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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.

Jacksonville, Fla.
Jan. 15, 1894

Frederick V. Coville, Botanist-
Department of Agriculture:

Dear Sir -

Your letter of Jan. 6th
came duly to hand and I have since re-
ceived ten of the publications of your division,
for which I am very much obliged to you -
Most of them are new to me and are valuable
additions to my botanical library.

I hope to receive the critical notes on my
plants soon as there are several parties
waiting for sets they engaged last fall.
And I trust that you will obtain a decision
in regard to my proposed work in South
Florida at the earliest moment possible,
for with me a great many things hinge upon
that decision. But I feel assured that you will
use your best endeavors in the matter.

Yours very truly

A. H. Curtis