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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.

New Haven. Feb. 24, 1892

Dear Sir. Your favor of the 20th
is at hand. I have never published
any supplement to the Ferns of
N. A. There was a plan to do
so some years ago, but Cassino
found it would cost too much, &
that very few copies would be
engaged beforehand, & so it was
given up. A dozen or so of
species not in the Ferns of N. A.
are described by Underwood, mostly
Arizona & New Mexican species.

Williamson's etchings are very
pretty, but contain no ferns which
are not in my two volumes.

Yours very Truly

Daniel C. Eaton

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