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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.

Case 2888



Mr. Andrew V. Boyle

Dear Sir, Taking
advantage of your kind offer of January 18th, to name
some of my grasses for me I send you four
specimens, an *Aegrotis*, a *Setaea* & two *Festucas*
for none of which do I find any description in
any author to whom I have access. The *Setaria*
came in my bulb bed & I know not how, not being
very troublesome I leave it to grow for its rarity -
The other three are in my lawn and probably came
with the lawn grass seed. I think there are one or two
more varieties of *Festuca* but they have been
lawn mowed so thoroughly that they have not fruited
this year. I wish to again express my thanks to you for
botanical publications sent me - all botany is interesting
grasses & mosses especially so, and a few years ago I tried to
get a start in fungi, but books on the subject are so hard to
find that I gave it up. I sent some fungus infected leaves
to the botanical department a few years ago, asking advice

and received in return several bulletins with advice
which I followed with more or less success. I was
told also that my name was on a list for receiving any
future publication on the subject but have had
nothing since - perhaps there have been none issued.
I think fungi do even more injury to my plants
than insects do, and are even more difficult
of control. Fire is the only certain remedy I can find
for them.

Yours respectfully

Charles M. Booth

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