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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.

April 2, 1937

Miss Isobel W. Hutchison,
British Museum (Natural History),
London, S. W. 7, England.

Dear Miss Hutchison:

I have just noted your account of your collecting trip to the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands in 1936, as published in Nature for Feby. 20, 1937.

I have worked rather extensively with the species of Salix of North America and have a monograph on the species of Alaska and the Yukon well along.

If you desire, I will be very glad to determine your Alaskan species for you. There are many well marked varieties not yet fully recognized in herbariums.

I take the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, one or two of my publications dealing with the Alaskan species.

Cordially Yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Chief Agriculturist

CARLOWRIE,
KIRKLISTON,
WEST LOTHIAN.

April 20th 1937.

Scotland.

Dear Mr. Ball.

I must thank you very much for your kind letter and for the very interesting botanical papers on the willow which you have so kindly sent me, as well as for the offer to identify my species from the Aleutians. I sent on your letter containing this offer to Mr. Ramsbottom of the British Museum of Natural History, for whom I made my collection, as it is all now in his hands, and he will I believe write you immediately himself concerning it. He has sent it I think to Dr. Eric Hultén the Swedish botanist, for verification, as the latter was in the Aleutians in 1932. I hope to publish a travel book in autumn about my journey, with a list of the flora I collected at the end as an appendix, and hope to have the names of all the flowers by then from the Museum.

With again many thanks,

Yours sincerely

Isobel W. Hutchison.

P.S. I have a fine colour film of the flowers and also of the fur-seals of the Pribilof Isles, (the first time they have I believe been taken in colour) which I am showing in London next week to the Royal Geographical Society. I have also one reel of life with the U.S.A. Coast Guard who kindly furnished me transport to the Aleutians. I should be glad to show it in America some time if there were an opening? *g*

Extension Service

August 7, 1937

Miss Isobel W. Hutchison,
Carlowrie, Kirkliston,
West Lothian, Scotland.

Dear Miss Hutchison:

Your kind letter of April 20th. was safely received and I greatly appreciated the information regarding the determination of your Aleutian willows by Dr. Hulten. I have had no word from Mr. Ramsbottom at the British Museum and, indeed, scarcely expected to hear from him, as there was nothing more to be said.

I greatly regret that I have been so much on the road during the year that I have been to few meetings and in contact with but few of their officers. However, I am bringing the matter of your colored film of the Pribilof flowers and furseals to the attention of the Natl. Geographic Society, the Botanical Society of America, and the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey.

Most cordially Yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Executive Secretary

Extension Service
August 10, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. IRA N. GABRIELSON
Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey

Dear Mr. Gabrielson:

In a letter received a few weeks ago from Miss Isobel W. Hutchison, Carlowie, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland, she stated that while collecting on the Pribilof Islands she made an excellent colored film of the fur seals and also of the flowers. I am not sure whether the flower film was taken on the Pribilofs or on the Aleutian Islands.

She indicated a desire to show these films in America, and I am bringing that fact to the attention of several organizations which might be interested in such films.

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary.

CRB:MMB

Gilbert Grasmay, Natl Geog Soc
Edwin W Sinnott Bot Soc Am.
Bot. Univ NY

Extension Service,
August 11, 1937.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,
President, National Geographic Society,
16th and M Streets, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

In a letter received a few weeks ago from Miss Isobel W. Hutchison, Carlowie, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland, she stated that while collecting on the Pribilof Islands she made an excellent colored film of the fur seals and also of the flowers. I am not sure whether the flower film was taken on the Pribilofs or on the Aleutian Islands.

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Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary.

CRB:MWV

Extension Service,

August 11, 1937.

Dr. Edwin W. Sinnott,
President, Botanical Society of America,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Sinnott:

In a letter received a few weeks ago from Miss Isobel W. Hutchison, Carlowrie, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland, she stated that while collecting on the Pribilof Islands she made an excellent colored film of the fur seals and also of the flowers. I am not sure whether the flower film was taken on the Pribilofs or on the Aleutian Islands.

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Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary.

CRB:MNW

September 13th 1937.

CARLOWRIE,
KIRKLISTON,
WEST LOTHIAN.

Scotland.

Dear Mr. Ball,

Very many thanks for your kind letter received some time ago whilst I was on holiday, and which I should have answered sooner to thank you for so kindly mentioning my coloured film of the Aleutians and Pribilofs to those who might be interested. I hope my book on the islands will be out next month with the floral appendix of flowers collected (revised by Dr. Hulten). I have sent on your papers on the willows to Mr. Wilmott of the British Museum as he was much interested in the sub-arctic species and said that they would be very useful to him in his investigations.

With many thanks again,

Yours sincerely

Lovel W. Hulten.

P.S. I did not get many willows on the islands, the names which Dr. Hulten has kindly identified are
Salix reticulata L. (St. Paul Pribilof Isles.)
Salix Barclayi Ands. Kodiak, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska.
Salix ovalifolia Trautv. Unalaska Kiska, St. Paul
Salix crassijulis Trautv. Kodiak, Atka, Kiska, Attu. St. Paul
Salix rotundifolia Trautv. Unalaska, Atka.
Salix crassijulis Trautv. X ovalifolia Trautv. Kiska
Salix phlebophylla Ands. Atka.

5 crassijulis Trev. ex Trautv. = arctica

Extension Service, U.S.D.A.

October 4, 1937

Miss Isobel W. Hutchison,
Carlowrie, Kirkliston,
West Lothian, Scotland.

Dear Miss Hutchison:

I have your kind letter of September 13 and thank you for the list of species collected by you in the Aleutians and identified by Dr. Hulten.

There are well marked varieties of *Salix arctica*, Barclayi, ovalifolia, and reticulata occurring in Southern Alaska. I surmise that your collections may represent some of these varieties as well as the species. For example, nearly all the *S. Barclayi* about Kodiak is var. *rotundifolia* Andersson.

I do not understand "*S. crassijulis* Trautv." ~~as *Salix* Treviranus~~ published an *S. crassijulis* in Trautvetter's treatment in *De Salicis Frigidibus*. In another paper a year later, he reduced it to synonymy as representing *S. arctica* Pallas, which evidently had been unknown to him the year before. No later author has recognized *S. crassijulis* Trev. in the more than 100 years since.

I am glad that my papers will be useful to Mr. Wilmott of the British Museum.

I hope to finish my monograph of the willows of Alaska, the Yukon Terr., and northern British Columbia during the coming winter. I would like to include your collections among the plants cited but could not do this unless I had myself examined them. I wonder if the Museum would be willing to send them to me briefly after Dr. Hulten is quite finished with them?

I hope that there may be opportunity for you to give your lecture in this country, but the replies I have received to my letters do not hold much hope of an offer to pay expenses for the trip.

In appreciation, Yours cordially,

Carleton R. Ball