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About the Institute

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.

LIST OF EQUIPMENT OF THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
FOR EXPEDITION TO VENEZUELA
1957-58

#1 CHEST - Weight 233 lbs.

2 stoves (new)
6 generators for above
1 lantern
6 generators for above
14 pocket knives
12 kitchen knives
12 paring knives
11 scissors

Tableware

4 knives
4 teaspoons
4 forks
4 soup spoons

Cotton Goods

18 length red $2\frac{1}{2}$ yds.
6 lengths blue 3 yds.
18 lengths prints 3 yds.
3 dozen carpet thread
4 dozen sewing thread
4 dozen flashlight batteries
4 flashlights
3 doz. packages needles
7 large files
5 small files
4 press straps
2 $7/8$ inch masking tape
6 $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch " "
6 balls cotton string
3 small balls twine
24 belts
2 axes
2 ax handles
2 musette bags
13 lunch bags
2 rubberized large bags
24 machetes
2 16 gauge shotguns
4 trot lines

#2 SMALL CHEST - Weight 180 lbs.

2 boxes small cotton
6 tubes caladryl
4 boxes 3" gauze
4 boxes 2" gauze
4 boxes 1" gauze
6 bottles Camoform (antiamebic)
7 bottles insect repellent
14 1" adhesive tape
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " adhesive tape
6 dozen large vials FAA
8 cans Ethanol
6 doz. small vials FAA
20 boxes shotgun shells
3 balls cord
3 trot lines
1 press strap

#24 COOK BOX - Weight 60 lbs.

4 plastic washbasins
1 meat grinder
1 egg beater
1 3-gallon pot
3 saucepans
4 plastic cups
4 plastic bowls
1 can opener
2 fish spears
2 water buckets
1 tripod
1 duffle bag
5 TP

#16A FIRST AID BOX

#21 BOX - Weight 99 lbs.

6 size 36 jackets
12 size 28/32 pants
10 size 32/34 pants
3 size 34/34 pants
3 size 34/32 pants
5 size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ basketball shoes
5 size 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ basketball shoes
2 duffle bags
2 water buckets
2 trot lines

#22 BOX - Weight 102 lbs.

15 blankets
5 prs. size 8½ shoes
2 moth crystals
4 balls cotton string
15 trot lines

#23 BOX - Weight 82 lbs.

4 size 16 shirts
4 " 15½ "
9 " 15 "
2 " 14½ "
5 " 14 "
9 small sweat shirts
9 medium " "
6 jackets size 36
6 " " 34
paper bags

#3 PRESS BOX - Weight 85 lbs.

1 box soap
(+ 1 toothpaste)
5 moth flakes
6 doz. small vials (FAA--filled)
8 rolls TP
1 roll twine
3 press straps

#4 PRESS BOX - Weight 65 lbs.

11 press boards
100 new drying felts
12 press straps

#5 PRESS BOX - Weight 65 lbs.

½ press

#6 PRESS BOX - Weight 65 lbs.

½ press

#7 PRESS BOX - Weight 96 lbs.

228 blotters
12 wrapping paper

#8 PRESS BOX - Weight 65 lbs.

½ press

#9 PRESS BOX - Weight 75 lbs.

½ press

#10 DOUBLE PRESS BOX - Weight 52 lbs.

SF & DF corrugates
Wrapping paper
Newsprint

#11 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#12 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#13 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#14 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#15 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#16 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Newsprint
Corrugates

#25 FIBER BOX - Weight 60 lbs.

Newsprint
Plastic
DF & SF corrugates
Wrapping paper

#26 FIBER BOX - Weight 60 lbs.

Newsprint
SF & DF corrugates
Wrapping paper

#27 FIBER BOX - Weight 60 lbs.

Newsprint
SF & DF corrugates
Wrapping paper

#28 FIBER BOX - Weight 60 lbs.

Newsprint
Reserve drugs, nails, tags, generators, small paper bags, soil sample bags

#29 BAG - Weight 92 lbs.

2 cots
2 16' x 18' tarps
2 floor tents

#30 BAG - Weight 48 lbs.

1 chair
1 table
2 10' x 12' used tarps
spade

#31 BAG - Weight 138 lbs.

1 16' x 22' tarp
1 16' x 20' "
2 12' x 16' tarps

#32 BAG - Weight 35 lbs.

1 wall tent

#33 BAG -

500' $\frac{1}{2}$ " rope
4 seat pads
36 burlap bags

#34 BAG - Weight 80 lbs.

2 boxes newsprint

#35 PACKAGE - Weight 54 lbs.

5 5-gallon gas cans

#17 PACKAGE

Press frames

#18 PACKAGE

Press frames

#36 PACKAGE - 54 lbs.

5 5-gallon gas cans

#37 DUFFLE BAG *

EM sleeping bags

#38 DUFFLE BAG *

JJW gear

#39 DUFFLE BAG *

JJW gear

#40 DUFFLE BAG *

WK gear

#41 DUFFLE BAG *

EM gear

#42 DUFFLE BAG *

CKM gear

#43

1 Johnson 10HP motor

#44

1 Johnson 35 HP motor

#19 FIBER BOX - Weight 55 lbs.

Lower Box - 8 mummy bags, 7 TP,
1 moth flakes

Upper Box - 4 mummy bags, DF & SF
corrugates

*Personal Equipment

#20 FIBER BOX - Weight 62 lbs.

12 Mummy bags

#15

1 Zenith overseas radio

#16 BAG

4 radio batteries

1 DB shotgun

1 tripod

1 radio aerial

2 white cotton blankets

EM's clothes

#17

Theodolite (Zeiss)

#18

Tripod for Theodolite

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February 14, 1958

Mr. R. M. King
Department of Botany
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 1958.
It is a pleasure to hear of your interest in the family
Cactaceae and of your work under the direction of Dr.
Clover.

Under separate cover I am sending you reprints
of two papers which deal with the Cactaceae. Unfortunately so far I have not been able to locate extra
copies of one which appeared in the Proceedings of the
California Academy of Sciences under the title, "A
Revision of the Arizona Cactaceae." Most of my work
on this family has appeared in the two editions of my
book, The Cacti of Arizona, published by the University
of Arizona and University of New Mexico Press; rather
than in shorter papers. If I can locate an extra copy
of this paper, I shall send it to you.

*Being
sent*

Sincerely yours,

Lyman Benson
Lyman Benson

LB:ah

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April 8, 1958

Mr. Robert M. King
Department of Botany
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. King:

*Let this delayed
in transcription*

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1958. It is possible that certain specimens of cacti might be photographed at the Linnaean Herbarium at London. I looked at the cactus specimens there in 1950, and I can assure you there is not very much in number of specimens or in quality or quantity of material on the sheets. I should suggest that you first try the Chicago Natural History Museum which has photographs of a good many of the Linnaean type specimens. I believe that actually these were obtained from the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University, but I am not quite sure of this point. It might be well to try both institutions. It is possible that the Arnold Arboretum has the negatives and ^{the} reprints could be made from them.

Under separate cover I am sending you copies of two papers having to do with preservation of succulent specimens. However neither of these was prepared with the tropics in mind, and I should suggest you write to someone who is working under tropical conditions for more information. Of course, Dr. McVaugh of your own department can give you a good deal of information. However there are others who are in the wettest part of the tropics, and I should suggest ^{also} Dr. Bassett Maguire of the New York Botanical Garden. I am sure of one thing, which is that my own salt drying method will not work in the tropics for the salt will take up moisture from the air. Use of formaldehyde probably is necessary to kill the specimens under the conditions of extreme humidity.

King

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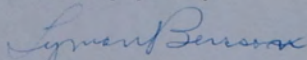
April 8, 1958

If you should have any luck in locating photographs of the Linnaean types, I should appreciate knowing about the source of this material also because I should like to obtain copies as well.

The papers which I sent to you included instructions for mounting specimens. Methods have changed considerably with the addition of the plastic method, and now all that is necessary to fasten a cactus specimen to an herbarium sheet is a good-sized puddle of plastic underneath. This saves an endless amount of time in mounting specimens.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lyman Benson".

Lyman Benson

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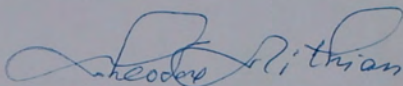
July 31, 1957

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Robert M. King has been in charge of the Education Center at Braconne Ord Depot for more than a year and he has done an outstanding job. This would not have been possible if he had not been so dedicated to his work that he willingly and unfailingly did more than what was merely required. He had an administrative job, but also counselled and taught students and spent much time in promotional activities, such as speaking to assembled groups of men about our educational opportunities and organizing classes to meet particular needs.

Mr. King's willingness to assume responsibility and his ability to get things done should make him highly successful in whatever he undertakes.

It is a pleasure to recommend him.



THEODORE FITHIAN
EDUCATIONAL ADVISER
BRACONNE ORD. DEPOT

HEADQUARTERS
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26 Nov 1957

SUBJECT: Verification of Prior Service

TO: PFC Robert M. King, ER 51 293 489
Department of Botany
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor
Michigan

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 23 November 1957, relative to your request for discharge from the US Army Reserve, on the basis of having served over nine years.

2. It is requested that this headquarters be furnished with a verification of your prior service in the Naval Reserve, in order that proper administrative action may be taken in reference to your discharge from the US Army Reserve.

FOR THE CHIEF:

M. S. Gagnon
M. S. GAGNON
Major, AGC
Asst Adjutant

STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE
GENESEO, NEW YORK

June 3, 1958

Mr. Robert M. King
Department of Botany
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. King:

The Science Department staff is unanimous in its pleasure that you will be with us next year. We extend our best wishes that the year may be both pleasant and profitable to you.

Regarding your contract, I do not think that you need worry. Dr. Moench's letter to you assures the position, and you should get the formal notice from Albany during the summer.

If you wish to have your periodicals and mail forwarded to Geneseo, you need only address them in my care, and I will see that they are kept for your arrival.

The first meeting of the Faculty will be on Wednesday, September 10. I suggest that you plan to arrive in Geneseo in advance of that date so that you may arrange housing for yourself before the rather few available places are taken. It might even be desirable to try to do this before you leave for Mexico.

Best wishes for a successful summer.

Sincerely,

G. R. Megathlin

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Chairman, Science Department