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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.

Jan. 28, 1933.

Dr. H.L.Blomquist,
Duke University,
Durham, N.C.

Dear Dr. Blomquist:

Having learned from Miss Margaret Long, formerly of Duke University but now carrying on work at this University, of your interest in the flora of North Carolina, I am taking the liberty of writing to ask whether you would be interested in arranging for an exchange of specimens.

We are very desirous of having the vascular flora of your state more strongly represented in our herbarium, and are prepared to offer in exchange specimens from southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, including the famous Pine Barrens of the latter state. If this idea appeals to you I should be glad to forward a small package of plants in order that you may see the type of material we have to offer. If you are not interested perhaps you would be so good as to put me in touch with someone at Duke who might care to follow up this matter.

Yours very truly,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of Herbarium.

Duke University
DUNHAM
NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

February 3, 1933

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Curator of Herbarium
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

I am delighted over having your enquiry concerning the exchange of plant specimens. Yes, I am very much interested at present in the flora of this state, but have not gotten much beyond grasses, Pteridophytes, Bryophytes, and Cyperaceae. I am especially interested in your New Jersey pine barren flora. We have been and will be for some weeks yet quite busy trying to straighten out our herbarium, so we are not quite ready for exchange just yet, except some 3 or 400 plants of southeastern U.S. mostly from Florida. Anyway, I will be glad to hear from you again and to see your sample.

Give Miss Long our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Blomquist
H. L. Blomquist
Professor of Botany

Iron Fogg

April 8, 1933.

Dr. H.J. Blomquist,
Duke University,
Durham, N.C.

Dear Dr. Blomquist:

There is going forward to you by mail a package containing sixty-five plants of my own collecting. Since you expressed an interest in the flora of New Jersey I am sending you material from the coastal plain of that state, including some of the most characteristic Pine Barren specialties.

If you find the quality and nature of these specimens satisfactory and wish to enter upon an exchange between our two institutions, I should indeed be glad to hear from you to that effect. As I told you earlier, we are eager to receive material from North Carolina as well as other regions in the south. The one southern state that we have fairly well represented in our Herbarium is Florida, but that only from the southern part, so that if your Florida duplicates are from the northern or central section of the state we should be glad to have them.

Incidentally, I shall probably be in Durham toward the end of the week of April 10th. My wife and I are driving south over the Easter holidays and plan to pass thru Durham either Friday or Saturday, Apr. 15th or 16th, probably the former. If you are not off on a trip of your own, or if the University is not closed due to its being Good Friday, I shall try to get in touch with you. I should like also to meet Mr. Louis Anderson, of whom Miss Long has often spoken.

Hoping, then, to have the good fortune to see you next week, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Prof. of Botany