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ILLINOIS RECORDS: Oquawka, Henderson County, 10 August 1873, *H. N. Patterson*. Henderson County, 12 August 1934, *V. H. Chase 5109*. Mason County, 21 June 1954, *G. S. Winterringer 11113*. Cass County, 8 July 1954, *R. T. Rexroat 950, 951*.—GLEN S. WINTERRINGER, ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

THE DATE OF PURSH'S *FLORA AMERICA SEPTENTRIONALIS*.—Barnhart's conclusion¹ of 1904 that Pursh's *Flora* was published in January 1814, has been found acceptable by recent investigators. However a consultation of the Minutes of the Linnaean Society of London² reveals that Pursh was present at the meeting of December 21, 1813, as a guest of Anderson, and that

Flora Americae septentrionalis or a Systematic arrangement and description of the Plants of North America by Frederick Pursh in 2 Vols 8^{oo} London 1814 was presented by the Author.

Lambert had written to Sir James Edward Smith³ after the preceding meeting of the Society on December 7, 1813, "We had a good meeting of the society last night . . . *Flora Americana* will finish printing this week . . ." and on February 3, 1814, he wrote to Smith that he supposes he has Pursh's *Flora Americana* "by this time as it has been published sometime."

It is interesting to note that Asa Gray⁴ gave the close of 1813 as the time of publication.—JEANETTE E. GRAUSTEIN.

RANGE EXTENSION FOR *ISOTRIA MEDEOLOIDES*.—During a walk in the moist woods in the vicinity of Sebago Lake I came upon a colony of plants then unknown to me. A specimen was taken to the Annual Meeting of the Josselyn Botanical Society and readily identified as *Isotria medeoloides* (Pursh) Raf. According to Correll, "Native Orchids of North America," the plant

¹ Barnhart, John H., "The date of Pursh's *Flora*." *Torrey* IV (1904) 132-136.

² MS. Minutes of the Linnaean Society of London.

³ MS. Correspondence of Sir James Edward Smith VI, 150, 151.

⁴ Gray, Asa, "Remarks concerning the *Flora* of North America." *Amer. Jour. Sci.* ser. 3, XXIV (1882) 323-331.



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