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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.

18 Park Road

Leith, 5. 10. 08

Dear Sir

Please accept my best thanks for your kindness in naming my two grasses.

The Agrostis retrofracta grew on the shingle of the River Tweed, near towns which are engaged in the manufacture of woollen goods; the wool comes from all parts of the world as is shown by the plants whose seeds are brought.

On the same spot where the Agrostis grew, I found Paronychia bonariensis from the Argentine; Ceniza turbinata from the Cape of Good Hope; Calatris hispidula from Australia, and a hundred others from Europe and Asia.

With many thanks for your kind help.

I am
Yours truly
James Fraser