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Curator
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Department of Biological Sciences
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WEST INDIES

Dear Dr. Baksh,

Several grasses including *Arundinaria presteoi* are named in honor of Henry Prestoe sometime Director of the Botanic Garden, Trinidad.

I would be grateful if you were able to supply me with a few of his biographical details. In particular, I would like to know his year of birth and that of death, as well as his birth place. Perhaps there is an obituary available?

The information is required for my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses", a page of which is enclosed for your information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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