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CLOKEY, I.W.

From Fogg

September 11, 1941.

Dr. Ira W. Clokey,
South Pasadena,
California.

Dear Dr. Clokey:

Thank you very much for the separate of your paper on the Flora of the Charleston Mountains of Nevada. I have just returned from a trip to the south-western states, but unfortunately spent so much time in Arizona and New Mexico that I found it impossible to push westward into Nevada. I hope you will keep me in mind for future publications.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 17, 1941

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Associate Professor of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 11th. inst. stating that you have received a paper on the Flora of the Charleston Mountains.

Unfortunately I have no record of which paper this is. There are several available and another is expected to be published this winter. If you will let me know which you have I will be glad to send others. Any papers you may have for distribution will be most welcome.

Your collecting in Arizona and New Mexico is decidedly interesting. Would you care to exchange botanical specimens? I have twice written to Dr. Wherry but have had no reply.

At present I could offer you about 250 numbers with printed labels. These are largely from the Charleston Mountains, Clark Co., Nevada. These sets contain 18 isotypes and many very rare things. One hundred of these sets were laid out and have been distributed. The balance of the material, some thirty odd sets, will be laid out shortly. About half of these will be reserved for herbaria in Europe etc

Sincerely yours,

Ira W. Clokey
not dd.

from Fagg

October 14, 1941.

Mr. Ira W. Clokey,
1635 Laurel Street,
South Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Clokey:

The reprint which I received from you appeared in the January-April number of the Bulletin of the Southern California Academy of Sciences for 1938 and includes descriptions of new species in Calochortus, Potentilla, etc. I should be happy to receive copies of your other papers which you may have available for distribution. Under separate cover I am sending you a few of my own reprints which I hope you may find of interest. If I have sent any of them to you before, please do not hesitate to discard them or pass them on to someone else.

I would indeed be interested in receiving specimens from you for our herbarium here. We already have a certain amount of your material which came to us some years ago from the New York Botanical Gardens, but have had nothing of yours within the last two or three years. I am in some doubt as to just how I could repay you since I assume that you would not be interested in specimens from the Eastern States. My own collections from this past summer were necessarily limited by time and space requirements, so that I have but few duplicates from the Southwest. I shall, however, lay aside for you such numbers as are available and should be glad to learn whether you wish these supplemented by specimens from other sections of the country.

Sincerely yours,

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 31, 1941

Dr. John M. Fogg
Botanical Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

Yesterday I sent to you two packages containing 288 specimens which I hope will prove of interest. During the winter or spring will have a further shipment for you.

You speak of receiving some of my material from the New York Botanical Garden a number of years ago. Century VIII of the *Plantae Exsiccatae Grayanae* contained only my plants. In case you did not receive this I could send you a partial set of this century with about 39 of the numbers. This is the last partial set that I have.

While I have long been interested in *Carex* and in recent years in the western flora specimens from anyplace will be welcome. Last year I placed my Herbarium on loan at the University of California at Berkeley. Eventually it will become the property of that institution. While we want to avoid duplication in specimens received by the two herbaria I expect to carry on exchanges just as in the past.

Many thanks for the reprints that arrived recently. Included in one of the bundles of specimens are the few reprints now available. During the winter I hope to publish of the *Astragalae* and the *Cactaceae* of the *Charlestons*. You will receive reprints when ready.

Sincerely yours,

Ira W. Clokey

from Fogg

November 11, 1941.

Mr. Ira W. Clokey,
1635 Laurel Street,
South Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Clokey:

The package of specimens which you sent us has been received in good condition and in glancing quickly through them I have been delighted with their fine quality and uniformly interesting character. One of my students, Mr. Richard W. Pohl, collected in the West in the summer of 1940 and I find that there is a set of his duplicates available for distribution. It contains a goodly number of grasses as well as some interesting items in phlox, inasmuch as Pohl accompanied Dr. Wherry on this trip. I shall set these aside for you and shall add to them items of interest which may accumulate between now and the first of the year, at which time I usually attempt to send out exchange sets.

Thank you for your reprints, which I am glad to have. I note your interest in *Astragalus* and naturally wonder whether you would care to examine any of our Western material of this genus. If so, let me know and I shall be glad to forward them to you on loan.

Since we regularly receive the Gray Herbarium Exsiccatæ we are so fortunate as to have Century VIII, which includes material of your collecting. Thank you for your interest and do keep us in mind for further exchanges.

Sincerely yours.

Associate Professor of Botany.

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 17, 1941

Dr. John H. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:-

Many thanks for your kind offer of the loan of Astragalus material. I am just attempting to report on the few species of Astragalus, as well as Cactaceae, found in the Charlestons. This is from necessity rather than choice. Over fifty botanists have helped in the determination of their groups but I could find no one who was familiar with these two groups. Both groups need revising but either would take more years than I would have left to give to them.

Sincerely yours,

Ira W. Clokey

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

April 28, 1942.

Dr. John M. Fogg:
Botanical Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

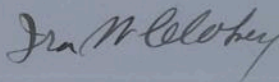
Dear Dr. Fogg:

In continuation of exchange I sent to you yesterday a small package with III specimens which I trust will be of interest. Sorry that there were not more bull illness prevented my doing much collecting the last two seasons.

When specimens are sent in return kindly address them to me in care of the Botanical Department of the University of California. Owing to the shortage of tires my trips to Berkeley will have to be by train so that I will be unable to take specimens with me.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



from Fogg

May 22, 1942.

Dr. Ira W. Glokey,
1635 Laurel Street,
South Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Glokey:

This is in belated acknowledgment of the package of 111 specimens which you so kindly sent us recently. Not until a day or so ago have I had the opportunity to examine these, and again I wish to express my appreciation of your kindness in selecting for us such an interesting series.

I find myself at present totally without herbarium help but hope that in the autumn I shall be able to prepare for you a shipment of plants which you may find of interest and value.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 24, 1948.

Dr. John M. Fogg
Botany Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am sending you a few specimen which accept with my compliments. This will probably be the last until after thw war.

Please substitute the inclosed label for 7573 A. lentiginosus var. sierrae.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Ira W. Clokey

Thilopsis linearis
var. *glutinosa*

Seaberg, Madroño (1936)

Clokey 8124 seen this

Jay, at Picos P. n. of Sanbat, Eddy Co. N.M.

November 6, 1942.

Dr. Ira W. Clokey,
1635 Laurel Street,
South Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Clokey:

Thank you for the collection of specimens which you sent us recently and which, in accordance with your instructions, I have entered as a gift from you. We shall see that the substitution of the label is effected. We are happy at all times to receive your specimens and I hope that the war will not put a stop to your field work as it has to mine.

I wonder what your reaction is to Fosberg's paper on "*Chilopsis linearis* in Madrona." Last year I collected along the Pecos River north of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, material which corresponds to his variety *glutinosa*. Your #3124 matches my material closely but is apparently regarded by you as the straight species. I am, therefore, wondering whether you consider Fosberg's varieties unstable or whether I have misinterpreted his characters. It seems to me that the quality of venation differs markedly on the same individual and that the degree of glandularity on the leaves is not correlated with venation. I should be glad to know how this seems to you.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

IRA W. CLOKEY
1635 LAUREL STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 18, 1942.

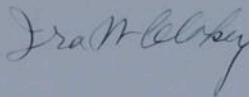
Dr. John M. Fogg
Botanical Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am afraid that I can not offer any assistance in regard to Chilopsis linearis. Just as you did I found the venation to vary. The use of the name var. originaria to cover what I understood Fosberg considered the typical form of C. linearis may have prejudiced me. I felt uncertain about Fosberg's varieties and since I knew too little of the plants in the field and lacked a large series of specimens for study I felt that the safest thing to do was to follow the general custom of using the name C. linearis. Of course I may have been mistaken in doing so.

To avoid such mistakes over fifty botanists were kind enough to help with determinations. Unfortunately this left a considerable percent of the plants that I had to undertake myself. The more critical groups of these required much time the Astragalus and Cactaceae alone taking several months. However there may well be errors, some of which might have been avoided had I been able to work constantly in a large herbarium.,

Sincerely yours,



November 17, 1942.

Dr. Ira W. Clokey,
1635 Laurel Street,
South Pasadena, California.

Dear Dr. Clokey:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 15th with its comments on the situation in Chilopsis. I have studied these complex variations a little more fully since I wrote you and am now inclined to feel that there is absolutely no correlation between venation and glandularity and that we have a polymorphic species in which the lines between the variations cannot be adequately maintained.

May I say again how delighted we are to have such a fine representation of your specimens and how greatly I hope that you will find it possible to continue the type of field study upon which you are embarked.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.