

~~New Berlin~~  
Farmindale, Ill. (Sangamon County)

Benjamin Buckman (died prior to 1928). Farm operated by son-in-law (Dr. Watts?)

Hundreds of chestnuts being grown, apparently native, altho a few Asiatics are present. Young trees of native types being set out for commercial orchard. Trees are growing vigorously. Obtains from 200 to 400 lbs. nuts in good years. Weevils not a problem. One batch of infested nuts was burned. Four or five trees died last year, owner suspecting CB, but symptoms not typical and no evidence of its occurrence was found. All trees healthy this year. No records being kept. --R. M. L. July 1928.

8/12/33 Mrs. Doctor Watts operating Buckman estate; interested in chestnuts and is caring for the orchard.

7/21/35 Go N.W. on Route 125 from Springfield for about 8 mi., turn left on concrete road for 2 mi., pass thru Farmingdale, take first right turn on dirt road, pass church on left; Mrs. Watts' house next on right. No weevils, No CB. Average crop 1200 lbs., selling for 10-12¢ during depression. Mrs. Watts wants to leave the place. Trees cannot be identified.-RBC.

Seed mimeo. sent '44  
New Berlin, Ill. (Formerly Farmingdale, Ill). Sangamon  
Mrs. J. B. Watts (Benjamin Buckman estate)

*Deceased (July, 1946 mimeo returned)*

10/5/39 50 lbs. seed rec'd. appear to be Boone variety. The largest lot in shipment appear to be Boone and labelled FP. 953. "Bertram Early Prolific #9" labeled FP. 953A; "Fuller, from scion" labeled FP. 953B. Some dentata hybrid seed also present mislabelled Parry's Jap; these labeled FP. 953C.

10/23/39 54 lbs. seed rec'd. Dentata hybrid varieties, not named or designated; all together under FP. 969.

9/2/44 - moved, left no address.  
Directions below for getting to the property - RBC.