

O'FALLON, ILLINOIS
Mr. Joseph Gerardi

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"Reporting on the chestnut seedlings ++they were rather slow in coming into bearing. In fact 2 of the trees haven't had a nut on them as yet. About half of the trees had too many nuts in the burrs, 3 to 5. None of the nuts are over half the size of Carr, but in color they surpass Carr and Hobson. You must have bred them for color. The past three seasons the chestnut crop was ruined by inclement weather. The Carr hasn't a burr on it; Hobson only a few. One of the trees I am testing has a dozen or so burrs on it now. This tree is the most consistent bearer out of the whole lot and a beautiful nut although lacking size. Will send you samples of a number of trees when ripe."

10/10/44 = Seedlings growing on identical soil as that of Carr & received same treatment; more "dwarfish" growth than Carr. all trees produce nuts of approximately the same size; those with