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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.

clean out a cave which I think has 10,000 bats
but it is the worst and dirtiest place you ever
saw and as hot as hades, I went in last Sunday
and got a lot which I shall send on as soon as dry.
It is really an awful place but it is the only place
in which we have found 2 genera so we must have

should be on Guamanajas Mt. when I go tomorrow morning
early. Hope all are well. Riley has had several spells
but I am still on deck tough tired and dirty with
lots to do. Tell Jessford to return me by mail
at once the tin box in which I sent some ligands and get
you to give him 200 skull tags to put in it, a bottle of
Higgins black ink and some fine pens to use it with.
Hope you all are well and happy. Yours Wm Palmer