

My brother Dr. John B. was on a visit to me when the  
Nuttall Club had their meeting.

[from H.L.]

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My dear Mr. Deane:

I am returning your specimen of  
V. novae-angliae Horn after a careful re-exam-  
ination of it, which confirms my determination  
in 1919.

Mr. Pearce makes two objections to your plants  
being V. novae-angliae: 1. the shape of the leaves.

But note in Gray Man. p. 583: "in late summer  
the breadth of leaf often equals its length." See  
the leaf-blade in no. 89 of my distribution, 1910,  
(V. novae-angliae ex horto Aug. 26, 1910 Transplanted from  
Wild Rose, Washara Co., Wis. 1911). I also enclose a  
leaf from a plant now growing in my garden.

2. Mr. Pearce further says "the habitat is wrong."  
viz. "light hard-wood shade, moist soil," & "old logging  
road near Caroline ledge," & "Shady wood near crownest trail."

It is indeed found in Me. & New Bruns. on rocky  
shores of rivers; but in Wis- the Wild Rose station, is  
Lat. 40° 6'



in flat land. Moreover the plant for the past ten years has flourished without special care on a shady slope under an old greening-apple tree, a habitat quite like that above cited for your Shelburne specimens.

The specific characters now seem well established (See Ill. Fl. 2:550. 1913) & a line-drawing will appear in my forth-coming Violet Bull.

Have you seen Prof. Jeffrey's paper in Science for June last, p. 556? It is most gratifying to me to have so courteous a defender against the spiteful <sup>attack</sup> of his colleague in Rhod. 22:185-191. Dec 1920.

As far back as 1880, I imported from Germany Focke's Synopsis Ruborum & Pflanzen-mischlinge, where Kern's citations are given of hybrids between wild species, which often occur beyond the range of one or both of the parent species.

I am now very busy determining violets from the Nat'l Hb.

Yours faithfully,  
Ezra Brainerd.



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