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Buchholz, John T.

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URBANA, ILLINOIS

February 6, 1941

Prof. J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

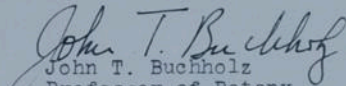
My dear Mr. Fogg:

Last December I had the privilege of listening to Dr. L. H. Bailey, the retiring president of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists at the dinner in Philadelphia. I noticed that someone was taking down this address and I am supposing therefore that it will be published somewhere. I think I was told by the stenographer that you were the one who made the arrangements to have it taken down.

I was greatly impressed by this address and wished then, as I do now, that I might be able to have it read to our Botanical seminar. Of course if it is going to be published soon we can wait for its' appearance in print. If it is not going to be published before May, I am wondering if I might arrange to borrow a carbon copy after Dr. Bailey has made his revision, for the purpose of having it read before our group. This copy would be returned to you very promptly.

If it is to appear in print, I would be glad to know where we may expect to see it.

Very sincerely,


John T. Buchholz
Professor of Botany
Head of Department

JTB:RH

February 12, 1941.

Dr. John T. Buchholz,
Department of Botany,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Dr. Buchholz:

I scarcely know how to respond to your inquiry concerning the address made by Dr. Bailey at the dinner of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. At the request of Dr. Pennell, I arranged for a stenographer to prepare a record of this speech. Unfortunately, the job was not too well done. The stenographer missed several portions of Dr. Bailey's talk due, she said, to his unfortunate trait of occasionally letting his voice drop almost to a whisper. Pennell and I have been working over the copy which was made, and have been trying to fill in the missing parts. I believe that Pennell has written to Bailey to ask whether he would examine it, and attempt to correct it himself. Dr. Bailey is very lukewarm about the whole affair, and seems even to be displeased that an attempt was made to record his remarks. Therefore, until we are in possession of a more perfect copy, I should have nothing to offer you. If Dr. Bailey does correct the present mutilated copy, and returns it to us for retyping, I shall, of course, have a carbon made, and in this case can see no objection to lending that to you for the purpose which you have in mind. No one seems to know yet whether this address is going to be published. My own guess is that it will not, but that the officers of the Society merely wish to have a record of Bailey's recollections, particularly of the Rochester meetings.

You may expect to hear from me later when this matter becomes clarified. At present, please accept my warmest personal regards, and the hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before long.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Asst. Prof. of Botany.

JMF:RS

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March 6, 1941

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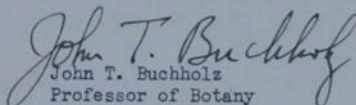
My dear Professor Fogg:

You may recall that I visited your Herbarium around January 1 and examined some of your collections of conifers. I took down the legend carefully of one set which interested me very much. The legend is as follows: "Taiwania cryptomerioides Hay. Tozan Nitak Oct. 1906. ^GS. Nakahara. Plantae Saghalinensis."

At the time I recognized that this is one of the earliest collections of this species since *Taiwania* was named by Hayata in 1906. I naturally supposed that this was a collection from somewhere in Formosa, the name of the collector appears to be Japanese. However, the region which appears on the label, "Plantae Saghalinensis", puzzles me, and also the localities. I wonder whether this was really collected in Formosa. Dr. G. Neville Jones of our Department informs me that *Saghalinensis* refers to a Russian island in the Sea of Okhotsk, north of Yezo, Japan. It is hard to believe that *Taiwania* would grow in a place as far north as this and I wondered if this might be the name of a collector or of some general collection.

In checking over the distribution of *Taiwania*, I find records of it in Upper Burma, Tibet and Northwestern Yunnan, China. The distribution is over 1000 miles east and west in the mountain regions of the tropical rain forest. I would be very glad to have any additional information as to the origin of this sheet. Possibly there is some other mark on it that I overlooked, which would identify it as a Formosan plant.

Very sincerely yours,


John T. Buchholz
Professor of Botany
Head of Department

Nitak
- highest mt. in Japan

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Tozan = climbing

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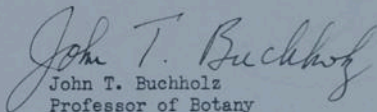
March 20, 1941

Professor J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

I think I have found the explanation to the data given on your Herbarium sheet of Taiwania cryptomerioides. The name of the collector, G. Nakahara, is well known as a resident entomologist of the island. Nitak is an abbreviation for Nitakayama, the Japanese name for Mount Morrison, Formosa. Tozan is analyzed as 'to' meaning east and 'zan' meaning mountain, which may be the east slope or the east peak. It is also possible that 'zan' should have been written 'san' which would mean east coast. However, 'Plantae Saghalinensis' printed on the label remains unexplained. I suppose that possibly it is a mistake and that errors of this kind are often made where printed labels are used.

Very truly yours,



John T. Buchholz
Professor of Botany
Head of Department

JTB:MCH

April 15, 1941

Dr. John T. Buchholz
Professor of Botany
Department of Botany
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Dr. Buchholz:

If I seem to have taken an undue length of time in responding to your inquiry concerning Taiwania, it has been because I wish to place this matter before a Japanese friend of mine. I have now done so and his reaction to the problem checks closely with the interpretation which you offer in your second letter. My friend believes that the specimen in question was actually collected on Mount Nitak (Nitakayama), the highest mountain in Formosa. He believes, and I agree with him, that the legend *Plantae Saghalinensis* on the label is incompatible with the occurrence of this species which he says certainly does not grow nearly that far north. My guess is that Nakahara, who was a student here 35 years ago, has erred in using the same label for an entirely different series of collections. We all know of the sad mistakes which can arise where printed labels are used.

It was a great pleasure to see you here at Christmas time and I hope that our paths will cross again before long.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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6 sheets

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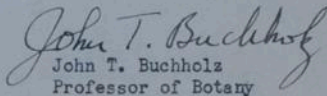
October 27, 1944

Dr. John M. Fogg Jr.
Curator of Herbarium
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I am working over all the herbarium material of the coniferous genus *Podocarpus* and have here on loan from various herbaria of the United States specimens in excess of 2000 sheets. You may have some in your collections that should be included. I shall be glad to annotate and label them if I may have your specimens on loan for about six months. I have noted several sheets collected by Dr. Harshbarger in South America, so I presume you may have a number of sheets.

Very truly yours,


John T. Buchholz
Professor of Botany

JTB:em

November 21, 1944.

Dr. John T. Buchholz,
Department of Botany,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Buchholz:

I am sorry to have taken so long to answer your request of October 27th for a loan of herbarium material of Podocarpus. Since, due to my administrative responsibilities, I do not get much time to spend in the herbarium these days, I asked my assistant, Miss Elizabeth C. Earle, to look into this matter and send you such material as we had in our collections. I now have a note from her saying that she has forwarded to you on loan four sheets.

I regret that this shipment does not include such specimens as we may have from the Old World. With the expansion of our herbarium we have found it necessary to remove all of our Old World specimens, seal them in boxes and put them in storage until such time as we could secure new metal cases. Probably among the twenty-five or thirty thousand sheets thus taken out of circulation there are additional specimens of this genus, but since this material is temporarily inaccessible, it is not possible to send them to you at this time. Perhaps after the war when we are able to put our collection into better shape, if you are still interested we can send you these additional specimens.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

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June 30, 1947

Prof. John M. Fogg
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Prof. Fogg:

We are returning the four sheets of *Podocarpus* which you so kindly loaned to Dr. Buchholz. We very much appreciate your cooperation in the large task we have undertaken. The determinations of the specimens, in accordance with our forthcoming publications, have been attached.

Yours truly,

Neta E. Gray
(Mrs. Stephen Gray)