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19 June, 1990

Prof. R.Y. Berg
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Dear Rolf,

I would be grateful if you are able to help me locate some biographical data for my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses".

The Norwegian botanists Yngvar Mejland and Yngvar Norberg have species named in their honor and so I would like to include their years of birth, and if appropriate, years of death in the Dictionary together with their usual occupation. If they survive, I would be pleased to have their addresses.

With kind regards to yourself and Torv,

Yours sincerely,



H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany

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2 January 1991

Professor Per Sunding
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Dear Per,

Thank you for your help in tracking down biographical details of J.A.D. Jensens. The LDansk Polar Center obligingly sent what little information was available. I have assumed the name *Festuca jensenii* applies to the person not the place on the rather weak evidence of the species ending in -i rather than - ana.

Tell Rolf he is forgiven, none of us are perfect.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,



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10 September, 1991

Director
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Dear Director,

The grass *Festuca jensenii* was described by O. Gjaerevoll & L. Ryvarden in Kong. Norske Vidensk. Selsk. Skr. 1977 (4): 18. This work is not available to me in Brisbane and would take some weeks to arrive if requested on Interlibrary Loan.

I assume the species is named in honor of Jensen and would be grateful if you were able to inform me of the full name of the person honored together with their date of birth (and of death), usual occupation and nationality.

The data are required for my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" which now has about 13,500 entries and is still growing slowly. Earlier in the year I spent several weeks in Copenhagen working on the project but alas did not have time to visit Oslo.

Please give my kind regards to Rolf and Torv Berg. I assume Rolf has now retired if University regulations are as in Australia.

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Yours sincerely,



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Professor H. T. Clifford
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Dear Dr. Clifford,

I have received your letter concerning *Festuca jensenii* and on the origin of that name. It may be discussed whether the actual plant is named after a person or after a place name! *Festuca jensenii* was named after the locality "Jensen's Nunatakker" in West Greenland, which in its tour was named after the person Jensen.

I am sending you enclosed a few selected pages from the paper of O. Gjærevoll and L. Ryvarden, where *Festuca jensenii* was described. As you will see from p. 4, the Danish Lieutenant J. A. D. Jensen lead an expedition to that area of Greenland in 1878, and the nunatakk area among other visited by the expedition was later named Jensen's Nunatakker. This area was also the goal for the 1967 Norwegian expedition.

Any more details about the Danish Lieutenant I have not been able to trace, but I am sending a copy of your letter to the Danish Centre for Polar Research, hoping that they will be able to help you further.

I also enclose a reprint of a small paper published some years ago in connection with the 200 years anniversary of the Norwegian botanist Christen Smith. You may even find details on a few grasses there!

Rolf Berg asks me to send his very best wishes (besides that I should tell that he feels ashamed not having answered a similar enquiry from you some time ago, as he had not been able to find an answer to the question!)

Yours sincerely,

Per Sunding
Professor

Copy: Dansk Polarcenter, Copenhagen

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