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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.

Winsted 23 Decr 1854

Bronson. Brothers, Gent^s,

I received your handsome Mandate
Per Mail, - Am Obliged, you speak of
issuing another Edition, if so, please insert
the following Advertisement; - for which I
will pay at a more convenient season; -

Grant Thorburn has opened a seed store
in Winsted [East village] in 1853, & ^{is} opens
the first seed store proper; that ever
was ^{re} seen in America; That my seeds
are better, than those of the shakers;
I can prove by ocular Demonstration;
In short, I verily believe, that in a country
like this, where more trees are growing
than men to cut them down, no shaker
of thirty, or Bachelor of Twenty five, ought
to be tolerated; seed catalogue to be had; gratis
January 13. also, the Life & writings of
1855. J. J. Thorburn & Co.