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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.

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My dear Friend / 13. Union Court. Boston

I call you such, from the many
acts of friendship shewn towards our
family, and more especially for nomena-
-ting my Seventh Daughter, as a Student

I have two elder daughters, who
keep a School, and they have partially
succeeded, being very clever. Matilda
who is a sweet disposed girl, as they
all are, being gifted by Nature.

with a very extraordinary fine voice,
I have wished to cultivate (poor
girl) her natural fine ability, and
from what Mr Webster said, the
one being admitted as a Student,
her sister would more easily
become an Extra Student, as the
payment in the latter case is greater,
and they would feel happy together,
and by having one a Student (the

youngest) and the other an Extra Student
my chance would be better. I find
I have to pay 10, entrance - and
38 pounds for an Extra Student, which
from my Discovery of the acoustic
qualities of the Brassica, which
cures even the Deaf & Dumb, I
shall be able to manage, and
expect to realize a Fortune from
the same. My Son, Bonnell,

a fine youth, at 23, I lost, and
have a poor afflicted child at 5,
paralytic, & scrupulous, a
terrible draw back to my comfort,
but I acquiesce in all the dispensations
of Providence, & look upon this as
one, your kind & friendly recom-
mendation of my Daughters, Septima &
Matilda, hoping it will prove
successful, & believe me ever
Dear Sir

P.S. My two Daughters,
Septima & Matilda join
in thanks
Most gratefully
Robert John Thornton