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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.

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May 27, 1955

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

Thanks very much for the material of Aecidium aesculi. It arrived in excellent condition and most of the aecia opened two or three days after the material arrived. I inoculated Andropogon seedlings with aeciospores and obtained uredia and urediospores which fit the description of Puccinia andropogonis. I can't be sure whether my plants are big or little bluestem until I grow them to maturity. At any rate, the connection between Aecidium aesculi and P. andropogonis is established.

Very truly yours,

John W. Baxter
John W. Baxter
Assistant Professor

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