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WISCONSIN

From an article in the Wisconsin Horticulture by its editor, Secy. H. J. Rahmlow, quoted in The Nutshell 2 (1): 2, 1948:

"my information on the Beardsley chestnut orchard came from Mr. Beardsley except for the note on the size of the planting. My information on that came from Mr. W. H. Brenner of the Griffith State Nursery, Wisconsin Rapids. Mr. Brenner says that the nursery planted 550 pounds of chestnut seeds from that orchard in 1941 from which planting they grew and distributed throughout the state via 4-H clubs about 40,000 seedlings. For fear of building up a dangerously large population of chestnuts in the state they have not undertaken the raising of any more. * * *"

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"The Wisconsin Horticultural Society has made arrangements to distribute seed nuts from the Beardsley trees to its members, to test in various parts of that State. ("We will send up to 25 seeds to any one member at 1¢ each for trial purposes. Send order and money to the Wisconsin Horticultural Society, 434 University Farm Place, Madison 6, Wisconsin.") Membership in the Wisconsin Society is \$1.00 per year, and it issues a good magazine 10 times a year, devoted to fruit growing, beekeeping, vegetable and flower gardening."

From The Nutshell 2 (1):3 1948.

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O. e. Beardsley
Walnut Grove Farm
Route #3

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[The Beardsley orchard, of about 5 acres, is said to have been started over 75 years ago by Mr. B.'s father, who obtained the original seed from New York State shortly after settling in Wisconsin in 1852.]

"This orchard has escaped the blight by virtue of its remoteness from the natural range of the chestnut. The species never was planted to any extent in this State and the disease has never had enough host plants available to sweep through Wisconsin. [Blight is now well established in western Michigan. Most of the plantings around Lansing are now just about gone.]

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O. E. Beardsley
Walnut Grove Farms

of C. dentata
3/7/59 - nuts sent in by Alfred Szego, of
Jackson Heights, N. Y.