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RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

Room 1001

November 5, 1930

Mr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Fogg,

In connection with an article I am writing I wish to know the southern limit of distribution of *Vaccinium Oxycoccus* which has been found at Provincetown, Nantucket, and Block Island. I am particularly interested in knowing whether you ever found it on Long Island or Staten Island. Lyman Smith tells me you have done a little collecting there and might have run into it. There is no material in the Gray Herbarium from these two regions, nor does a local Flora mention it.

Your work on the Flora of the Elizabeth Islands is exceedingly interesting. Many congratulations!

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Eaton

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THIS SIDE OF CARDS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
1/2 Botanical Department
University of Penna.
Philadelphia

Mr. Sam. Dugg.

11/12/20

Just you go to some trouble for
no purpose. I ~~later~~ say that I have found
a recently published account of a long Island
station for *Vaccinium Oxycoccus*, which justifies
my rumour, and which will obviate your
necessity of waiting to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

52 State St.

Richard P. Bates

Nov. 22, 1930.

Mr. Richard J. Eaton,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Eaton:

My delay in answering your letter concerning the distribution of Vaccinium Oxycoccus has been occasioned by the hope, now abandoned, that I could dig out of the literature some information which might be of real value to you. I thought I had seen somewhere a reference to this matter, but have been unable to lay my hands on it.

Unfortunately, my own field experience is of no aid in answering your inquiry. I have not been on Staten Island at all and my visits to Long Island have been of such a nature as never to permit of extensive collecting. I have, therefore, no knowledge of your plant in either of these localities.

Doubtless you are familiar with the more inland distribution of the plant. It occurs in northern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There are several stations in the Pocono Mts., but its southern limit so far as we are concerned in the Philadelphia local flora is at Tannersville, Pa. If there is any additional information which you desire concerning its occurrence in our region I shall be glad to write in greater detail.

Thanks for your kind remarks anent my "Islands" flora. I shall look forward with interest to your paper on the Cranberry.

Most sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

November 25, 1930

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

My dear Fogg,

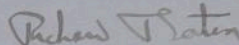
Thank you for your letter of November 22 and for the trouble you have taken. Following up my letter with a postal card to you a week later, I endeavored to call you off from spending any time in my behalf. Fernald dug out a recent Long Island record of the small cranberry which confirmed my prediction that it ought to be found there.

My paper is not on the cranberry, as you are justified in assuming, but on the New England distribution of *Arceuthobium pusillum*. It has gone to the printer and should appear in *Rhodora* early next spring.

If you happen to stumble on any fresh material of *Lycopodium alopecuroides*, I wonder if you could stuff a little into candy boxes with wet newspaper or sphagnum, and mail it to me. I have been monkeying around in the *L. inundatum* group for two or three years and have been postponing a write-up of my findings until I should have an opportunity of collecting a series of fresh material of *L. alopecuroides* for study. The Lord knows when I will ever have a chance to do it!

If there are any reciprocal favors I may do you, be sure to call on me.

Sincerely yours,



Richard J. Eaton

RJE:D

RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

March 9, 1931

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Fogg,

As a member of the Visiting Committee of the Gray Herbarium it has occurred to me that we might send with propriety two or three reprints of your "Flora of the Elizabeth Islands" to members of the Forbes family. Undoubtedly they will be interested in owning copies, particularly Harry Forbes, his brother Alex, and Mrs. Raymond Emerson.

It occurs to me that you may have sent copies to them in appreciation of whatever courtesies they may have extended to you during your field work. I do not wish to tread on your prerogative.

I have discussed the matter with Dr. Robinson. He thinks that it would be a polite gesture and also be a harmless bit of advertising for the Gray Herbarium.

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Eaton

Richard J. Eaton

RJE:D

from Fogg

March 12, 1931

Mr. Richard J. Eaton,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Eaton:

Many thanks for your letter of March 9th and for the suggestions therein contained. I had indeed conceived the notion of sending copies of my Islands paper to various members of the Forbes family, in recognition of the courtesy shown me by them, but, unfortunately there has been some delay in the filling of my order by the printer and my own reprints have not yet reached me. Moreover, I am ignorant of the winter addresses of the Forbes's and was actually on the point of writing to someone at the Gray Herbarium as well as to friends of mine in Boston in an effort to remedy this deficiency.

I should therefore be very glad if you would be so good as to take care of this matter. It will save time if you can do it at your end, for I do not know when my reprints will arrive.

In the case of Mr. Malcolm Forbes, whose house I visited on Uncatena, I was going to write a letter to accompany the paper, so you might leave him off your list. I would like to let him know personally that I appreciate his kindnesses.

I am glad that Dr. Robinson approves this action and I hope that it may create farther good will toward the Gray Herbarium.

Very sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

March 14, 1931

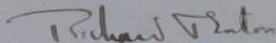
Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Fogg,

Acting on your letter of March 12 I am sending to Harry and Alex Forbes copies of your report on the Flora of the Elizabeth Islands. I have already given a copy to Ray Emerson who has acknowledged it with much thanks.

If you will send me the names of other members of the Forbes family other than Mr. Malcolm Forbes, I will be only too glad to arrange for the distribution of the reprints. It would seem to me advisable for them to be mailed with an appropriate note from the Gray Herbarium, making due acknowledgment of the courtesies extended to you in its behalf.

Sincerely yours,



Richard J. Eaton

RJE:D

April 16, 1931.

Mr. Richard J. Eaton,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Eaton:

I have been trying to locate a copy of the Woods Hole Index, published in 1927, which contains the names and addresses of all members of the Forbes family having summer places on the Elizabeth Islands, but have so far failed. I thought I had a copy of the Index among my papers, but after combing the places from top to bottom it can not be found. I can therefore suggest no additional names as recipients of the Islands flora. If you can ferret out any yourself I should be glad to have you communicate with them.

Accept my congratulations, please, on your Dwarf Mistletoe paper. It is mighty well done and makes very interesting reading. I hope you will let us have more like it.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

April 22, 1931

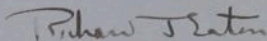
Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
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38th Street and Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Fogg:

Your letter of April 16 suggested to me the possibility of getting a list of the Forbes clan from my friend, Raymond Emerson. The enclosed is the result. You may find some names to whom you would like to send copies. Ray suggests that it might be better to send the pamphlets out in June to the Naushon address rather than to the home address as it appears on the list.

I am glad that you like my recent article on *Arceuthobium*. I am now trying a few grafting experiments from which I don't expect very startling results.

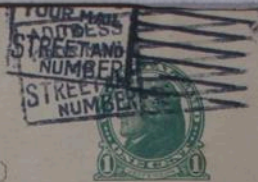
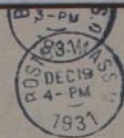
Sincerely yours,



Richard J. Eaton

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Enclosure



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

John M. Jagg, Jr.
Univ. of Penn.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Botanical Lab

Dear Fogg:

12/17/31

I am planning to assemble data during the next few years in the flora of Concord and Lexington, Massachusetts, and will you opinion as the most convenient way to tabulate records etc. Do you suggest, for work like you use a card system? If not, what? Are there any convenient cards ruled and printed for the purpose which I can buy, ~~etc~~ without going to the expense of having them made up specially?

It seems to me that I can save some time, if I start out on the right foot, by using a system which you have found particularly convenient.

Yours,

R. V. Eaton

53 State St., Boston

from Fogg

Jan. 3, 1932.

Mr. Richard J. Eaton,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Eaton:

In response to your inquiry of Dec. 19, I am enclosing a sample card of the sort used by me in compiling records for the flora of the Elizabeth Islands. This card really explains itself, but a few words may serve further to illustrate its usefulness.

Since I filed my cards in systematic order, I found it convenient to write out the genus on the top line, using the second for the species, the third for variety of form. It is thus very simple to interpolate new records or to add to old ones. I then followed the system of citing my own collections by number only, using the personal name only in the case of other collectors; this saves much labor. The herbaria in which specimens are represented are indicated by a series of abbreviations, as explained on page 227 of my paper.

The reverse side of the card may be used for citations of the literature, notes as to habitat, etc. In no case would I advise placing more than one species or variety on a card. You may decide to use cards of different colors: white for native plants, blue for adventives, yellow for garden escapes, etc., or merely indicate these, as I did, by a system of underlining.

There are perhaps other points which will arise in the course of your work, and if I can help you with them please let me know. Your problem is more complex geographically than mine, for there is something rather definite about a group of islands. You will probably work out a system of abbreviations for localities, arranging these from north to south and east to west.

I am glad to learn of your project and wish you all sorts of luck in working it out.

Most sincerely yours,

RICHARD J. EATON
53 STATE STREET
BOSTON

January 11, 1932

Mr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania, Botanical Laboratory
38th Street and Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Fogg:

Thank you for your very helpful letter of
January 3 regarding a convenient system for cataloguing
the local flora.

Like most amateurs I suspect that I am biting
off more than I can chew conveniently. However, a job
of this sort can be carried along for a number of years
without loss of interest and is a worth while thing to
start even though it may never be finished. I am a great
believer in local floras and think every botanist should
attempt to make an intensive study of his favorite
stamping ground. Such studies are very useful, of course,
in determining local changes over an extended period of
time and also in bringing to light interesting dis-
coveries that otherwise would be entirely overlooked.

In literature I have occasionally come across
references to interesting occurrences of somewhat
southern coastal plain species in Concord. It is possible
that a careful analysis of the flora of the Sudbury River
valley may throw some light on the glacial geography of
the region and the local drainage system in the late
Wisconsin period.

Sincerely yours,



Richard J. Eaton

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