

Seed mimeo. sent '44

NAZARETH, PA.

Thos. D. Kostenbader

154 North New Street

4/8/36

6 each MAR and MAS *Castanea mollissima*

Seed mimeo. sent '44

W-1951

Town: Nazareth, Pa.

CASTANEA mollissima

Owner: ~~H. G. Schmidt~~ deceased

FPI No. 70314 ✓ or Origin:

Address: ~~Kraemer Hosiery Co.~~

Number of trees: 10 (Spring, 1930)

Caretaker: ~~Schoenecks Farms~~

If several trees, make separate

Address: ~~J. Dow Pharo~~ ~~Gen. Mgrs.~~  
and Allen F. Pritchard.

records for each, using this outline.

Age:            Ht.:            DBH:            Nuts:            Quan.:            Size:            Qual.:

C. B. present:            Location:            Age of cankers:

Description:

Other pathological symptoms:

(over)

Average twig growth preceding year:            this year:

Site and growing conditions    poor            fair            good

REMARKS

5/6/33. Miss A. Riche states she has been planting hundreds of chest. trees from R. nursery each year for a number of yrs.

Noted by: ~~Creed~~            Date

(over)

(On reverse side sketch location of trees and number each 1, 2, 3 etc.)

10/5/33-

Castanea Mollissima # 70314 - alive & well  
no sign of any blight - most of his  
trouble in planting has been  
drought not blight. For two yrs. has  
been raising seedlings.

3-3-36 No reply to our letter of date asking for  
information.

3-9-36. informed by administrator of estate that Mr.  
Schmidt is dead. Land on which trees were planted  
sold to Schoeneck Farms of which J. Donald Pharo is  
gen. mgr. Trees have all survived & are doing nicely.

Wrote J. Donald Pharo 3/11/36. No reply.

July 1946 - 6 trees living & bearing

Schoeneck Farms,

Subject.

Date, 7/3/33

Locality, Nazareth, Pa.

Go out <sup>northward</sup> Rte 12 to large Farm Bldg just outside  
of town. From this place take second road to  
left leading to Schoeneck's Farms. Ask for  
Mr. Pritchard or the foreman for location of trees.

Nursery. Sdgs about 2-4' apart in poor gravelly soil + doing  
poorly generally. Few inches to 15" high. Richl varieties  
overgrown by weeds. Probably several hundred sdgs.  
No mosaic symptoms seen.

Older Richl trees: some winter-killed. Few CB killed at base.

Woods North

Lane

Older Riehl varieties  
about 25-30 tons  
Poor shale soil.

xxx  
3 Riehl

xxxxxxxxxx  
10 Fr. mols.

alfalfa Barns

Chestnut  
nursery

Fenced  
in apple  
orchard

← Nazareth ← Rte 12

Ownership of a G Schmidt  
Willowdale Farms  
Nazareth Pa.

will pass 3/1/35 to  
J. Donald Pharo  
Mr. Schmidt died Sept. 1934,

10 C. mollis. #70314 1930  
CHESTNUTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Entered  
8/21/33  
Jm

May 6, 1933. Godfrey, Ill.

Miss Amelia Riehl states that A. G. Schmidt, Nazareth, Pa., has been planting hundreds of chestnut trees from the Riehl Nursery, each year for a number of years. (C A R)

A. G. Schmidt, of Kraemer Hosiery Co., on South Main St. owns around 4,000 acres of land, dairy, alfalfa dehydrating plant, etc., etc. all his chestnuts are planted at Nazareth. The ten Chinese #70314 are doing fairly well; 3-5 ft. and up to 18" girth this year. Gravelly soil, well drained. Has one, two and three year nursery plantings of Riehl chestnuts (several thousand seedlings) also a planting of 75 Riehl trees several years old - some bearing. He wants all kinds of chestnuts over



hybrids, curiosities, Japanese, etc. Is going in heavy on other nut trees - a very enjoyable hobby of his. All trees from F.P. to him should be labeled and an explanatory inventory list made.

Oct. 12, 1935. Clapper.

I saw no blight on the older Richl trees, though a close inspection was not made. Found one case of CB on a three year nursery plant.



New Bloomfield, Penna  
John M. Sanderson

W. 1951

3/15/46 - 25 FP-1200 (66037) *Chico mollissima*

New Cumberland, Pa.

Mr. A. F. Mayu.

11/1/47 - Mr. Mayu has two chestnut trees, one Japanese & one Chinese. They are very badly looking & have blights on them, but they produce no nuts.

Town: New Oxford, Pa.

Owner: New Oxford Shoe Co.

Address:

Caretaker:

Address:

*CASTANEA mollissima*

FPI No. 65805 or Origin:

Number of trees: 5 (1929)

If several trees, make separate cards for each, using this outline.

Age:            Ht.:            DBH:            Nuts:            Quan.:            Size:            Qual.:  
C. B. present:            Location:            Age of cankers:  
Description:

Other pathological symptoms:

Average twig growth preceding year:            this year:  
Site and growing conditions poor            fair            good

REMARKS

(1929) 5 # 70317 *C. sequinii*

Noted by:

Date

(On reverse side sketch location of trees and number each 1,2,3 etc.)

New Town, Pa.

Marlington Styer

R 7 RD #1.

10/9/50 - Reports that his neighbor has two trees, planted in 1944, from Bartlett, a *C. mollissima* cross. Sent 6 nets from this tree.

New Taron  
WOODBOURNE, PA. Seed memo. sent '44

Weevil Memo Sent 1948-1951

Darlington Styer  
The Styer Gardens

Wo

4/17/36 20 MAB & 20 MAP Castanea mollissima

10/9/50. See this letter for detailed report. Sent  
sample nuts; Berry put in cold  
storage and answered letter

Town: <sup>Bucks Co.</sup> Woodbourne, Pa. CASTANEA real  
 Owner: D. Styer FPI No. 70315 or Origin:  
 Address: The Styer Gardens Number of trees: 25 (1929)  
 Caretaker: If several trees, make separate  
 Address: cards for each, using this outline.

Age: Ht.: DBH: Nuts: Quan.: Size: Qual.:  
 C. E. present: Location: Age of cankers:  
 Description:

Other pathological symptoms:

Average twig growth preceding year: this year:  
 Site and growing conditions poor fair good

REMARKS

6/17/34  
 6 trees left. Rest have succumbed to what seems to be  
 twig blight. Trees killed back from tip during  
 growing season. Quite a bit of T.B. was found on  
 top sprouts on remaining trees.

Noted by: C.J.M. Date

(On reverse side sketch location of trees and number each 1,2,3 etc.)

3/25/36. The trees started to wilt at the tip & continued until the trees died. No blight observed.

5 of the trees are still holding out.

Woodbourne, Pa.

*C. dentata.*

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→ Darlington Flyer (son) Bucks Co.

L. Walter Flyer, <sup>(Decid)</sup> Nurseryman, 7-13-25. P.M. & R.M.

Much interested in chestnut. Originated the "Flyer Chestnut." Would like to receive trees to try.

Nursery Row of Seedlings (Amer.) 3" D.B.H. and smaller. About 500 trees. Avg. Ht. 10 ft. Is noting their resistance. Most are badly blighted, few are dead.

Large Native Tree in Woods (Amer.) 50 ft. high. Many large cankers, but in good condition up to 25 ft. Much bloom. (over)

10/10/30 - asked re large tree in woods,  
also if could have nuts from  
his resistant trees.

10/31/30 Seedlings have not fruited. Poor large tree was in destructive fire 3 or 4 yrs ago.  
Fire killed all living wood on tree then. It sent out a shoot on opposite side of trunk  
about 10' from ground & it is still living. Desires information for it.

He rec'd Chinese hairy chestnuts seedling from Dept. 2 yrs ago, some of which  
he was going to graft from wood from large native tree. This tree does  
blight, but callouse forms & corks would. (See card for story)



36666 *Lawrence Co* Mollissima

W-1957

3 pls. 3-1-17 Mr. R. <sup>Rankin</sup> S. Johnston, New Wilmington, Pa

First cross roads south of New Wilmington on New Castle Road. Turn right, first house on right.

All 3 trees growing along fence back of house.  
 Av. ht. 7 ft. Did very well until last few yrs. No  
 crops. Open exposure. No cultivation. Light sandy  
 clay soil. Early lvs. this year burned on margin.  
 A few on  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. stems + lvs killed back by canker.  
 One fresh canker collected. Jackson & Gill

July 1927.  
 seeds only 3 perfect mites  
 10/25/30 Only 1 tree bore this yr for 1 stine. rest burrs fall off before maturing due to  
 dry weather. Burrs very small.

(over)



9/10/44 - Only one tree grew to maturity + it is blighted to some extent. Never a vigorous tree. Nuts small, usually one to a bur, + not as sweet as Amer. chestnut. Tree at corner of garden, on good soil.

July 1946 - "The living tree has recovered from some blight."  
15 ft tall & thrifty but "not a strong grower."

Lawrence Co.

36666

Castanea mollissima

Chestnut

S.P.I.No.

Scientific Name

Common Name

A prompt reply to the following questions regarding the tree above named will be thankfully received:

Number of trees alive... 3 ... Height of trees... 8 ft

Have trees fruited? No. Size and quality of nuts.....

Approximate location of trees on your place... By garden fence

Kindly use inclosed envelope. good soil but trees have not thrived as I would like to see them do,

Knowles Ryerson, Horticulturist in Charge.

Date... 5-7-28

Sign here... R.S. Johnston

R. S. Johnston

New Wilmington, Pa.

Experimenter

Address

Lawrence Co.

Town: New Wilmington, Pa.

Owner: Ranken S. Johnson

Address:

Caretaker:

Address:

CASTANEA

FBI No.

or Origin:

Number of trees:

If several trees, make separate cards for each, using this outline.

Age: Ht.: DBH: Nuts: Quan.: Size: Qual.:

C. B. present: Location: Age of cankers:

Description:

Other pathological symptoms:

Average twig growth preceding year:

this year:

Site and growing conditions poor

fair

good

REMARKS

1930. #1079. Nut too small.

Noted by:

Date

(On reverse side sketch location of trees and number each 1,2,3 etc.)

New Wilmington, Pa  
Rankin S. Johnson  
R.D. - Route 18

[New card - old one  
misplaced, 1951.]

1917 - 3 chestnut trees.

July 1946 - 1 Tree living. No nuts this year. Best  
yield 3#. Two trees died before produc-  
ing nuts. The other has recovered  
from blight. Tree about 15 ft tall,  
thrifty but never a "strong grower".  
Nuts small and one to a bur.

8/10/51 - Remaining tree about 20 ft tall. Sets  
burs but burs not filled. Has 2 seed-  
ling trees but nuts small.

SHIP: Best way

FROM:  
P. I. Garden, Savannah, Ga.  
ORDER DATE:  
March 15, 1953  
FOR:

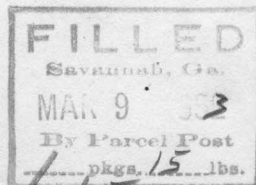
DIVISION OF 868-5.  
PLANT EXPLORATION AND INTRODUCTION  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
SOILS AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING  
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

EXPRESS ADDRESS: 9.16

Paul M. Felton, District Forester  
1983 W. Main St.  
Norristown, Penna.

50 - P.I.#58602 Chinese chestnut seedlings.  
(*Castanea mollissima*)

Permit No. 245



WT. OF SHIPMENT 15 LBS.

NOTE: REPORT TO BELTSVILLE IF MATERIAL DOES NOT ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION.

SHIP: Parcel post prepaid

FROM:  
Beltsville, Md.  
ORDER DATE:  
April 9, 1953  
FOR:

DIVISION OF  
PLANT EXPLORATION AND INTRODUCTION  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
SOILS AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING  
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

EXPRESS ADDRESS:

Mr. Paul M. Felton  
District Forester  
Pa. Dept. Forests & Waters  
1983 West Main St.  
Norristown, Pa.

7 lbs. - Chinese chestnut seed, FP-1598, (P.I. 70314)

WT. OF SHIPMENT \_\_\_\_\_ LBS.

NOTE: REPORT TO BELTSVILLE IF MATERIAL DOES NOT ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION.

Norristown, Pa. Seed memo. sent '44 Note: The 58602  
 Weevil Memo sent 1948 - trees are isolated  
 DeKalb Nursery, land sold to Niblo. from those on DeKalb  
 Write W. P. Moll, Dist. Forester, Norristown, Pa. (Per JPP) property - RBC.  
 9/9/39. Adolf Müller, Norristown, made a  
 planting for him of some of  
 the #58602 c. mal. trees sent  
 him 4/6/26. Mr. Müller reports  
 it as the best Chinese planting  
 he has ever seen.  
 9/11/39 - Trees in excellent condition & he is  
 planting considerable of their seed  
 specimens received.  
 10/10/46 - letter not answered.

Montgomery Co. Father, Niblo  
 Town: Norristown State: Penna. Name: Adolf Müller  
 DeKalb Nurseries  
 Castanea mollissima

No. of Trees: 134 S.P.I.No. 58602 Date shipped: 4-6-26

10/20/33 see notes and data on attached sheets.

9/9/39 - Only about 2 qts of nuts this yr. & he wants to plant.

9/9/39 - Rev. J. N. Niblo has an excellent planting  
 of the above trees. Card in file.  
 J. N. N. says in 1939.

Norristown, Penna.

Adolf Müller  
 DeKalb Nurseries

3/20/35 = 5 GS }  
 5 GR }  
 5 GO } Castanea crenata.  
 5 GD }  
 5 GM }

5 FP-530 }  
 5 FP-601 }  
 5 MAV } Castanea mollissima  
 5 MAW }  
 5 MAU }

Town: Norristown, Pa.  
Owner: Adolph Muller  
Address: DeKalb Nurseries  
Caretaker:  
Address:

CASTANEA \_\_\_\_\_  
FPI No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Origin: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of trees: \_\_\_\_\_ (1929)  
If several trees, make separate cards for each, using this outline.

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Ht.: \_\_\_\_\_ DBH: \_\_\_\_\_ Nuts: \_\_\_\_\_ Quan.: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Qual.: \_\_\_\_\_  
C. B. present: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of cankers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:

Other pathological symptoms:

Average twig growth preceding year: \_\_\_\_\_ this year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site and growing conditions poor fair good

Oct. 20, 1933 See notes on attached REMARKS sheet.

1929  
✓ 110 24 #65805 mollissima (1929) 10# 78505 c. henryi  
✓ 110 24 65806 " " 10 8-8  
✓ 110 25 70314 " "  
✓ 110 25 70315 " "  
Noted by: 110 25 70317 sequinii Date

(On reverse side sketch location of trees and number each 1,2,3 etc.)

Norristown, Pa 1931 Shipment

Adolph Müller  
DeKalb Nurseries

Quan.	No.
✓ 10	MF
✓ 15	MF
✓ 5	MH
160	MF
10	MT

Remarks:

8/31/31 -  
4/7/31 - Will send chart later

Oct. 20, 1933. Foreman did not know location of these and I did not look for them. RBC.

1929 trees

DeKalb Nurseries  
Norristown, Pa

10/20/33

R13C

North

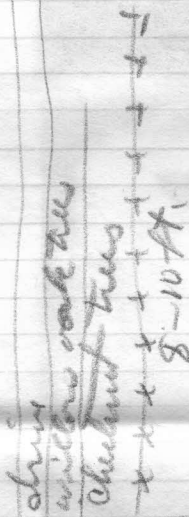


Barn

One row of chestnut trees  
probably 1929 planting  
varieties not separate.  
A few trees were sold.

Trees have not been pruned  
and are still in nursery  
Row, 12-15" apart.

loamy clay soil.



Drive

Nursery  
office

Healthy trees

15 + 17 + 13 + 22

(27)

Some of these rather scraggly  
with TBI.

Living CB trees

1

Dead trees with sps (winter injury or drought)

11 (2)

sps only

11 (2)

Spilled trees with sps

1

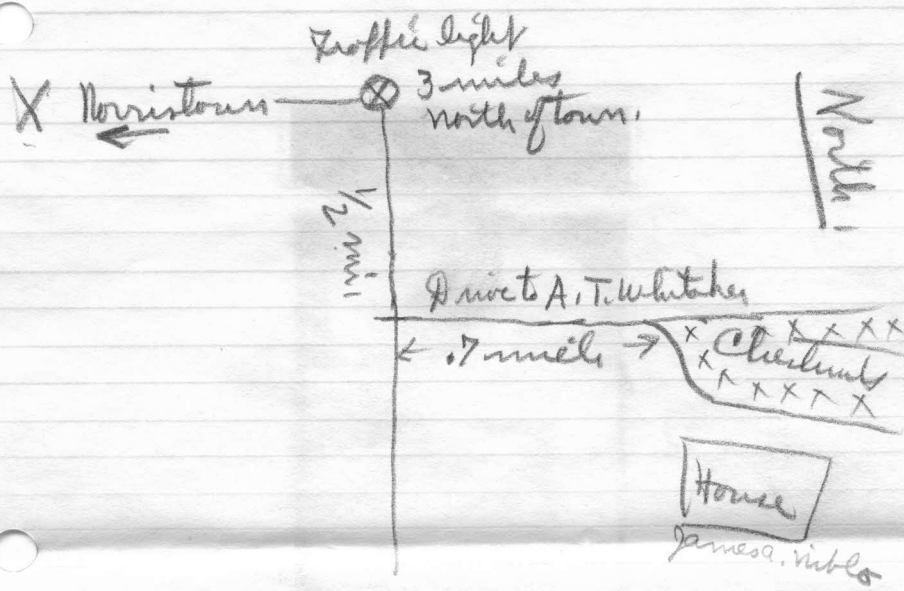
1926  
Trees

DeKalb - Miseries  
Norristown

10/26/33

RBC

FPI. 58602



See Chart 2 for detail

DeKalb Nurseries

J. M. Niblo Place

Fpl. 58602

10/20/53  
RBC

1  
2  
3

1  
2  
3

1  
2  
3

North

Drive away from road  
↘

3  
2  
Dic #1  
Row #1

3  
2  
1  
2 3

3  
2  
1  
4 5

3  
2  
1  
6 7



10/20/33 DeKalb Nurseries RBE  
Mr. Muller is looking for them # 58602

R.D. 3, James M. Niblo place

Healthy trees

|||||  
||||| (102)

Living CB trees  
|| (2)

Can be very old + "lifeless"

CB killed with Spts  
|| (2)

Spts only

|| (2)

IBI

|||| (5)

(117)

Winter or death killed no spts

|| (2)

Winter or death killed with spts

(2) || Trees average 8 ft. One reaching 22 ft. Good growth this year, up to 3' growth this year.

North Point Pa.

Seed mimeo. sent '44

J. C. Reitz  
R.F.D #1

Exp: Punxsutawney, Pa.

4/4/35 = 20 FP-530 *Castanea mollissima*  
Letter written 3/3/36 - no reply.

10/30/44 - Pa. Game Land Management reports  
trees have been moved several times +  
several lost. Only 4 or 5 left, not getting  
any care, choked, + shaded. Planted  
along a ravine. Maybe 2 years more b.  
fore they produce nuts

Seed mimeo. sent '44

4/16

Northumberland Pa.

1932 Shipment

*Castanea mollissima*

Quan.

No.

B. P. Yeager, Dist. Game Protector  
Northumberland and  
Montour Counties

16

N-36

Japhy.

43

M-38

" "

Remarks:

3/9/32. Trees planted on Montour  
Road. They are all growing.

3-3-36. No reply to our letter.



NORTHUMBERLAND

State Highway Northd. to Danville

Showing location of Chestnut Tree planting marked thus ( . . )

TRIDGE ROAD →

OLD ROAD

Reservoir

Pump House

old field

CREEK

Road leading to Reservoir 3 Miles East of Northumberland



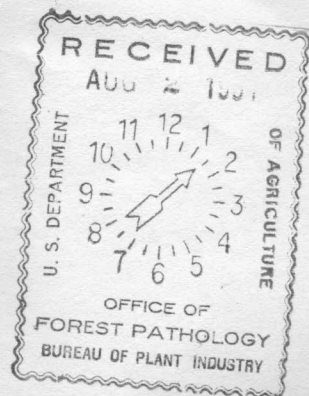
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



BOARD OF GAME COMMISSIONERS  
FIELD SERVICE

Northumberland, Pa.  
July 28th. 1934

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.,  
Mr. C.F. Gratatt,  
Senior Pathologist,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir;-

In reply to your letter of July 24th. I am enclosing a little sketch showing the location of the planting of the Chestnut Trees received by me 4-20-32.

If you will have your Mr. Nusbaum call at my residence I shall gladly accompany him to the location.

Trusting this to be the desired information, and that he shall call, I am,

Yours very truly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B.P. Yeager".

B.P. Yeager, Game Protector.  
66 Queen St.  
Northumberland, Pa.

Norwood, Penna

Wilson Applegate

201 East Winona Avenue

Letter 9/10/47 from R. S. MacKendrick, Norwood,  
"had 2 trees (from R. S. MacK shipment prob.  
of 1931). One died several years ago; remain-  
ing tree full of burrs but is now blossom-  
ing again.

Norwood, Penna.

Warren Dempster

118 Cleveland Avenue

Letter from R. S. MacKendrick, Norwood, Pa;  
"One tree, healthy, full blossomed  
no burrs, none last year, 2 qts nuts  
in '44. (Tree from shipment, probably,  
to MacKendrick in 1931) Probably MI

Norwood, Penna

Delaware Co.

Robert G. MacKendrick

307 Amosland Road.

Sept 10, 1946 - Trees planted on his property: all 4 blossomed but because of 3 frosts in April after 80° in March none had burrs (1945). This year 2 trees bloomed heavily but burrs falling to ground. <sup>one</sup> Now 35 ft high & the other 25 ft.

The information re trees given Mrs. J. N. Ogilvie, Clyde Manger, Wilson Applegate, Glenolden Public Park, Warren Demeter, U.S. Grant Blanchard, Mrs. Frank McCauley on their respective cards.

Norwood, Penna.

(Del. Co.)

Robert G. MacKendrick

307 Amosland Road.

5/22/44 - 30 chestnut seed planted last fall, (planting operation described), with all most 100% germination. BFB gave instructions for transplanting in his letter 5/25/44

Norwood, Pa.

Robert G. MacKendrick.

10/18/42: sent some of his "best" chestnuts. Only 2 out of 5 of trees sent him in 1927 are bearing. Largest tree is 30 ft. tall, has many blossoms but no burrs. Other two trees are runts due to competition of other species. Both these produced a few burrs.

1942 Reed: cleans superbly, very sweet, 32 p.p.

Seed mimeo. sent '44

1931 Shipment

Narwood, Pa.

Castanea mollissima

Robt. G. McKendrick  
307 Amos Land Road

Quan.

No.

20

MI

Remarks: July 1934. Chart attached.

No reply to letter of 3/3/36 asking  
for information on the trees.

10/15/39 - <sup>Chinese?</sup> ~~Jap~~ chest had 2 qts nuts given to her  
by Mr. McKendrick of Narwood, Pa.  
from trees sent him.

3/5/42 - Nuts sent in now are too dry. Says that in  
Dec. 1941 sent a list of people to whom he  
gave trees from 1927 shpt. 1941 letter attached.

10/4/43 - Yield double last year's crop. no blight, no worms

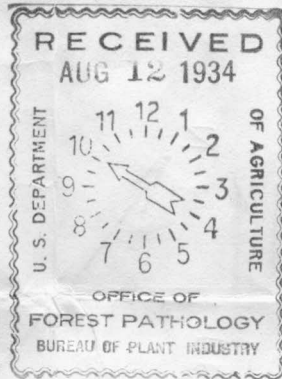
(408 Urban ave., Narwood)

include Margaret

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF  
FOREST PATHOLOGY

July 24, 1934.



MR. ROBT. G. MACKENBRICK,  
307 AMOS LAND ROAD  
NORWOOD, PA.

Dear Sir:

Dr. C. J. Nusbam of this Division expects to make an inspection of the cooperative chestnut planting at your place sometime soon. We have found that considerable time is saved in locating a planting if we have a rough chart showing its location in relation to the different roads and towns, so it will be appreciated if you will mail us such directions for finding your planting.

Very truly yours,

*G. F. Gravatt*  
G. F. GRAVATT,  
Senior Pathologist.

GFC:GM.

*over*



LOCATION OF 307 AMOS LAND ROAD  
NORWOOD - DELAWARE CO., PA.

*Phyllis M. Astenovich*

← PHILA.

CHESTER PIKE

✕ TR. LT.

✕ TR. LT.

CHESTER →

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PENNA RR

WINONA AVE

PARK

NORWOOD  
STA

BRO OF  
NORWOOD.

B. & O. RR

URBAN AVE

TRITES AVE

AMOS LAND RD.

BANK

OH. BRIDGE

1/2 MILE

# 307

GRADE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON



Norwood Pa.

Weevil Memo Sent 1948

Mrs. Clyde Mauger  
408 Urban Ave.

Chinese

10/15/39. Has a ~~map~~ chest. # MI, given her  
7 yrs ago by Mr. R. B. McKendrick  
from a shipment sent him.  
Bare 2 quarts of nuts this year. Plan-  
ted at foot of garden, damp +  
shaded. 30' high, 20' spread, 15" at  
base.

3/18/40 - 2 FP-845 C. mollissima

4/19/40 - Receipt acknowledged

(over)

Oct. 1944 Reed: "handsome, light brown, no down, claws perfectly, sweet, a superior nut, altho others are sweeter, A." These nuts (several sent) no doubt are from the MI tree - RBC.

10/4/44 - "The chestnut tree ... is still bearing beautiful chestnuts but only 1 or 2 to a bur. a few years ago you sent me 2 other trees"; one grew, one died. This year the tree was covered but drought caused nuts to drop before frost, but gathered over 2 qts of "largest + most perfect ones I have ever seen".

9/10/47 (From R. G. McKendricks, Newwood): Mr. Maugristree about 300 ft from the dying McK. tree but this one very healthy, with over 300 burs.