



Minnesota State
Horticultural Society Letters
Received and Sent.

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CHARLES G. PATTEN

EXPERT BREEDER OF FRUITS

PRIVATELY CONDUCTED EXPERIMENT STATION FOR 45 YEARS
STATE EXPERIMENT STATION SINCE 1882
NOW IN CO-OPERATION WITH STATE WORK, AND DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Charles City, Iowa,

Line is pretty good. My sight is not nearly so good, seems steadily failing, I regret to say. So I must read less and take better care of it.

We think highly of our advance with the Plum. ^{Expressed my so. 44} in bush baskets to Ames and they reached there in fine condition. Have a new one, or two, of such promise. This has been almost an entire year of failure the Pear fruit.

Many of the seedlings came out of the hard winter in fine shape.

Winter the most trying in ten years. Am glad we had it. That is how we learn where we are at. I had hoped that someone would have sent me a

specimen of that Premium Plum, will
try and see it another year. Shall
write Mr. Harolan later.

My Sobel No. 1. came out in fine
shape, is very valuable. We know
now how and where to work for
Pears better than ever before. This
is a long time business. You and I
Friend Latham, are not likely to see
the splendid advance that is to be
made with the Pear for the "Great North-
west Region" its going to come.
I do not know that I can help you
in sending you any names.

Mr. Georg Van Hanten, of Senox
Iowa is the best of hand speaker in
our society I believe, has traveled in
Alaska, Hagan Islands, and I believe in
in Japan. He has read the story of
in his talks. I do not know about him this
year as to what he is doing.
Mr. Eugene Secor is our society poet.
Very fine writer. Believe and meet.

~~\$~~10,00

Harold H. Poud

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things in this folder which you will find over carefully, and please inform the society and the terms of membership.

I am convinced that at least one person in each Farmers' Club ought to be a member of this society and receive its literature for the benefit of the club. This literature should be accessible to every member of the club, and a little time might be spent profitably at each meeting of the club in reading extracts from the society's magazine, which would come monthly, and each neighborhood certainly should have at least one member who would be testing the new fruits.

If you as secretary are not interested personally to become a member, I wish you would take the matter up with the club that they may select some one to represent the club in a membership in this society. Your organization ought to co-operate with this organization to assist in carrying forward to fullest success the important work in which the State Horticultural Society is engaged.

For your convenience an application blank is enclosed, which I hope you will use promptly in response to this appeal for mutual service. We need you and you need us.

Yours very respectfully,

A. W. Latham, Secy.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 9, 1918.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

We have your letter of the 4th instant in which you state that you expect to send out a couple thousand bundles of plants for experimental purposes, many of which will go into Canada, and inquiring whether a permit is necessary for the exportation of the plants in question.

In reply thereto I would say that so far as this Board is concerned no permit is required for the exportation of plants to Canada. It is understood, however, that the War Trade Board requires that exporters of all nursery stock secure a permit before the stock is shipped. We are referring your letter to that Board for further attention.

Yours very truly,

Lester E. Palmer,

In Charge of Entry of Plants and
Plant Products Under Restriction.

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
EDWARD A. PURDY, POSTMASTER

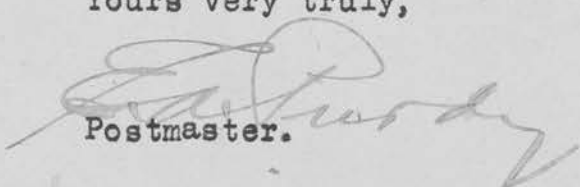
April 15, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We have been advised by the Second Assistant Postmaster General that pending of their instructions, plants for Canada may be accepted without individual license, and that a general license will be issued in a few days by the War Trade Board, such license to be known as R. A. C.-52, under which plants may be exported to Canada.

Yours very truly,


Postmaster.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
Hennepin County Savings Bank
17 EMMA V. WHITE. 10

La Crosse, Wis.

Nov. 19th 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham -

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr Latham -

As the time
draws near for your
annual meeting, it is with
great sorrow we realize
that the member of our
family who always attended
your meetings will be
absent this year.

Your meetings were always
a source of great pleasure

to our loved one. And at this
time we desire to thank
you for the many kindnesses
you have shown him.
They will be remembered
by us all with our deepest
gratitude

Sincerely
Mrs A. J. Philips
and
Children.

601 Cass Street
La Crosse, Wis.

United States Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24, 1917

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.
Upl.

Dear Mr. Latham,

I am enclosing my paper
"Methods conducive to Hardiness" for the winter
meeting. I am sorry I can not be present
to give this paper in person but if you think
it worth while you can no doubt get Dr. Dorsey
or my father to read it at the proper time.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours
Max Pfander.

U. S. Dry Land Agr.

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Charles City, Iowa Dec 10-17

Dear Friend Sabbath
and I arrived home on schedule
time Saturday afternoon.
And now Monday morning finds
me in good strength and spirit.
Enjoyed finding you looking so
well as on the last day. Since mid
summer I have slowly gained strength
and feel able now to attend my own
State meetings. I go to Iowa
Jan again had a fine meeting.
I was greatly pleased listen to the
report of Mr. Hardison. I hope to
be able to come up next summer
and see you, and your work.
Mr. Brackett and wife were on the
same train to Albert Lea. Are you

also going to California
I thought our old friend
Keallogg did not seem
as well as usual.

Was glad to find a letter
addressing me from our
friend Harrison in California

I sincerely hope you will
long retain strength and
health to continue the very
valuable work which you
have so many years rendered
to your State,

Very truly yours
Chas. L. Patten

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Charles City, Iowa

Dec-15-13

Mr. A. W. Satham
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear friend,

Last evening about eight o'clock I reached home from our state meeting, am quite well, only a little wearied. Have gained strength very much in the last month. - Thanks for your remittance. You know I have always tried to be moderate in my expenses. Did not dare to make much effort this year. Wrote no paper for our society, talked a little twice. Seemingly am coming into better health than for three years past. - I have in mind a paper on Plant Breeding, applied of course to tree fruits mostly, which I dream of making of more than average value

if I can maintain my health,
I since my break down a year ago,
I realize for about the first time
that I am "getting old," and like
your good self must conserve and
if possible add to my strength.

You are more calm, and temperamen-
tally better in command of yourself
than I and so have a good chance
of wearing well in your advancing
years. Had I not had so many near
relatives in California I should have
gone to Florida. Better climate than
but few places on the West Coast
and so much easier home. Relatives urge
me to come again, but I shall remain
at home. Found a letter awaiting me
on my return from Minnesota from
Friend Harwood also.

Had a good meeting, good attendance
and much pleasure in meeting
again - after two years - many of our
co-workers, and was made to feel
that my work is more and more
coming to be appreciated. Wish you
would come down next summer.

Pardon for hurried writing. Am
sitting by the fire writing on my knee.

Sincerely yours
Chas. Patten

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SECY-TREAS

NEW ULM, MINN., Dec. 20th 1917

A. W. Latham Esq. Secy
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 18th inst. regarding ads on rear out and in side pages of Minn Hort. rcvd. Will you kindly place the enclosed ad on one of the inside six spaces @ \$8.00 and in case these are already taken then on one of the \$10.00 spaces, or if taken then on the outside \$12.00 spaces.

Yours very truly
Pioneer Nursery Co.

W. M. Pfaender, Jr.

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December 7, 8 and 9, 1915

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Charles City, Iowa
Jan. 4th 1911

Dear Friend Sather,

Yours of the 19 Dec. came duly to hand, and I intended to reply very soon, but holiday times came along, and with other matters incident to life I have delayed so that perhaps you are off for California, which is far superior in things beautiful to Florida, where I have never been. Some of my acquaintances have been to Tampa, and they complain as you found it very warm in the daytime, and cool and even damp at night. One of them spent winter at Tampa, which they tell me is not so expensive as at Palm Beach, not so fashionable a resort. I think they would go to California if they went again.

Whether you go or stay. I wish you, health and happiness

No doubt you could find places in California which would suit you

Mr. Harrison's offer is surely very tempting, and I think the town where he is has a good climate, as most places have along close to that Range.

As you know you can get a marked change of climate in three or four miles. Long Beach is good, Hollywood about 8 miles west of Los Angeles, has a practically frost-less climate, a nice locality. So is Pasadena. I would like to key out of the Valley. Whittier & Belien is a nice location. So is Berkley, especially away from the Bay. Neerer the Range the better.

Shall hope to key well, and write some thing next summer. But it's not safe to bank much on old men such as I.
Very truly yours Charles G. Patton

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Charles City Iowa
Jan. 8-17

Friend Latham,

I am much obliged
for your letter and the talk that
I made at your meeting.

I had not the slightest idea
that I talked half as long. I will
try to correct and return it soon.

I can only shut out your
work there and do little else but
rest and sleep for a while until
you might be in splendid shape
to make the California journey.

You would, I am sure greatly
enjoy meeting your friends there
and seeing again the wonderfully
beautiful grounds, plants and
trees so different from those
we have here in this cold climate.

You could doubtless locate in Southern California, and see old Brother Harrison, I am not sure if I wrote you that on my return from your meeting I found a letter awaiting my return, was very glad to hear from him.

Wish I had been located at Sandiags or Lang Beach fully a month ago.

But it no longer has the attractions for me as when there were so many of my own fathers family living there.

Success and happiness to you whether you go stay.

Very Truly Yours
Chas. G. Patten

Washington D. C.
Jan 15, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Mph. W.

Dear Mr Latham,

I am enclosing a series of 4
views that might be suitable for the article.
If these are not just what you want I'll
be glad to send you others to choose from.

I am down here only temporarily, to about
Feb. 1. - Then I'll return to Mandan. N. D.

The hours are so short here I guess because
street car service is inferior, the climate makes
people lazy, & many other reasons.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours
Max Pfander.

10¢ enclosed for the Report.



State of Minnesota
Auditor of State

J. A. O. PREUS,
AUDITOR
R. P. CHASE,
DEPUTY

Saint Paul

January 28, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

As per your request of the 26th. inst.
I herewith enclose blank vouchers to be used in
paying appropriations. The voucher to be filled
out by you and forwarded to this office when warr-
ant will be issued for the amount therein stated.
These are the same blanks that have been in use in
paying all expenses, including State Horticulture
Society, since August 1st, 1917.

Yours truly,


State Auditor.

MJD/S.
Enc.

United States Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Northern Great Plains Field Station.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., January 15, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th regarding plant premiums. I do not know just what material has been sent for testing to the other trial stations, but presume that it includes all of the material which you list as plant premiums and which comes from your fruit breeding farm. As we have received only a small part of such material, I would appreciate it if you could arrange to have a more complete list sent to us. Mr. Haralson may not understand that we are on the same basis as the other trial stations.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Peterson

Superintendent.

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NEW ULM, MINN.,

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A. W. Latham Esq
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:

In answer to your circ. letter re.

Hat. Soc. folder will say that we can use
1000 ~~one~~ folders to good advantage. -

The printing to read:

Pioneer Nursery Co
New Ulm Minn.

Your very truly

Wm Gaudy Esq

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Recd 7.22.18

United States Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Northern Great Plains Field Station.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., ~~Sept~~ Oct. 1. 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham,

I have your kind letter of the 29th ult. and can not give you a definite answer in regard to my giving a paper at the coming meeting. It will be necessary for me to take this matter up with my superiors in Washington because anything I would say would be based on experimental data collected here and not hitherto published. I am leaving here for Washington, D. C. on Nov. 1. and so would not be able to present my paper in person. In case you want the paper anyhow let me know and I will take the matter up as soon as I get down there. You need not put my number in the program and then if you get the paper and consider it worthwhile it can be read by Dr. Dorsey perhaps. But if you wish to be sure of the subject let some one else treat it also and then if you get my paper too, no harm will be done. There is some ~~X~~very valuable data here on that subject and I hope I can get permission to prepare the article for the meeting. Our evidence, of course, is not complete nor conclusive but only sort of points the way, so to speak. I am sorry I can not give you a definite answer now.

Very fraternally yours, I am

Max Pfander.

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Charles City, Iowa May 5-1917.

My Dear Friend,

I am sending you to day one of our City Papers. There are two articles in it that I feel sure will interest you. One on the 1st, and one at the head of Editorial page.

Your May issue of the Horticulturist chronicals the death of one of your most intelligent members. The older men that I have known in three states are fast passing away. Mr. Phillips just a little while ago. and now Mr. Moyer whom I had thought of as yet a vigorous man.

I have often been saddened during the last two or three years by the passing of good and dear friends.

On the whole the past winter has not been favorable to my health. but for the past three weeks I seem to be coming into good health again. and now that a good portion of the strain of cares and finances have been removed. I may hope to become fairly strong again. I wish I could see you and have a visit. With the hope that you are having, at least, fairly good health. I am, Faithfully yours
Charles G. Patten

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Minneapolis

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which please send me*

*Eusquans & How to Grow Them.
Harrison*

Phax Manual " "

Tris " "

Prony " "

*What must I do to secure a copy of
"True Fruits & Herbs of Michigan"*

Resp

W. Parker

709 Woodward Ave



State of Minnesota

J. A. O. PREUS,
STATE AUDITOR.
C. S. BROWN,
DEPUTY AUDITOR.

OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR OF STATE.

St. Paul,

July 20, 1916.

TO STATE DEPARTMENTS AND
INSTITUTIONS.

I wish to call your attention to Section 114,
General Statutes 1913, which reads as follows:

"State Auditor to cancel all unexpended appropriations - *Provisé* - It shall be the duty of the State Auditor, at the close of each fiscal year, to cancel all unexpended appropriations, or balances of appropriations, which shall have remained undrawn for the period of one year after the expiration of the year during which they became available under the law; provided, that the governor, state treasurer and attorney general may continue such appropriations or balances in force, temporarily, on recommendation of the state auditor. Provided further, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to interfere with or modify any law requiring the surplus in any fund or funds to be covered in the state treasury, at the end of any fiscal year, or at any other specified time."

Should your department or institution need any of the balances of such appropriations extended for the next fiscal year, it will be necessary to have your request, setting forth fully why such request should be complied with, presented to the State Auditor in time to present same to the Board for their approval before the close of the present fiscal year on July 31, 1916. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

J. A. O. Preus
State Auditor.

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Northeastern Iowa Horticultural Society

28th Annual Meeting to be held in East Side Library Building,
Waterloo, Iowa, November 12, 13, 14, 1912

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, 2nd District

Charles City, Iowa,

Sept. 28-19

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis

My Dear Sir,

I hope you are well. I am
for a boy of my age, and am
just now growing stranger.

Am again sending you
some of my Native Plums
Purely Americana. Plum crop
very light. My own seedlings - some
of them have born best.

No frost here last night to
harm, but former we did a
great deal of damage to corn
Sincerely yours, C. E. Patten

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Charles City, Iowa Oct. 5-17

Friend Latham,

Your welcome letter
of Sep. 28th. came duly. Thanks for your
invitation to again have the pleasure
of meeting the Minnesota Horticulturists.

It is always a happy occasion for me.
Like as with you, I am, each year,
more and more missing the old time
workers in the delightful calling, of trying
to produce better and more beautiful
fruits, and inspiring others to do likewise.

Yesterday I went by auto to the
Great "Dairy Show" held this week at
Waterloo. Spending all day on the
grounds, and returning in evening by the
train. And to day am feeling O.K.

If Plums did not reach you let
me know at once, please.

The ones sent are surely proving
to be very valuable sorts.

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Charles City, Iowa

Trees are good and strong standing
the strain of a crop, without breaking,
they are uniformly large, scarcely
any small ones, are firm as you
have seen, in drier years keeping
better than this year.

No thirty cracks a little at the top,
but is so meaty and sweet that it dries
without rotting as do the softer varieties.
Without any desire to undervalue the
valuable Waveta of Prof. Hansen, I think
that either one is a better variety. In looking
the field over I am sure that they should
be propagated.

I have now fruited the above sorts, and
Mr. Haroleans Nos. 6 and 21, and several others
and can say that these sorts, both in tree and
fruit as tested here, are worthy of cultivation.
With sincerest wishes for your good
health, - lam truly yours Chas. G. Patten

Minneapolis Minn
Oct 5 1917

Dear Sirs

L. C. L. Smith

has put our name on your mailing list you cancel it off and send this to him as we don't thank any one for trying to impose on us and they just simply can't do it we beg from no one we ask no donations from any one and we have all the reading matter we care for as we take with magazines and all 7 papers and any time we need any donations we will

let it be known we don't thank
no one for trying to impose
~~on~~ us. it simply can't be done
as we are civilized we are not
feeble minded either so hoping
that you will see to it at once
that my name W P Palmer
is taking off your list
Remain Resp

W P Palmer
Minneapolis
Station F R 4. Minn
Lakeview Farm

P.S. if you have any good way
to clear out Thistles Burdock
Sand Crows and the like would
over

would be the book to send to
this farm P.

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Charles City, Iowa
 Oct. 17-1915

Mr. A. W. Latham,
 Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Friend, I would have written you ere this, but have been so busy. Father man not here for fully three weeks and so have had Ferdie's grandd to look after.

I am pleased to learn that some one has sent your Committee a larger and better plum than those that I sent you.

So many have been earnestly trying to secure improved plums of our native sorts that any real success is truly gratifying. We have surely made progress, but there is yet so much to do before we secure the desired Commercial plums, - which will hang to the tree and handle when gathered.

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2 The work here is more along native lines than any other - We have fine size and better in quality than those sent, but not tried out.

Haroldsens No. 2146 are worthy of cultivation but like our natives drop to pieces.

In about another ten years Plum improvement will make a big jump forward.

The Damsons and a Domestic seedling which produced, hang fine even after the severe freeze of the 12th which wholly killed the Corn, and are still of considerable value for home use.

The clinging quality we must have if possible in our New Plums.

I hope to come to your meeting, if health continues to improve for the month to come as during the past one, I feel that I shall be strong enough to make the trip.

Wishing you good health and strength, I am
Yours sincerely, Chas. G. Patten

Wilder, Minn.,

Nov. 13, 1917.

Mr. G. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir,-

You will likely remember that I wrote you last year concerning a seedling apple tree, and enclosed a letter from the late Mr. Elliott. I did not receive your letter until Dec. 24th, the letter having been mislaid in the office.

The apples I am sending you now are not good specimens. The tree was heavily laden with fruit, and the apples are smaller than usual. During a hard wind storm, the apples

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were blown from the tree before they were fully ripened. They ripened after being stored, but are not of their usual color. When they ripen on the tree, they are of a dark red color.

Mr. Elliott wrote me to send the apples to you as soon as ripe, so they might be placed in cold storage. When I stored these apples, they were not ripe and I did not expect to send them as samples, but after they ripened, concluded to send them.

The tree is very hardy and the apples keep well. The ones I intended to send to you last year were in good condition in May, and I had a poor place in which to keep them. I am confident that

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These I am now sending will
not keep as well, but will send
them anyway.

If you think the apples that
I am now sending you by
Parcel Post, worth considering, please
put them in cold storage. En-
closed please find stamp for
reply.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Mary A. Price.