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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.

from Albertson

FORT HAYS
KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
HAYS, KANSAS

February 24, 1949

Dean C. H. Oldfather
College of Arts and Sciences
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dean Oldfather:

It has now been twelve years since I finished my graduate work at the University of Nebraska. During these years, I have attended a number of annual meetings of the Ecological Society of America, and during the past January I attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management. These contacts have afforded me the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the type of work other institutions and agencies are doing. I have thus come to a fuller appreciation of the fine work, particularly in plant ecology, which I received at the University of Nebraska.

Recently while attending the Range Conference, I visited with a number of range men who are alumni of the University of Nebraska. These men are now employed in various types of positions, but all of them are doing teaching or research or a combination of both. There is a very definite feeling among the alumni and other research workers that the basic grassland ecology (which so far as I know can be gotten only at the University of Nebraska) is extremely important in numerous ways in helping to solve some of the very practical problems relating to range management.

At the present time, three young men who are graduates of Fort Hays Kansas State College are working toward their Doctor's Degree at the University of Nebraska. Another wishes to enroll in the fall of 1949. I drove through Lincoln during the past Christmas vacation and visited with Dr. Weaver about the possibility of taking more students. He seemed anxious to do so, but he felt that the load was becoming too heavy. I know that some foreign students and students from various states have desired to continue their studies with Dr. Weaver, but he has not felt that he could take them at the present time.

My object in writing this letter is to state what I sincerely believe is the point of view of all the Nebraska alumni with whom I have talked. We would like to recommend the following:

- (1) That during the remaining years of service at the University, Dr. Weaver be given as much assistance in research and teaching as seems possible, so that he can make greater use of his abilities along the lines of organizing, directing and writing up research work. The latest edition of his text book in plant ecology came out in 1938. There is no text book in plant ecology that compares in any way with his, but it needs revising. This, of course, takes a tremendous amount of reading and writing. It would, indeed, be a very definite contribution to the field of plant ecology if this could be revised.

to Oldfather, C.H.

Dean C. H. Oldfather

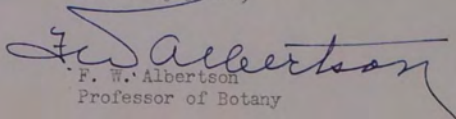
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- (2) When Dr. Weaver retires from active work, we would like to urge that a strong emphasis upon plant ecology be maintained in the department of botany because of the fine service of the past and the probability that no other institution will be in position to offer this type of work.

I presume that it is rather unusual for members of the Alumni Association to write to the administration of the University as I have written to you. I wish to assure you, however, that we have only the good of the University at heart, and what we are recommending is what we sincerely believe is best. Naturally, we do not have the point of view of the administration, but rather as we see the problem from the outside.

Sincerely yours,


F. W. Albertson
Professor of Botany

FWA:djp

T. S. BRANDEGEE,
Post Office Box 684,
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Sept. 19, 1897

My Dear Doctor [Edward Palmer]

I don't know how
you are coming home, if
by the steamer you will go to
Magatlan of course you will in
which case I hope you will
get me cuttings of ^{Cereus} Pecten-aboriginum
— the flowering or fruiting ends
— if possible — Mr. T. says it grows
(on El Cresson — the lighthouse rock)
several other Cacti grow on it and
if not too much trouble I beg
cuttings — of the fruiting ends of
them all.

At Guaymas there is a flat *Opuntia*
called Durasnillos, the joints of
which are often red, and I would

much like one or two — with a
fruit if convenient. There is also
(a Cereus which grows on the sand
spit at Guaymas which has red
flowers, flowering or fruiting branches
are much desired.

Mr. Brandegee is just back
from Wyoming, and we will
both be very happy to see
you and hope it will be
soon.

Sincerely Your Friend

*B. Ray -
In your files.
RR*

March 28, 1949.

Mr. Guy E. Reed,
Harris Trust & Savings Co.,
115 West Monroe St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Guy:

Doubtless you will remember "way back" about 1916 or 1917 you were secretary to Chancellor Avery, or in his office in some capacity. And, too, you will recall that the chancellor had you more or less head up a campaign to secure financial backing for a proposed memorial to the memory of the late Professor G. E. Bessey, deceased in 1915. The memorial was to take the form of a scholarship or fellowship in the department of botany, to be cared for from the income on whatever funds might be gathered.

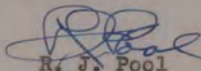
I remember that a neatly printed folder was gotten out and that copies of this were sent to many of Dr. Bessey's former students. I have been told (by Avery) that the proposition "ran into some trouble because of certain attitudes of the Bessey family", but that several hundred dollars were collected. I believe that the legislature added a certain amount to the fund.

You will be interested to know that none of the income from the above fund ever came to this department, and that a scholar or fellow never was appointed as was planned. Income was given to Mrs. Bessey for several years, and possibly some of it to other faculty widows after Mrs. Bessey died. I understand that the investments of the original fund ran into much "difficulty" and that, now, there is little left of the fund as it was originally set up, or of accumulated interest.

Now that I am "easing out" of the department and the university (after 42 years on the faculty) I should like to leave a statement of some of the facts concerning the above project for my successor. So, I will be pleased to receive whatever statements or recollections that you may care to make concerning the matter. Do you know, for instance, if a list of the donors was ever compiled and if such a list was left on file in the chancellor's office or somewhere else in the administrative offices?

Thanking you for whatever you may care to write about the above matter, and with many pleasant memories of the time when you were a student here, and with the kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



R. J. Pool
Professor of Botany.

RJP:bd

July 22, 1955

Dr. C. T. Rogerson
Botany & Plant Pathology
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Dr. Rogerson:

Many thanks for the collection of
fungi that you sent in early July. I
found them on my return from my vacation
safely stored in the refrigerator.

I shall wait until autumn to send
you cultures of Allomyces.

Hope to see you on the foray in
September.

Sincerely,

W. W. Ray

WWR/ms

Dear Dr. Safford:

Herewith I send list of modern scientific names for those birds that I was not able to identify yesterday from memory. There I do not find; possibly we made an error in transcribing them.

I have laid out two papers by Bertoni and the volume of the Anales Cientificos Paraguayos to go to you. ^{These are my own.} Also shall return Azara on Historia Nat. Pajaros Paraguay to library of Congress. It may be well to wait a few days before requesting it to give time to get it on the shelves again.

If I can be of further assistance let me know. Good luck!

Sincerely yours
A. Wetmore

Buteo pterocles = *Buteo albicaudatus*

Circus coronatus = *Harpyhaliaetus coronatus*

~~*Circus*~~

Actinia plumbea = *Actinia plumbea*

Egretta galeata = ?

Tigrisoma brasiliensis = *Tigrisoma marmoratum*

Rallus gigas = *Aramides ypacaha*

Gallinula crassirostris = *Porphyrio melanops*

Anser quechula ipacutiri = *Nettion brasiliensis*

Hiaticula azarai = *Charadrius collaris*

Tanagra striata = *Thraupis bonariensis*.

Taenioptera naevia = ?

Picus melanogaster = ?

" *robustus* = *Campylorhynchus robustus*

Piaya macroura = *Piaya cayana*

Ara maracana = *Ara maracana*

Anodorhynchus cinereus = Probably ~~a~~ *A. glaucus*

Macrocercus brasiliensis perhaps a macaw

Conurus murinus = *Myiopitta monachus*

Pionus corallinus = *Pionus maximiliani*

Geranoospiza hemidactylus = *Geranoospiza*

Asturina insectivora = *Rufornis magnirostris*

" *cinerea* = *Asturina nitida*

Morphnus meriochinalis = *Heterospizias meridionalis*

Buteo nigrifrons = *Buteo nigrifrons*

Rennes 5 novembre 1954

RÉ STOUPY

Cher Monsieur Sandwith.

SANDWITH, NOEL Y.
BRIT. TAXONOMIST

Sur votre conseil, M^{re} le directeur
des jardins de Singapour, [I. H. BURKILL]
pour me demander des renseignements
sur Stoupy, un botaniste qui avait
herborisé en Guinée. J'ai égaré
son adresse avec d'autres papiers
et je vous serai reconnaissant de
lui transmettre celle-ci.

Je lui ai déjà répondu que je
n'avais aucun renseignement sur
Stoupy mais que je connaissais
à Cayenne une route Stoupan qui
conduit à un endroit nommé :
Dégrad-Stoupan. Je lui disais qu'il

^{peut-être}
y avait confusion entre Stoupy
et Stoupan ?

Mais j'avais prié Mademoiselle
Carnus de rechercher au Muséum
si elle trouvait quelque renseignement
sur Stoupy et elle m'a répondu
ceci : « Dans le manuscrit de la
flore de Guyane de Sagot qui se
trouve dans la Bibliothèque du Muséum
on lit : Stoupy herborisa vers 1788 et
envoya des plantes séchées à de Jussieu ».

Stoupy est donc bien un nom
d'homme et pas de lieu ; veuillez
le faire savoir à M. le directeur des
jardins de Singapour et Chaoïen,
chez Monsieur Sandwith, & mes
cordiaux sentiments.

Leuée

March 7, 1956

Dr. Leland Shanor
Department of Botany
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

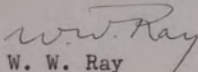
Dear Dr. Shanor:

Many thanks for your recent note of congratulations and word of Dr. Pool. We think very highly of Dr. Pool here, and I am sure that he was very honored to be so well received on your campus. He has made a remarkable come-back after his hearttrouble and appears to be having the time of his life. We are looking forward to seeing him in a couple of weeks when he returns to Lincoln for the holidays.

My proposed trip to Turkey is not yet definitely settled. Red tape has delayed the official appointment, but we expect to go. I shall teach some elementary courses in plant pathology and help organize some needed research projects on plant diseases. I hope to collect fungi, too.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


W. W. Ray

WWR/ms

May 18, 1955

Dr. J. R. Shay
Botany and Plant Pathology
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

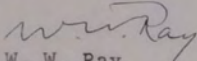
Dear Dr. Shay:

Many thanks for your letter about the assistantship. We have only one man completing the Master's degree who is going ahead in Plant Pathology, but he has already accepted an appointment with Dr.

Allington beginning in June. Perhaps at some other time we shall be able to make suggestions.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


W. W. Ray
Chairman

WWR/mc

A. S. WELCH,
PRESIDENT.

C. E. BESSEY,
PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.

Iowa Agricultural College.

Ames, Dec 29th 1879

Hon. Burt Sherman
Fredericksburg, Iowa.

My dear sir,

The President has suggested to me that I might have the house formerly occupied by him. I have told him that, in view of the fact that on account of my reduction of salary I am obliged to give up my house, being able to pay for it - I should be glad to have the house. I want to say to each member of the Board, however, that I make no request for it: if you have the house repaired, and

want a ~~proportion~~ for a tenant. I
am more than willing to occupy it.
Of course the house would have to be
considerably repaired before being
occupied by any one.

Very truly Yours

C. E. Bessy

La Paz, Bolivia, August 11, 1932
Casilla 372

Dr. Albert C. Smith
New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

I wish to express you my heartiest thanks for the remittance of your monograph "The American Species of *Thibaudieae*". It is a very valuable and helpful book for my studies, as it will enable me, following your keys, to determine myself the species, which I may find afterwards. Once more my best thanks.

I permit me to send you in a separate package a small publication of mine about the Bolivian Flora, it is the only volume that has been published.

Yours very truly

Otto Buchtien.

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June 22, 1953.

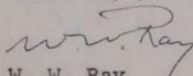
Dr. John A. Stevenson,
Principal Mycologist in Charge,
Division of Mycology & Disease Survey, USDA,
Plant Industry Station,
Beltsville, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

Under separate cover I am returning the
three specimens borrowed from the Mycological
Collections in April. Thank you very much
for their loan.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



W. W. Ray
Chairman

WWR/mc

May 4, 1961

Dr. Delbert Swartz
Department of Botany
and Bacteriology
College of Arts and Sciences
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Swartz:

Thanks for your recent letter requesting help in finding a prospect for an opening in your department. I regret that we have no one to suggest. Those of our students finishing their degree work are already placed. I hope that you will be successful in finding a suitable person.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Ray
Chairman

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