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Herbarium

May 8, 1939

Dr. Robert T. Clausen
Bailey Hortorium
Cornell University
Ithica, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Clausen:

I desire to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of your shipment of 92 herbarium specimens. This material arrived in good condition and constitutes a welcome addition to our collection.

I have your list of desiderata on file and in laying aside material for you, am keeping in mind your particular requirements.

With best wishes for a successful season, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of the Herbarium

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BAILEY HORTORIUM
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

L. H. BAILEY, *Director*
ETHEL ZOB BAILEY, *Curator*
ROBT. T. CLAUSEN, *Taxonomist*

Address:
BAILEY HORTORIUM
SAGE PLACE, ITHACA, N. Y.

October 11, 1939

Professor John M. Fogg
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38th St. and Woodland Ave.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

Last winter I wrote you about some plants from the Carolinas, which I was offering for sale at the rate of \$.10 a sheet. At the time you indicated that there were no funds available for such purchases, but that after July 1 there might again be some money for buying plants. Since I still have on hand one set of 100 numbers of these plants, I am again calling them to your attention. If you want them, I can ship them immediately on receipt of order.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Clausen

Robert T. Clausen

October 31, 1939.

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
Bailey Hortorium,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My Dear Clausen:

I am in receipt of your recent letter concerning your Carolina specimens, and regret to inform you that the University is just as poor now as when I wrote you last Spring. The fact is, it is probably poorer, since our departmental budget has suffered another cut.

I wish there were some way of acquiring this collection, but unless you are willing to offer it in exchange, I see no means whereby ~~we~~ might be effected. If you are unable to sell this series and feel that you would care to receive material in exchange for it, please let me know.

I sincerely regret ~~it~~ having to write you to this effect. I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of the Herbarium.

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March 4, 1940

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38th Street and Woodland Ave.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

In continuance of our exchange, I today am sending you a parcel containing 76 sheets of specimens, mostly representing collections made in New York, but also including a few items from North and South Carolina. According to my records, I have now sent you, including the present lot, 208 sheets.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert T. Clausen

Robert T. Clausen

Assistant Professor
of Botany

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March 11, 1940

Dr. Robert T. Clausen
Bailey Hortorium
New York State College of Agriculture
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Clausen:

~~The~~ package of 76 specimens arrived safely and I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of this material in continuation of our exchange agreement. I greatly enjoyed examining these plants and was particularly pleased by the fine representation of aquatics.

The total of 208 sheets which you say in your letter you have sent to us, checks with my own records at this end. I hope very soon to get around to distributing material and when I do, I shall prepare a package of duplicates to be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

JMF:H

April 16, 1941

Dr. Robert T. Clausen
Bailey Hortorium
Ithaca, New York

My dear Clausen:

I am sending you by prepaid express a carton containing 218 specimens in continuation of exchanges. I hope you will not object to the fact that 12 of these are mounted. They were duplicates withdrawn from our herbarium and I send them in the hope that you may find them useful.

The present lot is a mixed one containing mostly plants from Pennsylvania with the addition of a few from New York and Massachusetts. I am aware that they do not compare favorably with the fine critical material which you have been sending to us, but I hope that they may have some value in filling out your representation of species from this state.

I am still hoping that we may be able to get into the field together, either in New Jersey or in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where I expect to be doing a good deal of work this coming season. Do let me know if you are planning to come this way.

Sincerely yours,

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

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April 21, 1941

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:-

The 210 specimens reached me in good condition. Many thanks for this material, which I am crediting to your account in continuation of our exchange.

It is good to hear from you again.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

RTC:EMD

[R. T. Clausen]

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July 30, 1942

Dean John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Dear Dean Fogg:-

Dr. Muenschler has referred to me your recent inquiry about specimens of Amelanchier which had been sent to Dr. Wiegand for study. I have located the packing case, the padlock, the key, apparently all of the 383 specimens, and 20 typed descriptions or keys, the original folders in which they were sent here and your letter of January 17.

Apparently Dr. Wiegand had been spending considerable time on these Amelanchiers shortly before his death. I am happy to write that most of the sheets are annotated and the packages are marked "done". Also, there is a sheet of notes which I am enclosing herewith. As soon as convenient, I will send you the entire lot in the big packing case. I assume that it will be all right to send this by express collect. At time of shipment I will return the key to you by first-class mail.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Robert T. Clausen

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August 1, 1942

Dean John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Dear Dean Fogg:-

The box of Amelanchiers went off today by express collect. You will find that nearly all the specimens were annotated by Dr. Wiegand. Those which were not are provided with markers on which Dr. Wiegand had written names which he may have intended to use on annotation slips. Key for the padlock is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Clausen

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RTC:EMD

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August 7, 1942.

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
Department of Botany,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Clausen:

This will acknowledge the safe return, in good condition, of the specimens of Amelanchier which you so kindly packed up and returned to us. I am indeed gratified to see how much work Dr. Wiegand did on these and wish to thank you for your kindness in consummating this transaction.

Since I have done little with our Amelanchiers in the way of recording them for the State Flora, you will appreciate that having these plants so carefully named has been a real aid to us in our work. It will now be possible to have recorded and mapped certain species concerning which I had been in doubt, and although I may not include in my treatment all of the hybrids, or supposed hybrids, which Dr. Wiegand recognized, it is certainly helpful to have his opinion on these sheets.

I hope that your activities will bring you this way again and that I may once more have the pleasure of getting into the field with you.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

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R. T. CLAUSEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

September 2, 1944

Dean John M. Fogg
The College
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

May I have on loan whatever specimens you may have
from Pennsylvania of typical Lycopodium complanatum?

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Bob Clausen

RTC:LJL

September 5, 1944.

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Clausen:

Your request for specimens of typical
Lycopodium complanatum has been received in Dr. Fogg's
absence on vacation. I shall bring your letter to his
attention immediately upon his return to the University
about September 11th.

Yours very truly,

Janet L. Bowen,
Secretary to Dr. Fogg.

September 14, 1944.

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Bob:

I am sorry that your recent letter did not receive an earlier reply but I have been away for some weeks and only yesterday found time to visit the Herbarium.

The only record of typical Lycopodium complanatum which we have for Pennsylvania is a specimen collected by E. M. Gress some years ago at Tobyhanna in Monroe County. This specimen was originally in the Herbarium of the State Museum at Harrisburg, a collection which we have examined in its entirety in connection with the State Flora. We took a photograph of this specimen for our records and with the approval of Dr. Gress, who was then State Botanist, removed two or three fragments of the plant to put on the sheet with the picture. Later we were given permission to keep the original specimen and I am having both sheets forwarded to you for your inspection. I shall indeed be glad to know what you think of this material.

The Pocono region continues to yield a number of interesting northern species, the most recent of which is a stand of what Wherry considers to be Lycopodium Selago or whatever we are calling it these days.

I hope that you can get to Philadelphia some time and that we may have a chance of getting together on a field trip once again.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

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October 10, 1944

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.
Office of the Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

On my return here after a brief absence, I found the two sheets of Lycopodium complanatum. Thanks very much for sending them. The specimens are typical L. complanatum, but the two larger branches slightly suggest, at least in habit, what Professor Fernald named "var. flabelliforme."

The specimens are now going back to you, along with eleven miscellaneous collections which you may list in continuation of exchange.

Yesterday I had occasion to spend a few hours on a steep slope near Wysox in Bradford County. On outcroppings near the top of the declivity, I found about a hundred plants of Pellaea glabella. This is the nearest locality to Ithaca that I have so far found for this species. I will put aside a specimen for sending you after the plants come out of press.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bob Clausen

Robert T. Clausen

Associate Professor of Botany

RTC:LJL

October 17, 1944.

Mr. Robert T. Clausen,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Bob:

The shipment announced in your letter of October 10th has been received safely and I am indeed happy to have your opinion concerning our two sheets of Lycopodium. Thanks also for the eleven specimens which you include by way of exchange. We are always happy to receive material from you and I hope that you will continue to send us specimens as you go over your duplicates.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Professor of Botany.

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January 21, 1947

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Office of the Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

May we have on loan for study by S. J. Smith the specimens of Trillium in the herbarium of the University of Pennsylvania? I believe that Smith has already gone over these hurriedly, but hasn't yet had a chance to examine them carefully.

I much enjoyed seeing you at Boston.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Bob Clausen

R. T. Clausen
Associate Professor of Botany

RTC:jrc

February 4, 1947

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
Department of Botany,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of a few days ago requesting the loan of our Trillium and am writing to say that we shall be happy to send these on before long. Unfortunately, all of our shipping cases appear to be out at present, but at least one of them should be coming back within a few days and I shall see that this material is packed up and forwarded to you at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

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June 20, 1947

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Office of the Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Dear Jack:

Last January I wrote you for the loan of the specimens of Trillium in the herbarium of the University of Pennsylvania for study by S. J. Smith, one of my graduate students. At the time, you wrote that there would be a delay because no shipping cases were available. I wonder whether the request might possibly have slipped your mind. In any case, I am venturing to bring it to your attention again since Smith still desires to see those Trilliums.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Robert T. Clausen

Robert T. Clausen
Associate Professor of Botany

RTC:bjb

June 24, 1947

Dr. Robert T. Clausen,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Bob:

I had certainly not forgotten my promise to send you our material of Trillium, but the fact is that we are still behind the eight-ball in the matter of shipping cases. The five cases which we use for transporting mounted material have been in active service this year, chiefly carrying specimens between here and Pittsburgh, and when I checked again yesterday I found that four of them are at present tied up at the Carnegie Museum. As soon as one of them comes this way again, I shall commandeer it and use it for sending material to you. The fifth case happens to be in Ithaca, whither it was dispatched last autumn with a series of Rubus which we sent to Dr. Bailey, who, I suppose, is so busy with Palms that he has been unable to examine the material which it contains. If none of these cases is returned in the near future, I shall try to find another container safe enough for the sending of our Trillium specimens. I am indeed eager for your student to see these plants and since I gather from your letter that he will be working during the summer months, I shall do my best to see that they reach him at an early date.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

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June 26, 1947

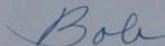
Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Office of the Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter of June 24. I now learn that my student who has been wanting your Trillium on loan will be at the New York State Museum, State Education Building, Albany 1, New York, after July 7. Since I do not know how much time he will have to examine Trillium there, I suggest that you cancel my request unless you hear further either from Dr. House or Mr. Smith, in which case a loan might be made directly to the New York State Museum.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Robert T. Clausen

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October 7, 1954

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Dept. of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Jack:

Next year I am to have a leave of absence from here for seven months. In that period I wish to continue my studies of variation and relationships in Sedum, this time in the Mexican volcanic region. In order to finance the work, I am applying for a Guggenheim Fellowship. May I use your name as a reference? In order to save your time now and the necessity of writing a letter, a self-addressed postal is enclosed. If you will write yes or no on this, that will be sufficient answer for me. If you reply affirmatively, a detailed statement of my plans probably will reach you directly from the Guggenheim Foundation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bob Clausen

R. T. Clausen

RTC:vlr

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Answered in the affirmative

Recommendation of Dr. Robert T. Clausen to the John Simon Guggenheim
Memorial Foundation, 551 Fifth Ave. New York City

I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. Clausen for many years and consider him one of the outstanding American workers in the field of systematic botany. His published papers on a variety of subjects have impressed me by their scholarly approach, conservative treatment and broad appreciation of the nature and scope of our discipline.

In addition to being a thoroughly competent taxonomist, Dr. Clausen possesses to a high degree an understanding of the importance of genetics, biometrics and ecology in attacking the kind of problem which he proposes to study.

The projected outline of studies on Mexican species of *Sedum* is extremely worthwhile and should yield valuable results. I consider Dr. Clausen admirably suited to undertake and carry through such a program.

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Professor of Botany and Director of the Morris Arboretum
University of Pennsylvania

Dec. 8, 1954

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August 21, 1956

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Morris Arboretum
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

Next week you, Dr. Mason and I have the responsibility of deciding which paper presented at the sessions of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists is best. I hope that you will be able to attend all of the sessions in Storrs. In order that we might compare notes and make some progress in reaching a decision, I would like to see you at noon, just after the session in the Arena of Ratcliffe Hicks School, on Tuesday morning. We can at that time make arrangements for a further meeting on Wednesday.

Looking forward to seeing you next week and with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Clausen

Robert Clausen

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*This letter was opened by me on Monday, Aug. 27.
I tried to reach Dr. Clausen in Ithaca and also at
Storrs, but did not succeed.*