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March 7, 1931.

Dr. F. W. Ashe,
1512 Park Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ashe:

My friend, Mr. Bayard Long, informs me that you are at present especially interested in certain species of Vaccinium and Viburnum, and I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to offer you such material as might care to see both of my own collecting and from the Herbarium of the University of Pennsylvania.

I have been puzzled for some time (as which of us has not ?) by Vacciniums of the Atrococcum-corymbosum series and have collected such material from this region as well, as from southeastern New England. I have also specialized from time to time on the Viburnum dentatum group, altho most of my sheets of this series are at the Gray Herbarium.

If, therefore, you care to let me know just which species interest you, I shall be glad to send you a package of specimens at a very early date. Do you wish to see mounted material from the herbarium, forwarded to you as a loan, or would you rather have unmounted duplicates ?

Awaiting your answer in this matter,
I am,

Most sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of Herbarium

1512 Park Road, Washington, D.C.
Mch. 10, 1931

Prof. J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

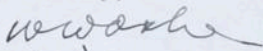
Dear Prof. Fogg:

Please accept my thanks for your letter.

I will be glad to secure any *Vaccinium* material in good condition especially from New Jersey, which you have available for exchange and believe that worth while material largely from the southern states can be sent you for it. I am particularly interested in *V. caesariense*, *Atlanticum*, *amoenum* and *atrococcum*.

For some time I have been trying to locate a specimen of *V. stamineum* collected by Cooper in Florida and sent by him to Schweinitz, in whose collection it was seen by Nuttall. Is any of the Schweinitz or Nuttall material by chance in the herbarium of the University?

Yours truly,



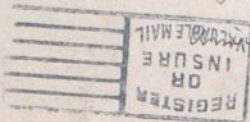
W. W. Ashe

65 mounted sheets



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs J. M. Fagg J.



Philadelphia, Pa.
Lansdowne, Pa.
Pennsylvania

Dear Prof. Fogg =
Reference is made to my
letter of March 10 - If it will not inconvenience you
to retain your mounted *Vaccinium* material for
about 6 weeks - I will certainly appreciate having a look
at it as well as getting any material you have for
us charge - also any us charge material you may
have of *Viburnum pubescens* + allies -

I have just been looking over your Horn of
the Elizabeth Islands with much interest.

1512 Bancroft N.W. yours truly
Washington D.C. 3/10/31 W.W. Ashe

March 25, 1931.

Dr. W. W. Ashe,
1512 Park Road,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ashe:

There is going forward to you by prepaid Express a box containing sixty-five (65) mounted specimens of Vaccinium and eleven (11) unmounted sheets of Vaccinium and Viburnum.

Of the Vaccinium material I am sending you V. corymbosum, in addition to the four species which you requested. I do this because our corymbosum has never been critically examined and must, I know, represent a mixture. You are certainly welcome to this material for six weeks or as long as is necessary. My only hope is that you will feel free to record your opinions on the mounted sheets.

I was greatly disappointed to find that I had so little duplicate material to send you for exchange. My collections have gone largely to Gray Herbarium, Missouri Botanical Garden and elsewhere, consequently the few things I am forwarding represent a very meagre series, a series augmented by a few sheets collected by Dr. True and Mr. Adams and including Viburnum dentatum. In return any specimens which you may care to send from the southern states would be more than welcome, for that it is exactly the region in which I trying to strengthen this herbarium,

Unfortunately we have no Schweinitz material here, so I can tell you nothing of your Cooper Florida specimen. You might ask Pennell about it, if you have not already done so, for much of the Schweinitz stuff is in the Philadelphia Academy.

Many thanks for your kind notice of my paper on the Elizabeth Islands. I am sending you under separate cover a bound reprint, which is a little more handy than having it scattered thru six numbers of Rhodora.

Most sincerely yours,

1512 Park Road, Washington, D.C.
July 15, 1931

Dear Dr. Fogg:

There is being sent you by parcel post a package containing about 40 herbarium specimens. Later I expect to have some additional material to send.

Within a few days the specimens from the University collection will be returned. The loan of this material has been much appreciated.

In case you should have any duplicates of Vaccinium, and in particular fruiting material from that section of New Jersey which we visited, of Viburnum, the dentatum and affine groups, ~~and~~ of Ilex verticellata, and Vitis which you can let me have they will be most acceptable.

Yours truly,

W. W. Washburn

October 31, 1931.

Mr. W.W.Ashe,
1512 Park Road,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ashe:

Please accept this belated acknowledgement of the package of specimens received from you during the summer. As I wrote you, I was away when they arrived, but I have now had time to go over them and I find them extremely interesting. Many of them, especially your own species, are forms of which we have little or no representation in our collection.

I shall keep in mind material in the genera which you mention and shall try to have a lot ready to send to you before long.

Hoping you have had a profitable and enjoyable collecting season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,