

J. H. STEWART, AGRICULTURIST  
B. H. HITE, CHEMIST  
J. L. SHELTON, PLANT PATHOLOGIST  
W. E. RUMSEY, ENTOMOLOGIST IN CHARGE  
HORACE ATWOOD, ASST. AGRICULTURIST  
T. C. JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE HORTICULTURIST  
F. E. BROOKS, SPECIAL AGENT  
FRANK B. KUNST, ASST. CHEMIST  
C. S. FORKUM, ASST. CHEMIST  
LEICESTER PATTON, ASST. CHEMIST

WEST VIRGINIA  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
MORGANTOWN

J. H. STEWART, DIRECTOR

Morgantown, W. Va., U. S. A. April 16, 1907.

Prof. Dr. P. A. Saccardo,  
Patavii, Italy.

My dear Sir:

Considerable discussion has arisen here during the past few years as to what the fungus which you described as Phyllosticta pirina really is and whether we have it in this country. In some descriptions I find that the spores are said to be "slightly smoky" while you described them as "hyaline". We have a fungus in this country that is evidently being called P. pirina Sacc. but the mature spores are much like those of some species of Coniothyrium. I am enclosing specimens of the fungus on both Cydonia vulgaris Willd. and Pirus Malus L. While I am aware that you are a very busy man, I shall be under untold obligations to you if you will give me your opinion as to whether this fungus is ~~B. p~~ Phyllosticta pirina Sacc.

Yours respectfully,

John L. Sheldon,  
Plant Pathologist.