

Autograph letters and manuscripts

The archives of most centers of natural history include a wealth of unpublished letters and manuscripts by botanists of past generations. Some centers, such as this library, also welcome similar records of botanists and horticulturists of this generation. These are unique materials. The information in them must be preserved. They are primary sources of information about the activities and accomplishments of the persons concerned. They are potential sources for data relating to the dates and circumstances of an author's publications. They are among the best of sources for biographical studies and, often, for the history of the science.

This department of Huntia is open to papers reporting such materials. Here belong accounts, with facsimile reproductions and translations where useful, of unpublished letters of important individuals. Equally welcome are annotated inventories at other institutions of the papers of individual botanists.