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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.

Waynesville, N. C., March 13. 1896.

U. S. Dept. Agriculture,
Division of Botany,
Mr. F. V. Coville,
Dear Sir:-

I should
very much like to get - all
the publications from your
department - as they came out,
for my school library, & also
any back publications.

Has the Govt. published
anything on Carizum? I am
interested in that order.

Is it generally known that
two Abies (Balsams) grow
on these high mts.?

Has it been definitely
decided that Michaux's

Abies balsamifera is identical to *Abies Fraseri*?

There is a balsam fir here that does not seem to be the same as *Abies balsamea*, and it is decidedly distinct from *Fraseri*. I am inclined to think it is Michaux's *balsamifera* or that it has never been described.

I enclose you a small bit to show the leaves.

Truly yours

J. G. Harbison