



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
5th Floor, Hunt Library
Carnegie Mellon University
4909 Frew Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890
Telephone: 412-268-2434
Email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu
Web site: www.huntbotanical.org

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized item.

Usage guidelines

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

Statement on harmful and offensive content

The Hunt Institute Archives contains hundreds of thousands of pages of historical content, writing and images, created by thousands of individuals connected to the botanical sciences. Due to the wide range of time and social context in which these materials were created, some of the collections contain material that reflect outdated, biased, offensive and possibly violent views, opinions and actions. The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation does not endorse the views expressed in these materials, which are inconsistent with our dedication to creating an inclusive, accessible and anti-discriminatory research environment. Archival records are historical documents, and the Hunt Institute keeps such records unaltered to maintain their integrity and to foster accountability for the actions and views of the collections' creators.

Many of the historical collections in the Hunt Institute Archives contain personal correspondence, notes, recollections and opinions, which may contain language, ideas or stereotypes that are offensive or harmful to others. These collections are maintained as records of the individuals involved and do not reflect the views or values of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation or those of Carnegie Mellon University.

About the Institute

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

From Fagg

February 23, 1929

Dr. E.P. Killip,
U.S. National Herbarium,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Killip:

A student of mine is working on the genus Helianthemum with the view of establishing a correlation between the fruit and seed characters of the open and cleistogamous flowers. Altho dealing primarily with the four northeastern species H. canadense, H. dumosum, H. Bicknellii and H. propinquum, it has become necessary to have a look at some of the material to the south of us, for there are some queer trends at work in the collections of the Philadelphia Botanical Club. I am therefore writing to ask whether it would be possible for us to borrow the material in the National Herbarium of Helianthemum (Crocantemum) corymbosum, carolinianum and rosmarinifolium. I think no other species are possible as far north as Virginia.

Needless to say, these specimens will be kept in a metal case and in a fireproof building and will be returned as speedily as is consistent with a thoro examination. Any seeds which may be removed from capsules will be placed in small pockets which will be affixed to the sheets.

Hoping to be able to return this favor,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 18, 1929.

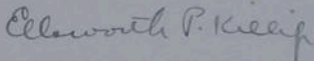
Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Fogg:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of February 23. The last month has been a particularly busy one for me, as I sail March 28 for Peru, and there have been a vast number of details to attend to in connection with the trip.

We are sending, as a loan to the University of Pennsylvania, 75 specimens of the three species of Helianthemum which you ask for. I trust that you will have your student annotate each sheet.

Sincerely yours,



Ellsworth P. Killip
Associate Curator,
Division of Plants.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 21, 1929.

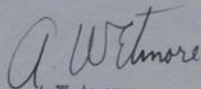
Dr. Rodney H. True,
Director, Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania,
Thirty-eighth Street & Woodland Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. True:

Referring to correspondence between Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., and Mr. Ellsworth P. Killip, of the U. S. National Museum, I beg to announce the transmittal to the University of Pennsylvania, Botanical Laboratory, of a package containing 75 specimens of plants (Helianthemum) mounted upon 71 sheets, for Dr. Fogg's examination.

Shipment of the specimens is made by mail.

Very truly yours,



A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

Sm

From Fagg

April 20, 1929

Dr. A. Wetmore, Ass't. Sec'y.
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

I am enclosing the acknowledgement receipt for the specimens of Helianthemum which have so generously been loaned to me by the National Museum. I had been wondering to whom to make due acknowledgement in Mr. Killip's absence and was grateful to hear from you thru Dr. True.

This material has proved very interesting to my student, Miss Hazel Briggs, who is devoting herself to a careful examination of this genus. It has shown however that even greater interest attaches to H. georgianum, the loan of which I did not request originally but which we would like very much to see. Inasmuch as we shall return the present lot within a few days, I am therefore making bold to ask for the loan of the National Herbarium material of H. georgianum.

Very truly yours,

KILLIP, E. P.

November 22, 1955

Dr. E. P. Killip
Big Pine Key
Dade County, Florida

Dear Buddy:

The Foggs are considering descending upon the Florida Keys during the Christmas recess and I am wondering whether you would be good enough to tell me whether there would be any chance of our securing accommodations on your Key or a neighboring one.

What will probably happen is this. My sister-in-law and cousin will probably drive down, leaving Philadelphia about the 17th of December and getting there either the 20th or 21st. My wife and I are trying to get plane reservations, leaving here the day after Christmas, for Miami, where the other two will drive up to meet us and take us back to wherever they have managed to find accommodations. What we really want, then, is a cottage or motel or housekeeping apartment for four persons, and I would be eternally grateful if you could let us know whether this might be arranged.

Personally, I am looking for a place where I can really relax for about a week or so and at the same time see something of the vegetation, perhaps do a little collection and take some pictures. It would be grand if I could spend some time in the field with you but I do not want you to feel that this is at all an obligation or that I would consider in any way interfering with any plans which you may have. For all I know you may be coming north for Christmas at the same time we are heading south.

We should have to leave down there about the 2nd or 3rd of January because I have a class at the University on Wednesday the 4th. Again my wife and I would probably fly from Miami and the other two girls return by car. Anything which you can do to expedite these arrangements will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

to Fagg from Killip

Key West, Fla., Dec., 6, 1955

Dear Jack:

I have just returned from the Isle of Pines and find your letter of Nov. 22 awaiting me. My plans were so unsettled that I did not arrange to have my mail forwarded during my two weeks stay there.

It is certainly nice to learn that you are thinking of coming to the Keys for the holidays. When I left the Isle of Pines I fully intended to return there before Christmas, but I am now thinking of staying here longer, and will almost certainly do so if you come down.

I haven't lived at Big Pine Inn since last April as the elderly couple who ran it decided to discontinue serving meals. A pleasant English-Canadian couple bought the Inn and are having a house-warming on Dec. 8. The Inn is in the heart of the pine-palm woods. It has ten single and double rooms and one cabin for a couple. Farther to the north up the Key there is a development with several cabins for two and maybe some cabins for four. The owner's name is Catlee, his address Old Wooden Bridge Camp, Big Pine Key, Summerland Key P. O., Monroe Co. There are no motels on Big Pine so far as I know.

There are many motels and housekeeping cabins at Marathon, a boom town about 16 miles east of Big Pine, and of course Key West has lots of places. You might not be able to relax so well in either of these places.

I'm awfully sorry for this delay but let me know what I can do about making reservations. Perhaps it would be well to get them at the Inn, then you can look around. I am going to the Key in a day or so, and will speak to the owner.

You can write me at 404 South St., Key West, the address of a friend of mine. I have rented a small apartment downtown but haven't yet arranged to have mail sent here.

Sincerely

Buddie

Killip

December 15, 1955

Dr. E. P. Killip
404 South Street
Key West, Florida

Dear Buddie:

Many thanks for your letter. I should have replied sooner but our plans have been a little hard to straighten out and even now I am not entirely certain just what is going to happen. It would appear, however, that my wife's sister, Miss Elmore Biggs, and a cousin, Miss Dorothy Baldwin, will be leaving, by car, about a week ahead of us and will be arriving on the Keys probably late in the afternoon on Thursday, December 22nd. I have taken the liberty of telling them that you would speak to the couple who now run the Big Pine Inn and hope that if they check in there that afternoon it may be possible for them to find a place to stay and perhaps to make reservations for my wife and myself, who will be arriving in Miami on Monday the 26th.

The last thing I want is for you to go to any trouble in our behalf, but if you have been able to speak to the people at the Inn, I am sure that it will facilitate matters. At any rate, since the two girls will be going down ahead of us we should be able to find quarters for all four of us to stay for a week or so. Since my wife and I are unable to get plane reservations we shall probably go down by train and the two girls will meet us in Miami and drive us back to wherever they have holed in.

I surely hope that I can see something of you without interfering with any plans which you may have, and possibly you will be good enough to leave word at the Inn concerning your whereabouts. Even if we do not find it possible to stay there, we shall make it a point to inquire concerning you in the hopes that you may have left some word for us.

Thanks again for taking the trouble to write and accept my best wishes for the coming holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

Killip to Fagg

Dear Jack:

Key West, Dec. 18, 1955

Your letter reached me this morning. I finally decided to go to the Isle of Pines for the holidays and quite a long stay thereafter. I'm surely sorry to miss you but I hope you have a good time on the Keys and will strike warm weather

I am forwarding your letter to Mrs. Albert Laughlin, the proprietress of Big Pine Inn so she will have the dates of your relatives' arrival and your own. I spoke to her about you when I was last there but of course couldn't give the exact dates. If you should by chance need a hotel in Miami, I can recommend mine - the Hotel Pittsburger, 226 N.E. 1st St., which is not far from the R.R. station and close to the Greyhound bus, in case you want to go down the Keys that way.

Season's ~~g~~ greetings.

Sincerely yours

 [Killip]

PS. You can write me at the Smithsonian and Jason will forward if you say so on the envelope.

Name?

KILLIP

+ Killip

January 12, 1956

Dear Buddie:

This letter is by way of reporting on our recent trip to the Florida Keys. As I think I told you, two members of our family drove down well in advance and went at once to Big Pine Inn where, thanks to you, they were expected. They were highly delighted with the very friendly couple who are now running the Inn but felt that the accommodations were a little skimpy for a party of five, as we ultimately turned out to be. I may say also that the fact that only wine and beer were available represented a situation which they felt they would not wholly approve of. After spending one night at the Inn they therefore moved up to Marathon, where they found delightful accommodations in the form of a housekeeping apartment at Tarpon Lodge and where all of us were comfortable for about a week.

I spent a little time on Big Pine and even collected a few samples. I also did some casual collecting on some of the other keys. I was able to name most of the material which I saw, but since I do not claim at all to be familiar with the vegetation of that area I have perhaps a dozen or so things which I would like to have named. I am wondering whether you would be willing to look at them and identify them for me. They are all in duplicate so that I could send you a numbered set and you could dispose of the duplicates as you see fit. I suppose Florida plants are a drug on the market in most herbaria and you would probably decide that they should be discarded.

As you suggest, I am sending this letter to Jason with the request that he forward it to you wherever you may be, and then if you are willing to look at my efforts and tell me where I may send them, I shall be glad to follow your directions.

I wish to thank you for doing what you did for me and my party and am extremely sorry that you were not around when I was there. I would greatly have enjoyed getting into the field with you and learning something about the vegetation of that part of the world.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director