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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.

Knyppersley,
Congleton.

Oct 25. 1889

Dear Mr. Baker

Thank you very
much for looking over my plants.

With reference to my book-
its title "A Contribution to the
Flora of Derbyshire" shows that
it is not, as you point out, a
full & complete flora of the
county. The cost of producing
such a work precluded me from
giving all the old records which

It had tabulated, & likewise caused me to suppress some information that I might to otherwise have given bearing upon the physical features of the country.

Various correspondents have called my attention to the small number of plants vouched for by me: my answer to them has been this: - I have been anxious to give the place of honour to those correspondents who have furnished me with information & have therefore

suppressed myself. This course of procedure on my
part they tell me has acted in ~~an~~ injurious
way to me, as it gives the public a false im-
pression. I may add that I have seen the ma-
jority of the plants growing in Divisions I & III.

Will you let me know when your notice will
appear in Nature as I should like to see
it?

Believe me

Yours very truly

W Hunt Painter