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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.

Decatur Ark. Apr 22 1899

My Dear Professor Correll.

On yesterday I sent you a package containing the Trilliums spoken of some time ago, and two forms of *Symphoricarpos* or two species of it.

The one with the larger fruit is perhaps a new species. I have collected in Texas, and in this state where it is common, it is quite likely a new species.

I have not received any publications from your Division during the last five months. If you do not intend to send anymore please let me know & I will not trouble you with plants. If I have any at all, I want those pertaining to Botany only, and the best that you publish.

I am looking over my stock of plants now and if I send you any I will send good ones, and these you want if I have them.

Always your friend

E. M. Plank