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Clayton, John, 1686-1773

Creator

Bartram, John, 1699-1777

Creator

Linnaeus, Carl von, 1707-1778

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Biographical Information:

Born in Lancashire in 1657. M. A. Oxford. Rector of James City (Va.) Parish, 1684-1686. Made scientific observations. Returned to England. Fellow of Royal Society. Dean of Kildare. Died 1725.

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Scope and Contents

Copies of letters written by John Clayton author of Latin text *Flora Virginica, exhibens plantas (Lugduni Batavorum, 1762)*, to Carl von Linne [Carolus Linnaeus] concerning Linnaeus' published works, seeds, Gmelin's *Flora Siberica*, and Clayton's election to the Swedish Royal Academy of Science; and to [John] Bartram concerning seeds, and a trip by Bartram to Florida.

Related Materials:

English translation of letter to Linnaeus in Edmund Berkeley and Dorothy Smith Berkeley, John Clayton, *Pioneer of American Botany* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 1963), pp. 105-106. Letter to Linnaeus published in *William and Mary Quarterly*, Ser. 2, Vol. IV, pp. 246-248. Letter to Bartram published in *William and Mary Quarterly*, Ser. 2, Vol. VI, p. 325.

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Letter from John Clayton to D. Carol Linnaeus. 10 Oct. 1748. (in Latin) Photostatic copy. Also a photostat of a copy of the original letter. A letter from John Clayton to [John] Bartram. 22 May 1765. Photostatic copy. Also a note concerning John Clayton by Dr. Earl G. Swem: John Clayton, an eminent botanist, was president, in 1773, of the Virginia Society for Promoting Useful Knowledge. This society held its sessions at the capitol in Williamsburg, Virginia.