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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.

Botany Dept.
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Dr. C.R. Ball
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Dear Dr. Ball:

I am a graduate student at the Univ. of Wyoming working under Dr. C.L. Porter. At the present time I am working on the Salix of Wyoming constructing a key to this difficult but fascinating genus to be used by the Fish and Wildlife Service in Wyoming. The job has been made much easier by the many fine specimens in the Rocky Mountain Herbarium that have been identified by you. I am, with the permission of Dr. Porter, writing this letter to ask you a few questions concerning Salix.

Since I will be working in Alaska this summer, my home for some 7 years, I would like first to inquire if you have ever finished the treatment of Salix for the J.F. Anderson Flora of Alaska? And if so, where has it been published? If it is available it would certainly be a valuable tool for Alaskan botanists.

In the last correspondence you had with Dr. Porter you said that you had not made up your mind on the glaucae - glauca problem but were still working on it. What has been your decision on this matter?

Have you by any chance, in your searches through the large eastern herbaria, found any Salix Barclayi from Wyoming? Your last note about this species you said that neither the J.F. Anderson Flora nor the J.F. Anderson Flora had it, but that you would see if the other herbaria did. I am working on the distribution of this species and would like to know if we have it or not.

I have a collection of some alpine willows from the Juneau Ice Field, Alaska that I have identified to the best of my ability. If you have the time and would care to see them I would be more than pleased to send them to you. There are perhaps 10 species represented in the collection, so you can see it's not very extensive.

One last request. If you have any reprints of your papers on Salix that are still available, I would certainly appreciate receiving them. My interest in the willows has developed to that point that I feel a collection of willow literature would be of great value to me. Thank you very much.

Dr. Porter and Dr. Wood have asked me to convey their best wishes to you. Thank you very much for reading through this lengthy letter of questions.

Very sincerely,

George W. Argus
George W. Argus Jr.



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Dr. C. R. Ball
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Dear Dr. Ball,

I have been engaged, for the past year, in working out the taxonomy of the willows of Wyoming. In my treatment I wish to include citations for all names used in reference to Wyoming species. For the most part I have been quite successful but there is one variety, published by you, that I have been unable to find a citation for. This variety is, *Salix pseudocordata* Rydb. var. *aequalis* Ball. The latest publication that I can find in which you used this name is the Davis, Flora of Idaho. I would appreciate knowing what the correct citation is for this name.

Thank you very much for this information.

Dr. Porter sends his regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George W. Argus".

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