



Minnesota State  
Horticultural Society Letters  
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St. Paul, Minn.

Sept. 29, 1919.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Sec'y Minn. Horticultural Society  
287 Kasola Block.  
Minneapolis Minn.  
Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> would say that I shall try to prepare a paper on the cultivation of the black raspberry, but this is about all that I shall be able to do as I am of advanced age, do not hear good and my command of English is not so good that I could speak intelligently on the subject, so must ask that the paper be read by some other

Hoping that you will receive this  
offer and approve of it I remain  
as ever yours very respectfully

Justus Peter  
879 Manomin Ave  
St. Paul, Minn.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. A. W. Lathams  
Minneapolis  
Minn.

not 32

Charles City, Iowa  
Apr. 18. -19

Dear Sir,

I have and will dig  
one hundred, perhaps 150. No. 4  
Minnesota Raspberry, ready to  
ship when I hear from you

Very truly,  
Chas. H. Patten

<p>OUR MOTTO:  "HARDY TREES AND PLANTS  FOR THE NORTHWEST"</p> <hr/> <p>LANDSCAPE PLANS  NEATLY EXECUTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PIONEER NURSERY CO.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">INCORPORATED FOR \$50,000.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growers of a Complete Line of General Nursery Stock</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">PHONE 620</p>	<p>OFFICERS:</p> <p>HERMAN HELD,  PRESIDENT</p> <p>F. H. RETZLAFF,  VICE PRESIDENT</p> <p>WM. PFAENDER, JR.,  SEC'Y-TREAS.</p>
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NEW ULM, MINN., Oct. 6, 1919.

Mr. W. Latham, Sec'y.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your kind letter of the 23rd ult. and have been unable to reply before now. I will be glad to present the subject "A Hundred Years Fruit Breeding Program" at the coming winter meeting at St. Paul. Of course this was Prof. Hansen's original idea and perhaps you would rather give him an opportunity to discuss this matter before slating me for it. As secretary of our Association it might be proper for me to present this matter as it is one of our resolutions.

I am up here now for the present assisting my father.

Very truly yours,

*Max Pfaender*

PEARSE, ROBINSON AND SPRAGUE, Inc.  
Landscape Architects and Architects  
C & L Building

Des Moines, Iowa,  
October  
6  
1919.

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

Dear Sir:

In regard to my appearing on your program at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society meeting, there was one question in my letter which was over looked.

My question was; would you consider a topic such as this; "Farmstead Planning as a Business Asset to the Middle-west". Instead of the topic "Making the Country More Beautiful". In taking up this subject it would be taken up in this manner, to show that the farmstead was the business end of <sup>the</sup> farming profession and that although beauty was a part of a farm home that unless a farm home was made clean, sanitary and useable that beauty would not go very far to remedy these conditions. In other words the landscape architect is a "home specialist" not all a "beauty specialist".

I shall be glad to present to your Society some ideas along these lines which we have been working out in our state for a number of years.

Beauty is all right in its place, but usefulness comes first. I shall be glad to take up this subject with your Society and develop it as the farmstead <sup>being</sup> ~~is~~ the basis of the community and then show how with a well planned farmstead the other community enterprises, schools, churches, parks, cemeteries and other rural landscape features all are taken up from the well designed farmstead as a basis.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to your decision on this subject to be presented to your Society.

Very truly yours,

RJP\*HPM

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By

R. J. Pearse



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## Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y

207 Kasota Block

Minneapolis, Minn. 10/7/19.

Mr. C. M. Peck,  
Excelsior, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I want you to prepare and read at the coming annual meeting of this society a paper on this subject "Every Fruit Grower a Bee-keeper". <sup>Why? and why not?</sup> I believe this is the first time I have ever called on you for help at the annual meeting, and I am sure you will not try to hold me off with any excuse.

About <sup>15</sup> ~~ten~~ minutes is the length of time ordinarily allowed for different numbers on our program, and that would give you a chance to say a whole lot on the subject, which is always in place at a horticultural meeting.

Hoping for a prompt reply,

Yours cordially,

Fried Latham

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

I shall be pleased to comply with request. provided you will allow me to add these ~~four~~ words "Why! and why not?"  
Peck (M. Peck)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF MARKETS

Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 22, 1919

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,  
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
207 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

In answer to your request of Sept. 25th, I shall be glad to address the Horticultural Society at its December meeting. The subject of my talk will be: "Government Quotations on Fruits and Vegetables."

My reply to your letter is somewhat delayed because it was necessary for me to take this matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture before giving you any definite answer.

Very truly yours,

*R Maynard Peterson*  
Investigator

RMP/LN

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1919 -

W. A. Latham  
Minneapolis -

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of Sep 17<sup>th</sup> respecting the program for the forthcoming meeting. The following have promised to assist and will talk on the subjects placed against their names.

Trusting this will be satisfactory and if not to hear further from you

Very truly  
A. Perkins, Secy.

W. Gleason, West 5<sup>th</sup> Paul - Growing Celery  
C. Hoffman, White Bear. Hairy Vetch, my experience  
in growing same -  
P. M. McKinnon, 1436 Payne Ave } Peppers.  
St Paul 3 }

PEARSE, ROBINSON AND SPRAGUE, Inc.  
Landscape Architects and Architects  
~~207 Kasota Block~~

Des Moines, Iowa,  
October  
1  
1919.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter to me at Iowa State Colleg has been forwarded to me at our Des Moines office.

I am no longer connected with the Extension department at I. S. C. I am now a member of this firm. I was with the college for four years as Extension Landscape Architect, giving lectures on landscape improvements and making demonstration plans for the improvement of farmsteads, school grounds, rural churches, parks, cemeteries and any form of landscape improvement which is not usually taken up by Professional Landscape Architects. By these methods it was our aim to place before the people of our state demonstrations of landscape work and to get them to understand that the improvements of their homes and public grounds was as essential to themselves and to the members of their community as any of the buildings that they erected.

My chief work at the State College was in farmstead planning, the locating of farm buildings and other farm units including the planting in such a manner as to make the farmstead a complete unit which occupied the least necessary space, was the most convenient in operation and the most attractive in appearance.

You have asked that I appear on the program of your Minnesota State Horticultural Society and give two separate talks, one on "Making the Country More Beautiful" and one on "Plant Material for the Farm Home". You suggest that it might be possible that both of these talks could be given in one day Friday December 5th. I shall be very glad to accept your invitation to speak before your society and to talk on these subjects as suggested. I was wondering what you would think of making the first talk on "Farmstead Planning" as a business asset to the modern farmer, and the second "Plant Materials of the Farm Home," that is including trees, shrubs, vines, their planting and care.

I expect to be in Chicago at the International Stock Show during the week of November 29th. to December 6th., and can come to St. Paul Thursday night December 4th., and be ready to speak to your society on December 5th.

Will you please let me know as to your decision concerning the topics which I suggest to present to the society.

In all of the work at the State College we tried to impress upon the people that it was not simply the beautification of their grounds, but getting the grounds arranged in the best possible manner for their use and then to plant them with shelter belts, shade trees, ornamental trees and shrubs, but not to encourage planting trees and shrubs on a tumbled down property that is unsanitary, poorly ventilated, and poorly drained. It would seem like putting the cart before the horse to encourage this kind of work.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting you. It certainly was a pleasure to have met Mr. Mackintosh at Madison, Wisconsin, several years ago.

Thanking you very much the opportunity of meeting your society members and of presenting the subject which I am very much interested in, I remain

Very cordially yours,

RJP\*HPM

*R. J. Pearse*  
*703 Youngerman*

1780 Wakefield Ave.  
St Paul, Minn.

Nov 23, 1919

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

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My dear Mr Latham;

Inclosed please find check for \$10.00  
for which please enroll me as a life  
member of the Society.

Yours truly  
Alfred G. Perkins.

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SECY. TREAS.

NEW ULM, MINN.,

Dec. 14, 1918.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,

Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 12. In answer will say that we do not wish you to continue our advertisement in the Minnesota Horticulturist in the future. Kindly discontinue the advertisement at once. Our business has been very poor and our losses were very heavy in the dry districts of North and South Dakota so that we can not afford to continue this expense of advertising.

Yours truly,

Pioneer Nursery Company.



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# CHARLES G. PATTEN

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OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Charles City, Iowa, Dec, 22d - 18

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

Dear Friend, your letter telling  
me of the postponement of your  
meeting, came yesterday, and I  
can appreciate a little of the  
position in which it places you.

I sent my Paper to my sons  
stenographer, yesterday, but he did  
not return it, so I suppose it was  
not copied for. Will see that  
it is done and send you in  
time.

I like yourself, and the  
members generally, no doubt hoped  
to have the meeting take place  
while the mild weather was on.

But whenever it occurs I shall try  
to attend, may be you can get a  
rest before it comes. Yours,  
Cordially, Charles G. Patten

I am in good health, but have  
you to much of times, for comfort.

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Charles City, Iowa,

Dec 7-18

Friend Latham,

After I had mailed  
you my Paper, it occurred to me  
that my return address was omitted  
and I am wondering if you received  
it. I had worked so hard to find the  
photo of the Winter Nihilis fears  
that I had become nervous and  
tired, and forgot it. Am hoping  
though that you received it.

Hope you could see the  
letters and bulletins that I  
have from California and  
Oregon, expressing appreciation  
for what I have done for the Pear.

I overlooked your suggested title of  
the paper, and, made it short as you  
will see. Best wishes for long life, health and  
happiness, Sincerely, Chas. G. Patten

I regret exceedingly that your State is so difficult to serve

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Jan. 6, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Latham,

It is my desire to interest myself in the building up of the North Dakota Horticultural Society and I feel that you can give me some valuable advice in the matter. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me very briefly the steps that were taken to perfect the Minnesota Society to its present wonderful proportions. Was it organized first and built up to fair proportions before state aid was secured or did the state support it from the beginning? Was a charter secured and what is in such a charter? Is the Minnesota Society incorporated? You need not bother about going into detail concerning the methods you employed to get new members and to keep old ones because that is a long story and the next time I see you perhaps you can discuss that phase with me in person.

I wish to be elected as secretary of the North Dakota society if that can be arranged. If this materializes then I will no doubt have occasion to write to you often for advice.

*I would appreciate it*  
if you can give me off hand the number of North Dakota residents who are members of the Minnesota society, or the approximate number. This figure would indicate to me how much interest there is being taken in horticultural matters here.

I was sorry that I could not comply with your request to send you my paper for the January Number, or was it the Feb. edition? If nothing prevents I hope to be with you whenever the meeting does take place.

With kindest regards and the best wishes for the New Year,

I am, very sincerely yours,

*Max Pfander.*

Sept 2.4.19

Jordan, Minnesota.  
Jan. 26, 1919.

A. W. Latham  
207 Kasota Block.  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Dear Sir;

In answer to your letter of the 22nd of Jan; I am very sorry that I shall be unable to attend the meeting of the society. As I attend school, I must take the usual six-weeks examinations on Thur. and Friday. Furthermore, the State School board is giving its exam in U. S. History on one

of those days and if I miss  
it I shall lose that half  
credit.

If the books can be  
sent by express I shall  
be greatly obliged.

Very sincerely yours,  
Carl Patthoff.

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Charles City, Iowa, Feb. 22, 19

Mr. A. W. Sathans  
Minneapolis.

Dear friend,

Your letter containing draft  
for expenses in attending your  
State meeting, came yesterday  
many thanks.

Perhaps I am too late, but I thought  
that I would like to have had a  
copy of my remarks, and of the  
quotations that I tried to make from  
a California writer, because he  
confused his article by making  
it read, Japan species, or seedlings  
when it was Chinese species that  
the Oregon man Mr. Reimer was  
testing, and my nerves were so  
trembling that I did not talk clearly,  
and ought to have copy sent me.

Hashity. But very kindly yours C. G. Patten

A. G. RUGGLES  
State Entomologist  
S. A. GRAHAM  
Forest and Truck Crop Insects

State of Minnesota  
Entomologist's Office  
Agricultural Experiment Station

G. W. PEAKE  
Chief Deputy Nursery and  
Orchard Inspector  
Telephone 81443; Midway 5011  
ANNA WENTZ  
In Charge of Insectary

University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.,

March 1 1919

Mr. W. Latham  
Minnesota State Horticultural Society  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed check for five dollars  
is to pay the balance due your society  
on my life membership.

Very truly yours  
G. W. Peake

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OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Charles City, Iowa, *Feb-8-19.*

A. N. Latham

My Good Friend,

The photos received this morning.

Thanks for them.

Had just been thinking about writing you, and asking for a dozen copies of the March Number if you can spare them. I have some friends to whom I would like to send them, maybe you could make it 15.

Friend Latham, I was just thinking as I write how little I have received directly as a result of my writings.

The commercial side of my work has almost wholly been lost sight for thirty years past. All told I never received to exceed one hundred dollars, and that includes the fifty dollars your society

*I want to thank you most heartily for the appreciation remarks on your special page, which you gave to my paper.*

All winter I have been compelled to give much care to my physical health, and have entered earnestly upon a systematic way of living.

once kindly voted me. Were it not for the small monthly amount that my state pays me I would have a hard scrath to live comfortably. And had I not been fortunate in having the State take over my Experiment Station, I should by this time <sup>been</sup> under the care of my children for support.

Perhaps you may think me slightly. But I am going to make the following statement: "That no single paper has been presented to the Horticultural Public in the last fifty years, when the material already developed, and the scientific methods outlined therein for steady and permanent progress, in the wide field of horticulture, both for the Apple and the Pear, ~~than~~ than the last paper given by me to your Society." My nerves were so unsteady that I feared even to trust myself to talk, and was not at all sure that I was saying what I wanted to, and could have done better, had I been stronger. Hoping for your comfortably good health, I am most cordially,  
Chas. E. Patten

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Mar. 10, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Latham,

I am enclosing the copy of the discussions following the reading of my paper at the last winter meeting with my corrections. I am also sending several photos that you may use to illustrate the article. The two views of Compass cherries go together to show the comparison. The bush or low headed apple or Crab tree is really the best one I have to illustrate the type of tree that seems to be most promising for this section.

It may interest you to know that I was up to the Manitoba meeting in February and gave a similiar paper and had secured 55 lantern slides to go with the talk. It was much along the same lines that were brot out in the paper given in Minneapolis.

I am very busy now in the greenhouse with crossing work. Apples, plums, cherries etc are all in bloom and I am making a number of good combinations with our native hardy sand cherry and our native plums.

With best reards, I am, very sincerely yours,

*Max Baccider,*  
Horticulturist.

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CHICAGO, ILL. February 13, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. Christman has reported to me that you are willing to print the Peony article recently sent him in one of the coming numbers of the Minnesota Horticulturist. My reason for sending it to him was because as a life member of your organization I felt that greater publicity would be given same than by sending it to the American Peony Society.

At his request I am sending you nine photographs with the names of the varieties on the back, and you can use what you wish of them. If possible I would be glad to have them returned as I do not have negatives of some of them. With the exception of the two with the vase, the others have never been printed.

My only request is that it is not given out to anyone else to print before you issue it, as the Florist Review will have exclusive privilege to run it in its trade paper and they are making quite a feature of it during the early part of June.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. A. Peterson*

WAP-M

When buying  
Shrubs insist  
upon getting  
bushy tops  
and fibrous  
roots



This Photo-  
graph shows  
two Shrubs  
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Charles City, Iowa,

Jan. 20-19

Dear Mr. Satham,

I am sending

you a photo, of the Old Chinese  
Pear tree. But in getting them  
finished I omitted to have it so finished  
or put under it something apt  
But perhaps this is enough.

"*Pyrus ussuriensis*, - a wild Pear  
of China."

It is believed to be the oldest tree,  
by far, of this species in America

I intended to have a cut of the  
winter-belt's pear to send at this time  
I have a cluster. (negative, thought  
you might be glad of it also. I believe

You will agree with me that  
I have given to the public an  
important paper, because of its  
original character, unlike, unlike  
any other effort in this country.

Very Truly Yours  
Chas. G. Patten

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Mar. 18, 1919.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham,

I have your of the 12th and am glad to say that I have been given permission to have my paper printed in the Minnesota Horticulturist. So you may go ahead with it.

At our meeting here last August there were a number of very excellent papers and I was wondering whether you would care to have some of the more important and pertinent ones printed in the Minnesota Horticulturist? I think we could select 6 or 8 such articles that would be of general value and interest and if they could all go in this calendar year then they would all be in the same bound volume, 1919. Of course you may have more than enough material for the magazine and in ~~such~~ such an event we could not expect any space. We have only about 20 members and of course could not stand the expense of a separate publication.

Both the South Dakota and the Manitoba Societies have supported out 100 year program for fruit breeding work. Next winter we will ask the Minnesota Society and all other N.W. societies to support it, that is we only ask for moral support.

Very sincerely your,

*Max Pfander*  
Horticulturist.

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CHICAGO, ILL. April 4, 1919.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secty,  
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

As one of the members of your Society, I feel that you are entitled to know that I am not altogether in sympathy with your whole-sale disapproval of the action of the Federal Horticultural Board in the Embargo which they have seen fit to put on foreign importations. We have been importing for over sixty years lining-out stock, Evergreens and Perennials and have considerable money involved. From a selfish standpoint we would prefer not to have a handicap. Will quote you from my recent letter to the Chairman of the Federal Horticultural Board.

"If you men, who understand these matters, consider the Embargo necessary, it certainly is a very opportune time to have it now before the foreigners can resume their growing and shipping of stock for our market and we on this side have come to do our own propogating and depend on our own resources as a patriotic measure during the war. We should not mislead those abroad if we have any idea of putting the Embargo on by delaying to put it on now.

As you have the great forest and orchard interests at stake, I am perfectly satisfied to abide by your judgment and stand for the increased cost of propogation for the good of the whole country."

The interest of the masses are so much at stake that the readjustment of the interests of a few should not be allowed to weigh against the general welfare of the whole country.

Very respectfully,

*Wm A Peterson*

WAP-M

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Charles City, Iowa, Feb. 27-19

Mr. A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis.

My Dear Friend. Your letter with copy of one to Mr. E. L. Harrington of Massachusetts came this morning, for which I am under obligations for your kindness. The mutual friendships for years have been mine to share, are among the greatest joys of my life, and now that I am living so long that most of them have passed to the life beyond, it often leaves me with a feeling of real sadness. I sincerely hope that you are keeping fully up to your best good health.

I have not been very strong since we met. But am so living that I hope to be much stronger, this summer.

Sincerely,  
Chas. G. Patten

## Floral Mound Nursery

J. J. Peterson, Proprietor

Glenville, Minn., 4/30

1912

Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:

I shall appreciate receiving  
Premiums #18 and #20, as I believe  
I am entitled to as member of  
Minn Horticultural Society.

My number is 1232.

I will send 1000 Progressive Strawberry  
plants, to Firesufferers if you will  
tell me where to send them.

I would like to get some Alpha  
Grapes. I did not get to send any  
Apple cuttings but will send  
one Wellington some next year

If you have other trees or shrubs for  
trial planting shall appreciate them  
and be very glad to report their  
actions at this point.

Respectfully

J. J. Peterson

Glenville Minn

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., May 31, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Latham,

I have your kind letter of the 13th and have also received the magazines which you were kind enough to send to me. Accept my sincere thanks for the same. I am sending all these out to interested parties.

It is quite likely now that we will have this article with some additions and more photos printed as a department circular and then we can send them out to all who wish them.

The last ten days I spent down at Edgeley, N. D. crossing apples, crabs and *Pyrus baccata* at the substation there and on a big farm where there is a large seedling orchard of *Pyrus baccata* trees, apple and plum seedlings. In all I made over 1100 hand crosses. Your Mr. Haralson was kind enough to send me a good assortment of pollen of good standard varieties to use on the *P. baccata* flowers. The pollen was very short at Edgeley and I wired to Mr. Haralson for pollen, which arrived in fine condition only three days after I had requested it. It shows the possibilities of this work and also how we plant breeders can cooperate and help one another.

With kindest regards, I am, very sincerely yours,

*Max Pfander.*

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., June 10, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Latham,

I am enclosing our midsummer report for the Mandan Trial Station together with a few prints that you may use if you wish to.

In case you care to do so you may announce in the magazine that the Official Horticulturists Association of the Great Plains will hold its next meeting in Winnipeg Aug. 11th to 16th. This will be a moving meeting, visiting the experiment stations at Brandon, Man. Indian Head, Sask, the big Forestry Farm at Indian Head and the Experiment station and Stevensons Nursery at Morden, Man. Representatives are expected from all the northwestern states and the prairie provinces of Canada. Prof. N. E. Hansen, Chairman, Max Pfaender, Secretary.

One of the matters to come up at the meeting will be the selection of our meeting place for next year and it would be very desirable to get the next meeting to Minnesota or to South Dakota. Could you not come up and invite the meeting to Minnesota?

With kindest regards, I am,

*Max Pfaender*  
Horticulturist.

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University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.,  
December seventh, 1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Sec'y Minn. State Horticultural  
Society,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I am enclosing my check for five  
dollars as my first payment on a life  
membership. I will plan to make the  
balance of the payment sometime within  
the next few months.

Very truly yours,

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*G. W. Peake*

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Sept. 27. -18

Mr. A. W. Sattam

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Sattam,

Rather formal

al visit? I'd rather make  
it friend Sattam. You are  
here at my old home. The  
twenty acres on which the  
Exp. Station is located is quite  
separate from my Residence  
grounds, but embraces all but  
a few of my experiments. Wish  
you could have seen it this  
year before the fruit was gather-  
ed. Plums & apples. It would have  
done you good.

many thanks for your letter, and kindly invitation  
would have great pleasure in being with you, and will try

2. Already there is a great many interesting things. I cannot attempt to write much about them. For a week past have had in mind sending you a few specimens of Apples. You see so many sorts of this fruit it may not be very interesting to you, but will send some I guess I am pretty well, am always busy - mostly to much so, get to tired to often. Would be quite strange if I took it easier. I have an "Associate" connection here in the Experiment work, am not expected to do much physical labor, but am of considerable aid in getting the young men who are sent here in getting a knowledge of the work. There is a lot of it, and I know nearly all about it. Memory along this

What do you know about Pro. Meollog and Harrison?

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

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Oct. 8, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Latham,

I have your very kind letter of Sept. 24th and must say that I just returned from a 4 weeks trip thru the northwest and coast fruit sections. Mr. J. M. Stephens, Superintendent of our station here has given me permission to attend your meeting and to present a paper of interest to the meeting and so unless something unforeseen turns up I will be with you during the meeting.

As my subject I will be glad to discuss "Fruit Growing in the Semi-arid Northwest". In this paper I can bring out practically all the points that were included in my paper presented at our meeting here in August.

It was very gratifying to me to hear what others think about my work here and I don't care to take all the credit myself. Anything of value that I may be doing here along horticultural lines is mostly due to my father and Professor Green who both inspired me with a love for this work and who have directed me along these paths. Much credit is also due to Mr. E. C. Chilcott of the Bureau of Plant Industry who has given me practically a free hand here in working out our problems and who has had confidence in my ability.

It certainly was a pleasure to me to see so many of our men turn out to this meeting and it certainly shows that Horticulture is a very important line of work in this section.

In case you will have me on the printed program, I might suggest that my title here is Horticulturist of this station. Sometimes people think I am superintendent which is not the case.

Thanking you for inviting me especially for the winter meeting,  
I am, very sincerely yours,

*Max Pfander*  
Horticulturist.

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Mr. A. H. Latham

Oct. 3-18

Dear Friend, Your very welcome of the first has been read with pleasure, and regrets at the mention made of a few of our old friends still living, but so many have passed away. I often feel lonely when I think of so many with whom I have long associated and many of them were true friends. Nearly all have gone whence no travelers yet return.

I thank you very much for your kind invitations, but I have had no thought of making any fruit exhibit at all this year. While I keep active, I am not trying to endure any more, or to have cares that I can avoid.

The management here will exhibit

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at the "Mid West" Horticultural and Garden Products, Fresh & Canned goods. You likely have a circular, I have mislaid mine, or would enclose it. The station here has sent about One hundred and Twenty or more sorts produced here, I have only seen them at different times, as the man who has long been with me, for them to base from what I have seen of this and individual exhibits of world shows. The best one of which was from Missouri - Crossed by Jonathan and Ben Davis - drawn from four hundred crosses. And I believe this will be a great surprise, even to those who have witnessed and some of them will surpass any of the Missouri exhibit in quality. I am planning to try and be well enough to go to that Des Moines meet. Nov. 4 to 8 and.

so shall not try to attend any State meet-  
ings. And that will give me a better  
chance to attend yours. I shall not  
attempt to write a paper.

I realize that I am growing old,  
and that I get along slowly. Have to  
care more for the old machine to  
keep it in repair. I did want to  
send a few samples of fruit to personal  
friends, have long been in the  
habit of giving others some of my fruits  
and you were one of the number.

I had hoped to visit you, Wedge,  
you did not tell me where Harrison  
or Keollag are.

Hope you will take good care  
of self.

Very Truly Yours  
Chas. G. Patten

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NEW ULM, MINN Aug 21st 1918.

A. W. Latham Esq. Sec'y  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

Am today sending two varieties of Plums which I wish to have entered to compete in the J. H. Fiebing prize mentioned in the June Horticulturist. The Pits of these were saved by me from trees grown by me and planted so I know just what they are. The 4 Plums in the envelopes are a seedling from a Burbank, (my Burbank Sdlg No. 3.)

The fruit of this is from a top worked tree and bore the first time and I am inclined to think it will improve in size. It is a freestone. The original tree is perfectly hardy.

The 12 Plums wrapped in paper are Seedlings of the Surprise. The fruit sent you is from the original tree. Both are not nearly ripe as I thought best to send them before they were fully ripe.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same, and thanking you for looking after this for me I am

Yours truly



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United States Department of Agriculture,  
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Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak.,

June 1, 1918.

*Secy. A. W. Latham,  
Minn. Hortic. Society, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Dear Sir:

For some time I have been considering the advisability of organizing a "Northern Great Plains Official Horticulturist's Association" as a means by which the horticulture of the Northern Great Plains can be put on a more permanent foundation and by which its more rapid and successful development can be attained.

The primary objects of such an organization might be stated as follows:

1. To unify and coordinate Scientific and Experimental Horticultural work in the Northern Great Plains area.
2. To formulate plans and policies for this region as a whole in the matter of; Growing trees for shade and shelter; breeding and culture of fruits and vegetables; and ornamental horticulture.
3. To educate the public thru demonstrations and publications as to the best horticultural practices and the best kinds of horticultural crops to grow.
4. To interest and encourage nurserymen in growing, propagating and selling the right kind of nursery stock.

In order to perfect the organization, it would be necessary to hold a meeting of those who would be interested and you are hereby kindly invited to attend such a meeting to be held here at the Northern Great Plains Field Station, Mandan, North Dakota, on August 23 and 24, 1918.

Several days could be spent here in discussing and in perfecting the organization, laying plans for future work, discussing the general horticultural problems of the Northern Great Plains and inspecting the horticultural experimental work at this station.

#2.

Mr. J. M. Stephens, Superintendent of the Northern Great Plains Field Station, extends to you his personal invitation to meet here with us on the above dates.

I would appreciate an early reply stating your willingness to cooperate with me in launching such an organization and the possibility of your attendance at the time proposed.

If possible, it would be desirable for each one in attendance to present a paper on some phase of Horticulture as applied to the area in question.

Some of the subjects that, no doubt, will be brot up for discussion will be;

1. Hardiness and Winter Injury.
2. New Ideas on Pomology for this area.
3. Fruit tree stocks for this area.
4. Wide vs. close spacing for trees and fruits.

Before the meeting adjourns it is suggested that the Association adopt a brief statement of the "Fundamental Principles of Horticulture for the Northern Great Plains", which is to combine the experience, knowledge and ideas of those present.

A list is inclosed of those who were that would be interested, and invitations have been sent them. In case you can give additional names of other Official Horticulturists who might be interested, I would appreciate it.

The undersigned will be glad to make hotel reservation at our hotels on request. Rates: \$1.00 and \$1.25 plain. With bath and shower \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am, for a better horticulture in the Northern Great Plains,

Very truly yours,

*Max Pfander*

Horticulturist,  
Northern Great  
Plains Field  
Station.

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