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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.

West- Chester, Sept. 20. 1849.

Dear Sir, Your favor of the 18th was received yesterday; and it was my intention to have gone to Wilmington today, in the hope of meeting you and Mr. James there: but the threatening aspect of the weather, this morning, deterred me. I am now through with the Book, to which you refer; - and Mr. Townsend & I will be happy to see you in West Chester, whenever it may suit you to favor us with a visit. The autumnal flowers are now in about as good condition as they will be; and next week will be a very suitable time to look after them. Anticipating much pleasure in a few herborizing excursions with you & Mr. Townsend, I remain, Dear Sir,

very respectfully,

Your most obed^t

Dr. H. C. Alexander,

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