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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.

June 2, 1955

Dr. John W. Baxter
Department of Botany
and Plant Pathology
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Dr. Baxter:

The rust on Aesculus was collected just a short time before I left Lincoln on a trip. I turned it over to our store room attendant to wrap and mail. Apparently he did a good job inasmuch as it arrived in Ames in good condition.

There are a few trees on the west side of our Ag Campus that have been rusted every year I have been observing them. The lowest limbs are all about 15 feet above the ground, so these specimens were collected on sprouts, some of which were badly curled from 2-4-D treatment. Infection was lighter than usual this year.

A couple of years ago I tried infecting species of Boutelouia, but had no positive takes. Since then I have wanted to try the rust on other grasses, but have not found time. I'm glad that you have been successful and that I could help a little in your effort.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Ray
W. W. Ray,
Chairman

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