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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.

little synonymy is given in my
own papers; but the books I refer
to ^{will} after giving the names of species
in my list, give the synonymy
fully enough. And European botan-
ists do not see the use of going
back a Century or two to find what
names were first given by perhaps
forgotten men who had not even
begun the systematic study of
plants, or of ferns at least. ^{It won't do the ferns any good} All
the names they gave may some
day be superseded when the long lost
"Annals of the Garden of Eden" come

know what Adam said. He
was the original horticulturist,
and must have acquired at least
a smattering of Botany.

Imagine the garrulity of an
old man, and believe me

Yours truly

C.W. Hope

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If you can spare so many,
I should be glad of 3 copies of
the list, as two of my friends
I am sure would be glad of them.