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Mr. William A. Todd
424 East Arch St.
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Dear Mr. Todd:

This is a belated note to thank you for generously permitting me to explore for mosses on the Huron Mountain Club property in late June. My goal of relocating the minute rare moss Seligeria recurvata (discovered by Dr. George Nichols at Pine River Point in the 1930's) was achieved, and another (Gyroweisia tenuis), even more rare and overlooked by Dr. Nichols, turned up at the same locality. Despite having to fight off the savage attacks of thousands of beach flies at that date while also trying to evade the gusts of a strong wind that was bent on taking off the tiny specimens from my collecting-packet, I managed to get enough of each species to cover about half a postage stamp — sufficient to divide among nine of the largest natural history museums (the Smithsonian, Univ. of Mich., Univ. of Wisc., N.Y. botanical Garden, Field Museum, British Museum, Paris Museum, National Museum of Canada, and Conservatoire Botanique at Geneva).

The virgin forest on your property is magnificent and my sister and I are grateful for having had the opportunity of seeing quite a bit of it. It was a real treat for us.

Sincerely yours,



F. J. Hermann