concept. In keeping with your remarks, I can think of the value of writing "A Walk through the Trees" that is, the MA, wherein the backgrounds of the trees, in all relationships (as dynamic organisms, living fossils, members of a biome, how they came to be named, who first saw them in America, etc. etc.) may open, as you say, doors for the visitor. Again, as you say, you may so well discuss botanical illustration for the artisan, collector, layman with curiosity. In a widening eddy the MA could implement the birth of works which for want of funding struggle against great odds to find support; examples come readily to mind (a seventeenth century "missionary" who was accidentally killed in 1692 in Virginia before he had completed his life's work, etc. etc.). Well, I must stop here but I am sure that there is a place for the MA, which in its own way could serve a very special role in this country. You know why people perish

See you next summer,
very cordially,

Joe

Joseph Ewan



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2-28-66

Dear Prof. Ewan:

Would the following ring a bell :

We have acquired four scrap books kept by as a record of summer visits to the Swiss Alps over a ten-year period, by someone evidently quite interested in botany. The scrap books, 2 for 1952, one for 1954 and one for the summers 1955-1959 and 1962, contain hundreds of nicely mounted plant specimens. Each specimen is identified by popular (in English) name as well as scientific name.

Altitude and date and location are also given. There are also numerous photographs, some apparently taken by the collector, others appear to be post card and professional pictures, of the general area where the specimens were gathered. The specimens in most case are entire plants: root, stem, leaf and flower. Color is good and they are in an excellent state of preservation. This collection was apparently maintained by someone with far more than the amateur's interest in and care and it seemed to us that the scrap books might be of use, not only to someone interested in the botany of Switzerland, but in alpine plants in general. \$25.00 for the four.

Also: It tickles my memory that some time over the summer you had some words of wisdom about Merrill's "Botany of Cook's Voyages," but for the life of me, I can't recall what your comments were. Now that I have a copy, I would appreciate it very much if you could, once more, share your knowledge with us.

With best wishes and much appreciation for your efforts,

Norman Kane

Norman Kane

New British Columbia

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February 28, 1968

Department of Biology

Dear George:

Editor's introduction for Torrey and Gray's Flora went off today to Harry Lubrecht so I can take time to answer an increment of obmutescence.

First letter to George is just natural: first off, the books arrived and of course I was pleased to see both items: I compared the Typographia with Tulane Library copy and found interesting variants, this one, unnumbered lacks color on one plate that is colored in the Library copy (from Lundberg). Sprngel I think I shall keep; I can nicely exhibit same to History class when time arises and in other connections. The tourist guide to Hawaii is really choice and thanks a lot. Read aloud to Nesta -- "vanishing Eden"

Happy to have the Bulletin, which was a pleasant tribute from a known friend. A nice vignette of George.

I am sure the job for Heuer was far and away more than he expected! I hope he gives you another job and thereby gives himself a chance to even out the debt he owes you! Yes, if you are ordering a copy I would be very pleased to have a copy but if your order has gone in I shall order from here. I shall tip in your critique in my copy when it arrives. I thoroughly enjoyed reading your commentary and just have to have the item to spread all the criti-lade on -- anyway I have a terribly good shelf of Linnean biogs. and this will be in commune.

T Pennant should surely be in the Enc. Britt. ! I thought you may care to see the bib of his writings, as per xerox herewith -- shall have to ask for its return in due course -- I shall put in the McAtee article as well. He would be the subject of a very lively biography say by Mea Allan. I presume you have seen the "Hookers of Kew"?

DSB: no word from Scribners lately. I sent in B S Barton and C E Bessey last Fall and before July I must produce A W Chapman and W Darlington -- one volume is due out this year but no murmur of it in proof positive.

Your account of the Arboretum of course interests me very much and we shall be looking forward to seeing it all next June en route to Columbus for the Summer Institute under Rudy's wing. Payne at Urbana -- you remember the cheery young man who accomp GN Jones and the party to luncheon 9- has invited us to pause with them en route so we shall be doing just that, then on to Lisle. Thanks, too for the very confidential letter on boosting Banister. Donald Jackson has the bookscript at Urbana and we are all just waiting on what Tulane may do . . . toward helping with the financing.

How's Hugh Iltis? Have heard nothing from him anent his writing the acct of pl geog for the Short History ~~Manhattan~~ chaps have agreed to contribute. I think it will be a good book Twelve

Still on alternate list for Fulbright lectureship for England next spring; ill wind for some bloke may blow my way . . .

Cheers!

Ewan

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10 April 1968

Dear ~~Caroline~~ {Dorran}

Deelighted to hear from your home in the hills at Christmas and now it is primavera and the orchard orioles have arrived in full song and the purple martins are winding up their housekeeping so eager have they been these days.

Here are two publs which you may not chance upon unless I throw them in your path, and since you vicariously discovered another Ewaniana in your town library and was taken aback, I am warning you on these two.

We shall be passing your way in June, date uncertain at this time, en route to Dallas and points north and east. I am on the Summer Institute at Columbus, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., this summer and so we shall not be able to more than Halloo and fleo as they say. But we hope you are well and enjoying the spring, which is late down here this year.

We had no sapsuckers on the Pittosporum this winter and I presume the poor pecker is dead. Warblers have been few indeed on the high crowns of the campus quadrangle and that, too, bothers me. Of course I never really knew what was flying by but I could hear a frightful jubilee up there and it surely sounded happy. Since then we have had tree surgeons cutting the old trees from limb to limb and no more screech owls nest in the lovely rottenness.

Nesta and I went out to the Stern Gardens the other day -- it was formally dedicated, pretty deadedicated all right -- with speeches by blokes who knew not one bush in a bushel, and yet Jim Ward did get a 'faint word of praise' for making the garden what it is. Mrs. Stern should have been invited out to take a bow and a hand from the gathering but evidently she was not thot of in that connection. Funny old world, this. It was put on, punch and goody, by two local garden clubs that really missed their chance to do something really fine. No one evidently thought of making up a handlist of the plants of the garden for the occasion or of the wild garden or the vines or the trees or the weeds, dear weeds, that doth infest the happy place. Jim Ward knows the best weeds of course, and knows how interesting they are.

Tell us what you are doing, if you need any books from down this way, on lean that we might send along for your projects in hand or out of hand.

Cheers, and very best
vernal good wishes
from Nesta and

JOS

April 10, 1968

Dear Joe and Nesta,

I hope you are not being too much upset by the latest event in your family, although how you could be otherwise than somewhat upset I don't know. In this society it's a tragedy for Margie, and it could be so for the child, although this latter might be wiped out by a good marriage. As far as blood is concerned who knows--you may be grandparents of a genius. I wish the best of a solution for all of you.

Your appearance in Plants & Gardens, Nesta, has not gone unnoticed--in fact sometime since I wrote you a letter about it, which didn't get sent and which seems to stop in the middle of a sentence--I must have done it late some night. Congratulations at the moment, and the letter later.

Since your estimate of when you would be visiting me was still so indefinite, and since the time may even be changed by this latest event, I tell you the situation regarding the general period around the 10th. If 'around the 10th' should turn out to mean you would be coming several days before that and leaving on the 9th or 10th, I should take the opportunity of flying to Dayton on the evening of the 9th to pick up Mannheimer and his driverless car, and then drive him to Duluth the two or three days following. But if 'around the 10th' means you would be here through the 10th I should be happy to give this drive up for the pleasure of your being here. Unless you come as early as the 5th or 6th, there would be no great opportunity for doing much in Chicago until the 10th or later. Decision here can wait for three or four weeks yet, I think.

I am so annoyed about the poor bibliographic nature of the publication by K. E. Heilmann, Kräuterbücher in Bild und Geschichte, Verlag K. Kölbl München, 1966 (can't remember whether I have spoken about this or not, and wonder whether you have seen it) that I am thinking of writing a review to warn the unwary of how factually misleading it is. It is several hundred pages of facsimile from the old books we know so well, interspersed with text. The arrangement is far from good, logically speaking, many of the facsimile pages are identified only by implication of position, editions are confused, titles are misquoted, etc., etc. Apparently no one edited it, while Heilmann had become senile enough not to realize, if he ever knew, that what he was writing was inaccurate and confusing. The sins of non-editing are becoming simply colossal. Just this noon I read in the TLS of an English translation of a biography of Louis XVI by B. Fay, remarked as very well translated, but grievously missing Fay's bibliography, for which had been substituted some ten reproductions of inconsequential photographs.

Petty misery!

Felicitations

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Easter 1968

Dear George:

After we said Good Bye the other evening by phone I wondered why we had not urged you to come down and see us this Easter time and then fly north with the spring! But I believe you said your sister was coming down and so likely it would have been out of the question just now. You know we shall always enjoy having you and I hope you will feel free, very free, to pay us a visit, esp in the really fine season of spring down here. *Dexanthea unguis-cati* is rampant with golden flowers--what a sight out the back door right now.

I have had no word from MBG about the Bartram photostat. I had in mind taking the volume back in person in June when we shall pass thru St Louis en route to Lisle via Urbana. It could be returned now; shall I write and ask? it will be about 60 days and we shall be in the Library of the MBG listening for a familiar breaker of a laugh that will not be there. But luckily we shall hear it in other places, other rooms.

No, I have not heard about the Kalm work publ in Finland. I shall write off for it. Thank you so much.

Jerry Stannard had quite a time looking over my books. He saw a good many things that evidently excited him a good deal. His wife told Nesta that Jerry was pretty keen about going into the nursery business in his late teens and has always had a 'green thumb' with plants. It was a wonderful week--and when the Junete was here and gardens were lively. Nesta set up a tour with the wives of the Juneteers into the Garden District--where the home of Dr. Musser still stands. You remember when Asger Aabe, you and I went down for the sale of his books (not already put over to the Tulane Med School) and Asger found the Hogarth? He has it still and remembers the occasion well--after all how could he forget that Greyhound ride with Hogarth in his lap across country! It was good fun to see Asger again. He looks very well indeed. Very happy.

About the El Alise: I would think an article, with chapter and verse, should go to Science -- wider audience for an important subject. Both BioScience and PlSciBull have restricted circ

This letter from Norman Kane, a genial bookseller of Pottstown, Pa., may elicit a suggestion. If you think of some place that would like it, I know he would be glad to hear from you. I wrote at once to Colerade, to Erl Ellis, but Weber is in Australia and they are the two most likely places that occur to me. It is not my line at this point.

Caroline Dermen is still very lively. We had a letter at Christmas. I know she would enjoy a word from you. Saline, La. 71070, is all that is necessary. I shall send a copy of my Bib La Bet separately. Do you see the Brooklyn Bot Gard publs. They publ a "Handbook" this spring with an article by Nesta and a rewrite of a letter from me about J Bartram. "Origins of American Horticulture" is this one.

Ed Murray from Penn State may pay you a visit. He was a summer asst at Merris Arboretum with Jack Fogg and is very keen on books. = now a grad student in the wrong place, que lastima, when he hungers for botanical guidance that can only come from the veterans in the arboretum!

Chers,

Swan

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Dear George:

September 11, 1968

Still writing my stint for the Short Hist Bot U. S. while I'm waiting for three chaps to send along their contributions, Rudy on mosses and lichens; Lawrence, on hort. and Sears, on pl ecol--the last most fortunate to pick up after Costing had heart attack in June and I almost gave up finding another to do his section. Costing must have felt hesitant last spring when he hesitated so long in accepting--should have bowed out then--poor chap, I feel sorry for him because he has felt the disappointment of it all no doubt. But, Paul B will do a good job--likely more readable and sorely needed for what will be the conservation touch!

Any chance of seeing you down here this winter, fall or spring
flying, driving, railing?
for we really didn't finish talking, quoting, viewing,
glossing, noting, questing!

so you had better come. Of course the families, all, would love to see you at Xmas and looks as if they will all be here, which means of course they would be only sovereign squatting left. But The Columns is not far away and we could see you often, if fly you do come or whatever.

No doubt about it, do keep the practice of citing on lib card "Fritzel no." ; Sabin no. (if Americana); Hunt no. ; Nissen no. -- all are useful because they
a) = international code as it were known to all enlightened around the world,
b) = time-saving, since one need not repeat the info in those sources, but
c) = expedite the descriptive process by mentioning unusualness in collation, differing points in the state, or printing, etc. by saying e.g. "Fritzel so and so but separately paggd, a preprint (?)" or whatever may be noteworthy. Creates a frame of reference for cataloging.
d) Note of rarity. In the lingo of the bookdealer "not in Fritzel" or "not in Sabin" is not an ostentation as much as a badge of rarity or at least something that it almost always (?) overlooked. This in itself is a communicable item, that an insurance man would be able to computerize. Morton has 14 items not in Sabin. Ah! Great store today is 'communication'--here is a way to tell the world.

I hope Ware wears well. I wish I knew him better but what I have seen suggests nothing in excess, wit, wisdom, grief, or guile. He is hardly a disciple of George Goodman.

Is this review of the "pretentious failure" you had in mind? I somehow lost the one in New Yorker of the first volume; if you should turn it up jot down the ref for me-- I want to keep these reviews for history.

This case study of the Viet Nam never more is so good be sure to read it and pass it along -- very intelligently written!!

P. his

Max Meisel telephoned me the other evening from Miami! to say he was putting me in ~~now~~ will to receive his addendae et corrigendae for the Bib of N. H. that he has been gathering--that he is well but 75 and never so sure. Very cordial, very knowing fellow who is trying to keep up with biographies and finds it o'erwhelming . . .

Did you see obit of R. M. Harper in last BTEC? The hat is straw but the eyes have it.

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NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

14 September 1968

Dear Mr. Kane:

Thanks so much for your several communiques, all so welcome!

Last first: the E. T. Nelson Herbarium and plant descriptions (Boston, 1895) sounds very interesting and should be saved. I am personally not interested enough to find room for it, frankly, because it is becoming patent month by month that saturation is approaching and then there is the finding of an item sought--with acquisitions comes redispersions and that surely brings its difficulties. So far only one book -- incoming, a duodecimo -- has disappeared but I take this as a warning in my life.

But, as is my wont I am passing on your quotation.

The Monthly Anthology and Boston Review for 1810 is a wonderful item! Delighted to have it. Anything with an Oronoko is bound to be good.

The keepsake of Holy Land flowers came many weeks ago. This may seem like the Nelson item you offer but here the size is on our side. I am always happy to have exhibits of this sort for use in demonstrating the tastes in natural history. Pressed "sea ferns" and the New Zealand pressed ferns sent out by Craig, etc. are nice Victorian memorabilia.

Final page proofs of the ills. of the William Bartram volume came this morning and they look very nice. George Allen says that APS allows no discount to dealers for handling their publs but I understood that they did grant a small discount, 10% or something, am I wrong? Of course I think that a few copies salted away -- hard on the plates! -- would increase in fetchingworth with years for I do not believe it will be reprinted. I notice that the Audubon two volume album publi in 1966 is now listed at exactly 100% markup over the prepubl price. In view of the size of the Audubon printing this is interesting.

Must get on with the
Short History
so thanks again!!

Joseph Ewan

Ewan

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15 Ssept 1968

Dear George:

Thanks for the nice MAQ issue -- it is very well done and I am going to send along a sub for a friend when I remember to bring the check book.

Willson's James Lee is well worth having. It may still be had for 15s (I think) from Hammersmith Local History Group, c/o Central Library, Brook Green Road, Hammersmith, London W.6. Good portr as frontis. and map of London, lists of his introductions, etc.

I have reviewed Harold Fletcher's Story of the RHS for their Journal, reading it in galley. It is due out in early 1969 and the Journal review will come out with the book, priced at five guineas. You will want it for the MALibrary.

This Nelson item may be something that the MALibrary should have! I can imagine that it would make an interesting exhibit of a Day out of the Past for few are to be seen now. I cannot manage to give space to many of these items and so am passing it along -- it should be saved of that there can be doubt.

Again, thanks!
best from both of us,

Joe
Joseph Ewan

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21 November 1968

Dear George:

You posed a nice bookplate question about G. Wharton and a Musaecum Tradescantianum copy you were scrutinizing--I have nothing to say, at this time, but I may yet find the arrow in a distant oak. . . .

William Bartram is not out yet. I have had no word and I hesitate to nettle them myself. Would you be willing to write a line to the APS, 127 South Fifth Street, Phila. 19106, and ask if a publication date has been set? Price, I know, is \$35. I had expected that the v.i.p.'s in the APS would aim to put it on the tables for the Fall meeting but I take it that something has delayed its appearance.

Here is a Xerox of galley for review of Fletcher's history of the RNS, due out this winter. I thought you might enjoy a sneak preview of the article to appear in Feb. issue of RNS Jour.

Lawrence has not yet sent his chapter for the SHBUS and rest went to Lubrecht last week. It will be a good job, I think, but I wish we lived nearby for I would profit from your sage and thymely thoughts . . .

Cheers,

Joe
Joseph Ewan

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4 December 1968

Dear George:

What a nice surprise! Thanks so much. I have scratching Partridge here and there at breakfast .. very nice. And the French titles most welcome. Bernard Fay lived out his days at Boulder, where we saw him now and then. He gave his personal household goods to the U Library, Persian rugs, fine collection of long-playing records etc.

Appreciate your note on the review for Jour RUS. They have been sent on to London. Fraser died in US so his 17th voyage must have been westward ho! Of course his son, John Fraser, carried on the expert to England.

Wm Bartram is due any day, acc AFS. Made-up copy was exhibited at the Fall Meeting and acclaimed, I am told.

Wharton or Wharten, you wrote? 1) 1617-1681 or
2) 1688-1739 ?
so I wrote Lowmes of Providence but yet to hear but did not catch on that the bkpl has Tradescant connections. More on this later, as also, on Association copies, etc.

If the MA keeps putting questions to you, I would accept the fate but determine to do something bibliographic in line of a study to appear under your name, and perhaps build up something like the Asso. File, which will not be done until you tackle it. Who knows? Perhaps some suburban may drop in and be quite fascinated by this side of the MA and do all sorts of gift-giving under guidance!

Cheers,

Jos

EWAN

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Jan. 20, 1969

Dear George:

One more form! I hope you will agree that this makes sense? Too, I am grateful for your time and trouble in sending this along to George Corner. I think the AFS will approve.

The copies of the William Bartram should be here this week and I shall post one off to you, as I remarked aforetime.

Have you seen the Cataloge of the Hunt exhibit of Twentieth Century artists? This is the reason of course that GHML has not been able to get the chapter on hort to me for the Short History. It contains a deal of info not elsewhere assembled. I wonder what will be sought for an exhibit in the Grolier Society show of year 2119 A.D. -- scant 150 years off?

All for now,

still no suggestion on the
box in the holly
but still peeking
around Pandora
be praised,
with cheers,

Joe

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Department of Botany

January 20, 1969

Britten and Boulger, Biographical Index of Deceased British and Irish Botanists, ed. 2, 1931, has served botanists, horticulturists, historians, librarians, and others faithfully. Many of its users have annotated their copies and discovered in particular that the American references or records to New World connections of approximately 1/3 of the some 3600 names in the book are incomplete or wanting altogether.

Sir George Taylor, Director of Kew, has long hoped that a revised edition could be published. Mr. Raymond Desmond, Librarian at Kew, is now enthusiastic to carry out Sir George's plan. I suggested that I would be happy to cooperate with him in assembling the American references, or those bearing on North and South American connections of the British and Irish botanists covered.

This is Sir George's last year as Director at Kew. His facile manner is so valuable in opening doors and bookcases around the world that I wanted to go over while he is on hand to aid in this project. Hence, my application to go this summer, though another year might be less crowded, but the opportunity seems to me to be this year under the circumstances.

Joseph Ewan

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Sunday, June 22, 1969

Dear George:

Nesta reminds me that I have not yet written to you and this must be righted. Surprising volume of letters come thru that require some attention and the more pleasantries plead for a place in the day.

Ian MacPhail's imminent appearance at the Morton seems to have been known hereabouts from the reports of Desmond of Kew and others, so it would seem you were indeed neglected! I am happy that he is coming for to my way of thinking this may turn the tide toward making the Library there a significant collection, with a purpose and a plan to carry out that purpose. I surely hope there will no doubt of your staying on with this decision fixed as it would seem to be. By this date you have surely been assured?

Mrs. Moulton is here and hereabouts but we have yet to meet. I missed her by a day at Kew when we were doing some checking at BM(NH) and last Wednesday when we spent the day at Cambridge B G going over the good collection book by book we discovered that she had been there the day before. But since there is not 'left message' at Kew I hardly think I shall worry about pursuing the meeting since, indeed, I have no info on where she is staying in London. Carleton Lees of Mass Hort Soc, chanced to meet in the gardens one Sunday morning at Kew, had seen her the day before at another garden so she is moving about.

Phyllis Edwards is perhaps a little more subdued about the BM(NH) Library because we think she is tired from the chores at home caring for an invalid mother and trying to carry on and write at the same time. She lives a fair distance from London and that driving, too, takes it out of one pound for pound. Traffic is conspicuously faster, thicker, and noisier than when you were here in 1965. George Lawrence tells Phyllis that Huntia III is imminent and that she should look for proofs but that was 6 weeks ago so he is not really caught up.

Nesta and I will be going to Woodmansterne in about an hour to have a visit with Eric Groves and his family (American wife met on a youth hostel trip into Scotland)--he was in the party with Munzes that evening you mentioned. He is in charge of the monocots in the Herb. I am trying to get him to work with Fred Meyer and Prof Geiser of SMU in making available the Rugel field notes from Fla etc. not included with his colls. when distributed by Shuttleworth.

We had a lovely week end last with Mea Allan (Tradescant) in East Anglia, visiting Yarmouth where Dawson Truner lived, and Halesworth where Hooker grew up. Skylarks singing -- gardens in bloom -- Shellydow. Next Sunday it will be Oxford and a visit with Olby and Guiney sisters. Desmond, by the way, is a very friendly most knowledgeable person, tremendous boon to Kew and again shows George Taylor's good judgment in hiring him. Taylor's third wife is quite different: has moved in monied circles I would say and not the same homespun tweedy souls of her predecessors. I think they will be happy but I cannot see any bookish interests in her so prominent in George. He stays on to Sept. 1st and no successor clear at present; probably Brennan (African floras) and without manifest talents of Taylor.

With great good wishes, most sincerely,

Joe

Mr. Parsons just some outgoing person you saw in 1965 here at hotel. Really a very convenient place to stay.

London

Sunday July 13, 1969

Dear George:

So full are the days that I suddenly realized that I must write you without delay -- hope this makes the fast connections that do come. We were in Ireland and Scotland on the swing tour when your letter was delivered at Park House and keeping up with mail is a job because most letters call for an answer. Well, as you noted we have had a very full and profitable stay, and the work on the B&B went off very well as I had planned, mainly to determine what Desmond knew already so I might fill in from my side. We did not get around to seeing the Chelsea Physic Garden library this time, nor the RHS, nor the Welcome Medical Library -- all had been hoped for -- but of course we did see some pertinent colls. that were unexpected so it evens off . . . Desmond is not going to pitch for the last goal in the game or does he field all the wild balls that call for side runs out of the field, but has told me at least twice that this must be a kind of inventory to be closed on the last day of 1970 as far as new materials are concerned and then put the whole thing into shape. The format is sensible (by my rule book) and he has steered the course between the most ample entries and the demands of the publisher to keep the whole in bounds.

Of course I was saddened to hear of Andy's death. I had hoped that he might appear -- a large apparition -- at the Seattle meetings for the kind of recognition that he would have taken with a wide warm smile. Of course I hardly imagined he could make the trip as a physical drain on his slowing-down living. As for the memorial volume we shall have to talk this over, as you say, and I agree that it could be a notable landmark volume in 20th century history of botany for the patent reason perhaps no single person so influenced the "new systematists" in this country as Anderson. Charley Heiser in his 1969 monograph of *Helianthus* (Mem. Torrey Bot Club) acknowledges the part Andy played in setting him to thinking about sunflowers, in the fewest words, but they say a good deal.

We are due to fly BOAC flight 567 Wednesday, July 16th,
leaving London 12:15 PM
arriving Chicago 4:05 PM

and hope to see you in due course, customs should not be too lengthy, accept your genial hospitality that evening and depart on Thursday in time to reach Urbana in a 'comfortable' hour -- have a reservation at the Union there so sleeping accommodations are tucked in. We both so wish we might linger with you longer, for so many reasons! but with the Banister appt at the Press a critical one we shall have to press on. The editorial office has already ticked off the minutiae that must be attended to, spelling variants etc. etc. thru the ms.

Yesterday we had a visit with Mrs. Clokie and her husband, James, who teaches German; today the Stearns take us for a jaunt into the countryside after lunch. Hermia Clokie sends her best greetings, and WTS I know would like to see you again,

As the westwind speeds our flight,
Adios,

Joe

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Department of Biology

18 April 1970

Dear George:

Here are the forms in Xerox of the XIII Intern Congress Hist Science in Moscow in 1971. I am proposing to give a paper on Opportunities in the history of Russo-American botanical exploration, somewhat in extension of the remarks at Seattle.

By the way, I am working on the Seattle paper for Taxon now.

Which reminds me, have you heard Stafleu may be leaving Taxon for another job, out of the IAPT organization? Details wanting. He is in Washington etc. this month, and again in Oct and Dec -- seems to like ocean hopping.

Bob Long is very pleased with my text for bot explor in south Florida for his flora. Now I arranging with Marion Ruff to do some portrs for it. Like the GHILawrence manner, in his text by Macm.

Some things dragging -- Lubrecht's getting the overrun to the contributors to SNEBUS as he promised last Fall. DietSciBiog vols overdue and Scribners still want mss for the names to come late in alphabet. Nothing, exactly nothing, from Verdoorn on the projected vol ~~man~~ celebrating his 60th birthday. I shall be able to write a better essay for his 70th of course!

Diek Dillon from Sutro Library due in town tonight for weekend.

Ann Leighton from Ipswich was here about two weeks ago. A really lively person who has written a hist of hort glowingly reviewed in recent New Yorker, March 28th, p. 127. =Early American Gardens, "for meate or medicine" Houghton Mifflin, \$10.

Acc to this review, see p. 116, the NYBG Rickett-y project will have to get more monies to publish the Pac Coast volumes to come! Katherine White says the Texas or third volume in the H-opus is the best yet = coy?

Nesta is doing the index and Banister is not far off course for a July splashdown.

Wonderful spring here this year,
and hope for you too,

Jos

TULANE UNIVERSITY

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19 August 1970

Department of Biology

Dear George:

Well, where do you suppose we shall all be in 1971 this day? Great expectations.

Just a line for now to say I am improving kneedless to say slowly but I now can carry books down the stairs with some feeling of security and gracelessness. Driving the Mustang without tiring and even manage to climb about the stickshift when I have to emerge on the right side from a close parking stint.

Nesta returns tomorrow from two weeks in Calif and we shall go off together perhaps to Florida. I have completed quite bit of mss for this and that publ and caught up on a large backlog of letters. Working at home is certainly not unpleasant; in fact, has real advantages. This house is very pleasant and cheery. You must come down and see us sometime.

This essay on William Henry Harvey is so good I went to the heavensent Xerox -- better than Xerxes and Xenobia or even xanthophyll, and stuck off a copy for you. Webb of Dublin has never been chummy or very reciprocal to me but then he has been more or less ill both times we have been in Dublin and paid a call. In 1964 he showed us the lay of the lab and where to find the pencil sharpener but really didn't seem too anxious to talk. But Sir George evidently thinks well of him. Certainly has done a fine essay here.

Banister is off schedule but late babies are heavier and supposedly brainier . . .

As ever,
cordially indeed,

Jos

Huntington Beach
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526 Dec 1971

Department of Biology

Dear George!

Here we are in Kathleen's comfortable home after a pleasant junket across Texas and Arizona (w/ stop at SW Arboretum near Superior where George Crosswhite is now director - a most interesting collector. IDRIA was in fruit and doing well) Has been raining here in So Cal. and air is wonderfully clean & fresh today. We shall be driving to SF about 3rd Jan then back down for a stay at Rancho Santa Ana B.G. (Phil Munz has just weakened a new fatal heart attack) I shall be looking over an old res on Flora of San Gabriel Mts. I prepared years ago and had to set aside. El Aliso may publish. Here are some notes for your collection on John Bonister. Happy New Year!
Jre

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"



2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
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December 3, 1971

Dear Joe:

I am enjoying your John Banister book. You did a good job and it is very convenient to have all the references and texts. Doing a little work on spread of dents (corn) and just looked up your p. 40 reference which apparently is the earliest one in U. S., so thought I'd let you know your book was being used.

Sincerely,


Hugh Cutler

Dear Joe + Neta 1972

My Xmas message has degenerated to the attached! See back of Xerox for further explanation ^{first} before reading my letter.

One of my aspirations for you, Joe, was fulfilled in the past year. I have another - I wonder what you think of it.

I feel very strongly, that
it is you, ^{& Nestor} who should
write the biography of
George Engelmann, edit the
letters, ^{edit} & reprinting the works
and in so doing have them
reviewed & supplemented
by present day authorities.

Engelmann died in 1884 -
there's just nice time for
MBG to prepare for
that centenary and see
all this done right.

I confess having already
mentioned this to
Peter Raven, the brother
of whose wife is it
believe, unhappily in-
numerable with his
approval, namely - I
couldn't agree with you
more that we would
benefit greatly if Joe
could be persuaded

to settle in St. Louis
after retirement. ?

What your move
should be I don't know,
but I thought you should
be informed at least.*

Joe, I am finally re-
membering to congratulate
you on your appointment
to the Richardson professor-
ship of botany. Very
pleased
* see page 3

In not sure that even this is obliging enough.

* It might be to tell
 John Francis not that
 I had spoken to P.R.
 I have spoken to
no! but that you
 and that you
 wonder whether M.B.G.
 could be moved to be
 interested - always of
 course provided you
 + hera would be
 interested.

Very sunny weather
 here since I last wrote.

Snow to 6" on the 5th
with four following
nights below zero - one
of them to -12° . Never
know here before, and
so sudden the trees
had no time to prepare.
My redwood, just planted,
is turning all brown -
I wonder if it will live.
All good wishes
J. Gray

Dr. and Mrs. W T Stearn
London

1309 Spruce Street, apt 4B
Philadelphia, Pa., 19107
April 2nd, 1972

Dear Friends:

Nesta and I have been in Philadelphia since mid-February, with a pretty steady program of my walking to the American Philosophical Society for me and for Nesta in the opposite direction to the Academy of Natural Sciences. She is working on the revised ed. of Rocky Mt. Naturalists, and I am engaged with reading and note-taking the corresp. of Benj Smith Barten. It has been a very interesting survey and I've gained a good idea of the problems that he faced and of course I have met a good many new names in the course of all the letters to and fro, beginning with his years in Edinburgh and London. The bulk of the corresp comes after 1800. My question to myself has been: will I be able to survey the collection satisfactorily before we must return to New Orleans in mid-August. Well, I am now just past Nuttall in the sequence, and it seems quite certain that we shall be able to make a trip abroad in May. Before we went to Russia last year Dr. David Hummel, M.D., who was personal physician to Sven Hedin, trans-Mongolia explorer, and who visited us in New Orleans many years ago, invited us to pause in Stockholm en route to Moscow. It was Hummel's plan to show us about and of course we would have a chance to see some reliquiae not only of Linnaeus but of persons who wrote from America to Swedish naturalists. It was impossible to arrange it last year. But this year we are here on the edge of the continent and we think it is such a good opportunity not only to visit Sweden but to pause on the way in Edinburgh to see the Barten story when he was a medical student here.

My not knowing until now the state of my progress with the Barten papers has been the reason why you have not heard from me about your forthcoming visit to America. As we indicated to you last summer during our stopover in England I hope you will have an opportunity to visit the Atlantic coast cities after the Arnold Arboretum centennial. I am truly sorry that we shall not be in a position to join in the fun of showing you some segments of America. But, by all means, let me know your schedule as precisely as possible, for I hope I may be able to check with local botanists/ librarians and the like, who will be free during your weeks here, to make your stay more rewarding.

We shall be away from Philadelphia from May 3-26. The week of Monday 22nd will be highlighted by your presentation--that I knew from the happy occasions in Washington, D.C., to Cracev, Peland, when I have heard you--but I cannot recall if your tour southward comes mostly before or after the AA centennial. We shall be in Philadelphia from our return from abroad to June 1st; perhaps this may enable us to see you here after all?

With all good wishes from Nesta and myself for a really wonderful trip for both of you,

Cordially,

Joseph Ewan

bc: G B VanSchaack

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Philadelphia, Pa.
9th April 1972

Dear George:

well, this is your last week at Merten and when it rains in Lisle it really pours with mere work than you can shake a cellar or whatever,

I shall not detain you, except to say, we are thinking of you, and really wish we were nearer to give you a good meal when you are tired after the day's labors, etc.,

To hope the Merten rekindles the joy for you a bit this week, with a little festive spirit at Newberry, etc.,

and to say we are junketing to Edinburgh and Stockholm in May, for which see the carbon of my letter to WTStearn herewith, written a week ago.

Conway Zirkle d. March 28th after a painful illness. Emphysema, compounded. His collection of herbals, etc. went to Bryn Marr.

We have been enjoying George Corner very much indeed. He is to be our guest here on Wed. next. Did not seem deterred by the 60 steps to sup with us.

With every good wish, dear George, from both of us,

Joe

Philadelphia, Pa.
12 June 1972

Dear George:

Back in Philadelphia, as you see. College of William and Mary was most hospitable to us, giving us a genial banquet, with prepanical cocktails, but not a whisper of an introduction. This I thought sad simply because the six honorees only vaguely and clumsily met each other standing in hapless attitudes of quandary. Some attempt to make introductions by Johnny Baldwin but with an increment of alcohol this becomes an impediment.

The affair was in the usual format, and Nesta thinks my citation -- which I shall ask for in letter of thanks very soon -- was well phrased. Day was warm but not insufferably so. Speech by Ralph Ellison was thoughtful, very deliberate, and valuable as black to white, in a podium where the words could not have been so gracefully accepted a decade ago.

Marg and Sonya and friend Ralph (neighbor in Virginia Beach, of whom Nesta and I are fond) came over Sunday morning and we had a nice supper at Bick's (Greek) seafood rest. really notable food. College put Nesta and I up at Williamsburg Lodge in fine style. Chemist and his wife, Armstrongs, of the faculty invited Baldwin, and two others (Mr. and Mrs. Holmes) to breakfast on Sunday morning, which was very pleasant. Altogether a genial experience.

En route to Wmsburg. we stopped to lodge with Meyers and they invited the Wurdachs and Corrells over for mint juleps after supper. Jean and Frederick have a Southern colonnaded home with Magnolia ashei abloom and wisps of oldtime atmosphere about, like sleeping guests in 4-poster bed, etc. The National Arboretum now has a pathetic specimen of a librarian hatched from a computered library school; what a joy it would be for the right person; pleasant smallish collection, no rush, time to enjoy the job, etc. Fred with historic sensibilities, etc.

We called on Eric Lundberg at his new home in Augusta, W.Va. just down road from Pleasant Dale--Eric would like to have had that as an address but the p. o. was closed for lack of sales. Eric and Vera have a very liveable home, largely built by his hands and head, and surrounded by woods (with stemless ladyslipper etc. etc.) and planted with kitchen herbs and strawberries and peas, and like, protected now with dangling petunias to ward off the birds and deer. He built a separate book ledge to house the stock, pretty well organized by now, and of course most tidy and pertly set on fresh wooden shelves. As Nesta says he must expect to enjoy selling books, eating fresh fruits of his fondling, missing the fumes of traffic and press of commerce.

Conrad Merton took Eliz McClintock ^{and us} to J. F. Kennedy Center in Washington for supper at the Bufferteria, modestly priced and meal on open deck o'er-looking the Potomac. Place you should see next in the Capital, quite a nice tribute to JFK's taste and marvelous for its setting. We had a lot of fun walking about the parapet naming the some 70 weeds that have ventured to fill the flower-boxes when planted so meekly to English ivy. One of the weeds was a seldom seen Verbascum, and there were lots of novel grasses. Conrad is much improved in health; both were at AA Celebration and enjoyed the occasion they said. Conrad said well organized affair.

With fraternal feelings,
great good wishes,

Joe



Civic Center

MOTOR HOTEL 3918 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Monday 10 July 1972

Dear George:

Meta & I drove over yesterday & have spent all day at HDL & shall be here tomorrow AM. Patently not some Citadel of Wainucal history but it was. Gil has other talents, other affections. Bossert & Buchheim give continuity to gem pleasure & sound like yesterday. What fun we had here, George, remember? I found some good letters for my purposes in Bos. Autograph albums. Meta & I focused lap on Lem. Mrs. Swins, archivist, is eager to learn & will be a fine asset but does not know plants. The index of portraits (by Bossert) will be out in Fall pub. by GK Hall - from "gallery" it looks useful. Major works will embrace new world of computerized info. Here's a brochure which maybe new to you



PITTSBURGH'S FABULOUS NEW IN CITY MOTOR HOTEL...

Cheers

Joe

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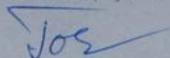
27 September 1972

Dear Friends:

I am taking this opportunity of sharing some seeds of a plant you likely have not heard of up to now: Edgeworthia papyrifera from Japan. Dr. Frederick Meyer of the U.S. National Arboretum sent me a packet and I am hoping that by this distribution to potential growers we may succeed in beholding an ornamental for our gardens, one of these days.

I am sure that Dr. Meyer will be pleased to hear from you if you succeed in growing the seeds beyond infancy. We owe a great deal to his efforts through the National Arboretum in widening our perspectives for introducing overlooked trees and shrubs into our little worlds around us.

Cordially yours,



Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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