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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.

New York 21/88.

Dear Sir:

I regret having so long delayed answering your letter of the 18th inst. I have been extremely occupied, & so must ask you, in indulgence.

Before our death Sir W. Hooker procured a Govt Grant for the purpose of preparing a Flora of Tropical Africa, which should include the plants collected by DeVogel, & the preparation was put into my hands & that of Miss Oliver. Owing to Sir William's disease soon

after, & the consequent
preoccupation of my time, I
have hitherto done but
a little to the work, but
Prof. Plummer has worked
continuously & steadily at it
without interruption & hopes
to have a volume (one of 4 or 5)
to which the work will be
ready this year.

Prof. Plummer has a memorandum
not forgotten regarding Vogt's
notes on branching species
after Hinds, Hooker & Munro,
but hitherto, in the notes
he has I have finished,

no new species of *Vogelia* has
turned up.

I have not myself any
good letter of *V. Willdenowii*
^{synthesis} for the purpose in view,
but I will try I presume
one for you.

I send a sketch of *V. Willdenowii*, similar to
that of *W. Willdenowii*, which
was quite correct, but
more full.

Yr
P

W. Willdenowii
Hermann Kindler