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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.



Amundt

S/V PRINCE OLAV

July 27th. 1928

Norwegian Fjords 71° N.

Dr. C. A. Ball
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

Thus far we have had a most
joyous and instructive trip in Europe.
The first four weeks I spent in England
visiting and studying at the New Gardens,
Imperial Institute of Mycology, John Innes
Hort. Institute, Welsh Plant Breeding
Station, Dr. Percival at Reading, Cambridge,
and the Scottish Plant Breeding Station at
Crestedphire. The people at these places
have been very generous with their time
and, ^{for me} making it possible, to see their
work, their methods and their ac-
complishments.

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Before going on to Sweden Mrs. Small
and I are taking our European vacation
which consists of a cruise on the Prinz Olav
(formerly Royal Yacht England) for two weeks
in the Norwegian fjords. We go to North-
cape and return. Each day the ship
stops for some shore trip, ^{and we} ~~to~~ visit
some interesting Norwegian village
or a piece of Native Land.

Yesterday we stopped to examine
the Svartisen Glacier which is at about
 68° N. It comes almost down to the
edge of the sea. Since 1925 it has
been receding quite rapidly and upon
studying the vegetation which followed
in this recession I found some of the
first ferns to be a willow. Knowing
you are interested in the taxonomy of
the willows I thought of enclosing a
specimen. Many of these plants only
four or six inches in length were seeding
profusely.

For the next three nights the sun
will not set on our horizon and on Saturday
we eat our dinner in full sun light, on
the hill at Northcape, at mid-night.

I almost forgot to mention that
while at the New Gardens I examined
about fifty species of Berberis and
Mahonia, including B. vulgaris, and
could not find any trace of aecial
infection.

Hoping this letter finds you in
good health, I am

Most Sincerely Yours

Olaf S. Ramondt.

JUNEAU

MRS. V. F. WILLIAMS
Store Manager

FLORISTS

J. P. ANDERSON
Proprietor and General Manager

ALASKA-GROWN FLOWERS A SPECIALTY

JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 17, 1936

Mr. Carleton R. Ball,
3814 Jocelyn St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ball:-

Yours of March 27 was received
over one week ago.

You were right in surmising that
I was the collector of *Salix setchelliana*
at Matanuska but wrong in supposing

it was collected at high elevations.
It is common along the gravel ballast
used on the railroad near Matanuska
R.R. station

I have collections of *Salix* from various
parts of Alaska and if you wish I shall
be glad to send you my mounted specimens
as a loan together with duplicates
which I may have said duplicates to
be a gift.

Thanks for the papers on *Salix*.

Very truly,

J. P. Anderson

(See over)

Program Planning Division

May 8, 1936

Mr. J. P. Anderson,
Box 530, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am delighted to know from your letter of April 17 that the specimen of *Salix Setchelliana* was collected on the gravel ballast of the railroad at Matanuska, rather than in the mountains above.

That raises several interesting questions. Was the gravel obtained near at hand, or from points up the line? I assume that it was from the nearby river. Secondly, does the plant occur generally in that area on river gravels or did this represent the descendants of a plant originally swept down from some point far up the stream?

I realize that only further exploration can answer these questions. But I am passing them along to you and others in the hope that some day they may be answered.

I will be delighted to determine your Alaska collections at any time. Of course, I will be most happy to have any available duplicates, but I always am ready to identify collections when no duplicates are available.

I am in and out of Washington, but seldom gone longer than a month at a time. In the meantime, the plants are safe in this fire-proof building.

I appreciate the more your courtesy in this matter because the only way specialists can settle problems of this sort is through the painstaking observations of the men on the spot.

Cordially Yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Chief Agriculturist

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Alaska Territorial Legislature

House of Representatives

~~Adjourned Session~~

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 29, 1938.

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
3814 Locelyn St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Ball:-

Your letter enclosing determinations of willows was received nearly two weeks ago. Accept my thanks for your promptness.

There are several items to which I wish to call your attention.

There are no settlements on St. Matthew Island. Gambell as well as Savoonga are on St. Lawrence Island.

Salix pulchra Cham. from Unalakleet is no. 3168.

Tin City and Wales village are scarcely six miles apart. Tin City is to the south and Wales to the north of the high promontory part of Cape Prince of Wales.

No. 4600 - *Salix ovalifolia* Trautv. should be no. 4602.

I hope that circumstances may be such that I can collect another set of willows as well as other vascular plants in 1939.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Very truly,

J. P. Anderson.

Dear Mr. Ball:- Dec 1948?

Thank you for sending me the determinations of willows collected by Lloyd Spetzman in Alaska last year. In 1946 + 1947 Mr. Spetzman sent his entire collection here for determination but this year he is determining them himself but sending me specimens so I can check on his determinations. I have received and checked on his collections of Pteridophytes and grasses. Other groups not yet received. Mr. Spetzman has been doing a grand work in making the flora of Northeast Alaska known.

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Dec 19-48?

In your letter of Oct. 2 you
say I will have to make a
trip early next year to collect
flowering stages of the 2 new
willows I found last summer
and stating you may go along.
It is a long way up to Yukon
and Alaska and I had not
intended to make a trip next
summer but if you wish
to go I will arrange to accompany
you.

Cordially yours,

J. P. Anderson

