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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.

# CITATION

Read on the occasion of the granting of honorary degree  
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

TO

Joseph Andorfer Ewan

at the Commencement Exercises of  
the College of William and Mary in Virginia, June 4, 1972

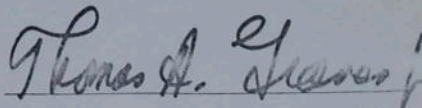
Any civilization without scholarship must become narrow and immediate; any person without the will to learn is by that substantial measure impoverished. The quest for knowledge is therefore a very high calling, appropriate for the university to recognize and to honor, but of meaning and ultimate benefit to us all. Professor Ewan stands as an internationally known botanist and historian of science, and as a teacher of many generations of students who have drawn inspiration from him. He may also stand in symbolic recognition of the university's civilizing force through scholarship.

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Joseph Ewan has made significant discoveries in taxonomy and floristics, has contributed definitive bibliographic publications to his field, and has become especially known for historical studies of the great naturalists of our past, including his most recent book, done in collaboration with his wife, on John Bannister's *Natural History of Virginia* - of special interest here, as John Bannister was one of the founding trustees of this College.

Therefore, for your many and continuing contributions to our knowledge of the nature of this world; for your distinguished studies in the history of scientific achievement; and for your selfless teaching of what you know, so that the future may know more than we; I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Visitors and the ancient Royal Charter of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, do hereby confer upon you, Joseph Andorfer Ewan, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.



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