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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.

June 16, 1942

Professor Joseph Sylvestre Sauget y Barbier,
Colegio de la Salle,
Yedado,
Havanna, Cuba.

Dear Professor Barbier:

I have just noted in Science for June 12 that you are
preparing for publication a work on the flora of Cuba.

In about a year from now I expect to begin active work
on a monograph of the genus *Salix* in the Americas. If you
have any herbarium material in this genus which you would like
to have reviewed, I will be glad to look it over at any time
convenient to you. It can be sent direct to me or with any
shipments to the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University, or to
the National Herbarium here in Washington, provided it is
plainly marked to be delivered to me.

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary

COLEGIO DE LA SALLE

Vedado - Habana

HERBARIO LA SALLE

Hno. León, Director
L. R. Rivas, Auxiliar

Havana, October 21, 1942

Dr. Carleton R. Ball
Executive Secretary,
Extension Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Dear Colleague:

In accordance with your kind offer
of looking over our material of the genus Salix,
I am mailing you to-day what we have; perhaps a
single species, S. occidentalis.

With best thanks and wishes,

Cordially yours,

Brother León (H. S. Gaudet)

BL/lr

December 10, 1942

Hernando Leon (Y. S. Sanget),
Herbarium La Salle,
Colegio de La Salle,
Cedano, Habana, Cuba.

Dear Brother Leon:

Many thanks for your letter of October 21 and accompanying packet containing two specimens of *Salix* from the college herbarium. I regret that reply has been delayed by absence from the city and by war pressures. The specimens prove to be as follows:

7261. *Salix longipes* Shattlemworth (*S. occidentalis* Bosc.). Swamp south of Guines (south coast), Havana. Bro. Leon. June 29, 1917. (Branchlets brown, pubescent; leaves linear-lanceolate, abaxially spinulose-denticulate, glaucous beneath, midrib of lower pubescent when young, becoming glabrate; single detached staminate anther not fully opened, 2 cm. long, scales obovate, becoming oblanceolate, pilose, stamens

18396. *S. longipes* Shattlee. (*S. occidentalis* Bosc.). Laguna de Ariguanabo, Matanzas, Havana. Bro. Leon. March 2, 1939. Branchlets brown, longitudinally striate, puberulent; young branchlets white-pubescent; leaves just opening, pubescent; over-ripe pistillate anthers 4-6 cm. long, 2.5 cm. wide, lax; carpels about 7 mm. long, lanceolate, scutell at base, brown, pedicels about 3 mm. long, glabrous, style very short.

I am returning the specimens separately, accompanied by my brief paper in Argentinian willow. I greatly regret that the specimens were rather badly broken in transit, owing to lack of sufficient cardboard packing.

Appreciating your courtesy, and hoping that the specimens arrive safely,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Carlston R. Ball
Executive Secretary

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January 8, 1943

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary of the Extension Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear colleague:

Your letter of December 10 has been received, and the packet of specimens with your paper on Argentinian willows has just reached me.

For all this, I remain much obliged to you. I am glad indeed to have this family well up-to-date.

Cordially yours,

Brother León.

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