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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.

AU JARDIN DU ROI, 18 novembre 1829

premier exemplaire du portrait du phénomène
présentement vivant à Paris, pour être joint à
la Dissertation que S. S. Monsieur Le premier
gentilhomme de la chambre du roi a daigné
accueillir avec bonté, Dissertation écrite par le
Jouffroyne.

il y a peu d'espérer que l'enfant à deux têtes,
sujet de ce Portrait, puisse vivre longtemps.
Si Monsieur Le premier gentilhomme de la chambre
du roi, pour lui et quelques personnes de la cour,
ordonnoient que cet enfant lui fût présenté, ce
seroit à l'heure et le jour qu'il plairoit à Sa
Majesté de fixer

Geoffroy S. bilaine