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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.

Lewton, Frederick L.

Philadelphia, Pa.

December 3, 1898.

Mr. Frederick V. Coville,
Botanist, U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I received a report from the Civil Service Commission, of the averages attained by me in the examination held April 25, 1898, for the position of Assistant, Department of Agriculture.

The general average attained is 71.77, but in Systematic Botany, the major subject, my average is 91.18; to which I respectfully call your attention, hoping that you may be able to offer me an appointment in the Division of Botany.

Besides the testimonials as to my training on file with the Civil Service Commission, I can furnish you whatever others you may wish.

Yours respectfully

Frederick L. Lewton,

620 South Washington Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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