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Horticultural Society Letters  
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STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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PUBLISHES A MONTHLY MAGAZINE, ENTITLED

"THE MINNESOTA HORTICULTURALIST"

Subscription, \$1.00 per annum, including membership.

Hurley, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

Dear Sir:

I hereby send you \$1.00 for a new subscriber his name is 'Joseph Andrews'. The premiums desired are No. 1, a green mountain grape. No. 9. Two white grape currants and No. 10, Six Siberian apple root grafts. And for my reward please send me a copy of "The Amateur Fruit grower."

H has not received

box 191

yours truly

Ole Rasmussen

Hurley S. Dak.

N. B. if premium No. 1 is exhausted which we hope it isn't, you may send either No 3 or 5.

His full address the same as mine as I am working for him. (Joseph Andrews, box 191 Hurley, S. D.)

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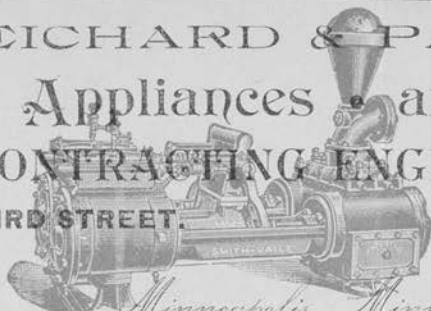
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*Minneapolis, Minn.* Dec. 26th, 1896.

A. W. Latham,

City.

Dear Sir:-Replying to your valued favor of the 24th inst. we would state that you may discontinue our ad in the Minnesota Horticulturist, as we do not think we received a single inquiry from it during this year.

Hoping that this will be satisfactory, we remain,

Yours truly,

*F. Reichard & Pattee*

As "well done in my handwriting  
from + my A. Barnes from New  
York

Big Stone City Dec 27 1890

AW Latken Sec

New

Sir Well done in a card  
for which I will pay in  
May \$4.50 I want to  
sell out my business  
and a card of Health I have  
one of the best business  
in South of Dakota  
you will send me a  
buyer who so if you  
can & oblige you

Respy W. H. Cook  
H. A. Paul

FORM 291.

## Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Receivers.

Wadena Minn Station, Nov 30 1896

A. W. Latham Esq  
 Sect Minn State Hort Society  
 Wapah

Dear Sir

I herewith  
 enclose P.O. money Order for \$1.<sup>00</sup>  
 for my Annual Membership  
 fee the year 1897

Yours Truly  
 E. M. Rice  
 Wadena

Minn

✓

Mapleton Miner  
Nov. 18/896

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Miner

Dear Sir

Your statement of \$15  
you dues to the Anticultural  
Society addressed to Wm  
Randall just reached me.

Allow me to call your  
attention to the fact that  
you was sent a notice  
of the death of Wm Randall  
a year ago so you  
should have taken his  
name from your  
membership list. I enclose  
you a copy of the notice  
such as was sent you

So under the  
circumstances I cannot  
honor your claim.

Yours Truly

A. G. Paudyal

C. E. ROBINSON,

✿ Market & Gardener ✿

Wadena, Minn., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1896

Mr. A. W. Latham.

Dear Sir,

I should like very much to obtain a few seeds of some hardie Crabapple, I wish to try and raise a few trees on their own roots and see if they will not do better here than the Grafted ones do,

If any of the members have any seeds that they can send me please let me know and I will send the money for same.

I have one acre of strawberries that should bare next season, the varieties are Beder wood, Enhance, Crescent, Warfield and Greenhill, I will let you know how they do next year if you wish. I am very sorry that I cannot attend

the annual meeting

Yours Truly

C. C. Robinson

P.S. Please find Enclosed

(P.O. money order for one Dollar  
for to pay my subscription  
for 1886.

# I. S. RICHARDSON,

PROPRIETOR OF

## Lake City Livery and Sale Stable.

WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR HOTEL LYON.

Lake City, Minn., Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

Mr A. W. Larkham Secty  
Municipality,  
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 in payment my membership fee for 1896. I ought to have paid this long before, and presume would have let it run much longer if your reminder had not come as it had passed from my mind. Please drop my name when the year is up, as I am so situated that I take very little interest in the matter.

Very Respectfully Yours  
I. S. Richardson

1.00

drop  
me.

POSTAL ONE CENT.  
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WAVERLY

ST. PAUL  
NOV 13

United States of America.



THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

R. W. Satham  
207 Kasota Block  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

Waverly Ia Nov 12 1896

Dear Sir: The place of meeting of the  
Northeast Ia. Hort. Society is Osage.  
The meeting has been put off until the third  
Tuesday of Dec. to allow members to attend  
other meetings.

That plate was mailed a day later than  
the letter so I suppose you have it before  
this time.

Truly  
Elmer Rewee



AMES, IOWA, 11/12 1894

Mr A W Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

your letter just recd  
I will try and be there the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
we have disposed of our fruit. Having no  
place to keep it. I assure you I will  
enjoy the meeting very much. But I  
do not see why our President did not  
select one more competent to represent  
our Society. but I am willing to do all I  
can and will

Fraternally yours  
J Sexton



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Mr Latham -

I should, have sent you subject of my paper for coming meeting of society sooner, but little boy has been sick.

Being in Npls this P.M. I called & find you gone, so to business!

I shall offer paper on the following subject if agreeable to your society:

The Minn. Horticultural Society & the District School.

Respy,

H. M. Robertson  
- St. Anthony Park

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WINNEBAGO CITY NURSERIES,

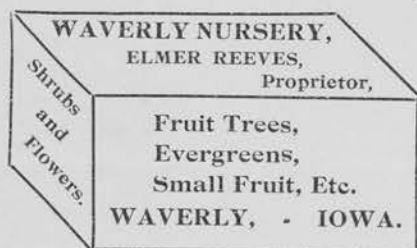
RICHARDSON & SON, Prop'rs.

Winnebago City, Minn. Nov 16 1896

Dear friend your first letter came while we were very  
busy with fall delivery and since then we have been  
hurried getting ready for winter that I have neglected  
to write I will bring a short paper on "Wintbreaks for  
Orchard" and a five minute <sup>paper</sup> on pruning  
I expect to attend the winter meeting My health  
is the best that it has been for several years and as  
the times are hard have to work and do not get time  
to write Do not know what is expected in that  
report on Deciduous trees and shrubs but  
suppose it means Camanmentals  
Yours friend S D Richardson

Northwest Iowa Horticultural Society

Annual Meeting for 1895 at Hampton.



Waverly, Ia., Nov 4 1895

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir: Thanks for your kind invitation to attend your meeting. I shall do so if our district meeting does not conflict.

It will probably be held the first and second of Dec, and if I am not mistaken yours is the same week.

I will send you the half-tone cut from which that portrayal was printed as per your request. I shall want to use it again before long so would like it returned as soon as you have used it.

As to my connection with horticultural work and societies - I took quite an interest in the planting of trees when I was a small boy and by the time I was fourteen years of age had helped my father plant about twenty acres to orchard and forest trees. A large part of the forest trees were larch and the gone is the largest and best in the north-west so far as I know.

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Father also kept a nursery of evergreens and some other trees and there are many fine groves in the county that were planted from trees grown in his nursery. I enjoyed the work among the trees, and in 1881 attended the Iowa Agricultural College to get the benefit of instruction from Prof. J. S. Budd. After leaving the college I worked for a time with C. S. Patten of Charles City, the well known nurseryman and originator of so many valuable varieties of apples.

In 1884 I bought twenty acres of land at Waverly and have since that time put in my best endeavors to build up a home and a substantial nursery business. Have experimented with whatever appeared promising and aim to keep posted on horticultural matters.

I first attended the Iowa State horticultural meeting in January 1883, <sup>when I was the only boy in the society</sup> and have attended regularly since.

In 1886 I met with a few friends at Hampton and assisted in organizing the

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Secretary's Office

ELMER REEVES, SECY.  
EDSON GAYLORD, TREAS.

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**WAVERLY NURSERY,**  
ELMER REEVES,  
Proprietor,

*Shrubs  
and  
Flowers.*

Fruit Trees,  
Evergreens,  
Small Fruit, Etc.

**WAVERLY, - IOWA.**

Waverly, Ia, ..... 1895.

Dear Sir:

Northeast Iowa Horticultural Society.

The success of this society has been very gratifying and it is doing a good work for the homes of North Iowa and the adjoining country. In 1888 I was elected secretary of the society and annually reelected for several years. The work of the office was a pleasant change from regular work and business and through it I have made many pleasant acquaintances. Have visited the state societies of Minnesota and Wisconsin and each winter try to spend two to four weeks at horticultural meetings.

For several years I wrote regularly for papers but press of work caused me to drop it but I hope to take it up again in the not distant future.

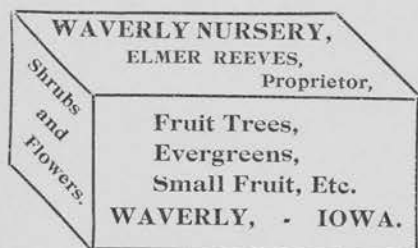
The above you may use as you see fit. It is of course but plain facts.

Very truly

Emmer Reeves

Northwest Iowa Horticultural Society.

Annual Meeting for 1895 at Hampton.



Waverly, Ia., Oct 28 1895

W. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir: At the last meeting of our North Ia Hort. society it was arranged that any one who would attend meetings of other societies should be considered delegates so it is likely we will have a delegate at your meeting.

I believe that C. F. Gardner of Osage intends going and as you are probably acquainted with him you will know that he is a horticulturist. He will stand working for a paper and if he attends the meeting you will have full liberty to treat him as a 'sponge' and 'squeeze' him as often as possible.

Glad to know that your society is still prospering.

We had a big crop of apples - mostly summer and fall varieties and winter varieties are not keeping as well as usual.

Very truly  
Elmer Reeves

Sturley, Oct 24, 1896

Dear sir:

The blank you sent me to fill out, have I lost track of this evening; I can not answer the questions anyway as this isnt a fruit country yet I hope it will be before many years it is first the last few years people have begun to plant any trees, the man I work for has a young <sup>(6 acre)</sup> orchard consisting of various kinds such as ben-davis, wallbridge, winesap and others.

A number of farmers has put out out orchards, but never took care of them afterwards, however if a man takes care of them they seems to do well, as far as

kind goes I am afraid most of them isn't hardy enough for our climate.

There is of course a few orchard old enough to bear, such as Mrs. Alderman's at Hurley here I think is mostly wealthy and dutchess that seems to be the two leading varieties here for crabs whitney No. 2 is mostly used. There is no grapes raised in this county that I know of. I hope in a few years to raise some myself.

For further information I think it would be wise to address the above named lady as she has some thing like 140 acres of apple trees.

Dr. Laurens Hanson, Viborg, S. Dak has good many acres in fine condition. Wealthy and dutchess.

respectfully yours

Ole Rasmussen

box 191, Hurley, S. Dak

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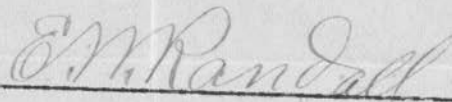
A. W. Latham, Sec'y,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We have begun work upon the preparation of material for our annual report. As you doubtless remember, you wrote a brief article last year upon the State Horticultural Society which was included in my report. I wish you would send me a similar article to be included this year.

Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience, I am

Yours truly,



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Hon. Wyman Elliot,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We have begun work upon the preparation of the annual report. May I trouble you to send at your early convenience a report of your department to preface the list of premiums and awards in Division "G"?

The work of re-soiling the race track is nearly half done.

Yours truly,

*E. W. Randall*

SECRETARY.

*In regard to Latham I wish to pursue the same course as last year  
you prepare the report and I will look it over with you  
and make such suggestions as may seem proper*

*Fraternally  
Wyman Elliot*

The University of Minnesota

School of Agriculture

ST. ANTHONY PARK, MINN.,

Oct. 20,

1896

Secy A. H. Latham  
Mpls. Minn.

My Dear Sir:- In reply to yours of the 16th, will say that I shall esteem it a privilege to prepare a paper for the Dec. meeting of your Horticultural Society.

If you desire to have the subject of my paper submitted please so inform me at such time as you shall need it.

Respectfully

Wm Robertson

Wadena Oct 17

A W Latham

Wapz

Dear Sir

My answer to your inquiry will  
I fear not prove very satisfactory. In fact I am  
so situated that it is not possible for me to  
know on final out just how much fruit of  
these varieties are grown here. But I know of  
many who have tried different varieties of  
apples and small fruit. But the result  
in most all cases has been failure. I am  
trying in a small way some of the small fruit  
also some Plums and hope at some future time to  
report at least a measure of success  
Yours  
E W Rice

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Friend Latham:

Your card is recd. In my opinion there should be an article, descriptive of this years exhibit, written as a preface for the list of awards in the Horticultural Dept, and a separate article regarding the Horticultural Society, similar to the ones of a year ago, copies of which I enclose. It would please me to have each written "at greater length" than last year.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. Randall

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A. W. Latham, Sec'y,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor is received. Please tell Mr. Nagel that the error by which he was charged with a season ticket will be promptly corrected.

I will take pleasure in complying with your request to read a brief paper at the next meeting of the State Horticultural Society, upon the subject which you assign.

Sincerely yours,

*E. W. Randall*

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A. W. Latham, Sec'y,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find check for \$75.47 in payment of the expense account in the Horticultural Department at the Fair. Please sign the enclosed vouchers in duplicate and return them to this office.

Yours truly,

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A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 17th is received. The following were the premiums awarded for collection of apples by amateurs:-

- 1st Chas. Luedloff.
- 2nd Wm. Oxford.
- 3rd W. L. Parker.
- 4th Sidney Corp.
- 5th Ditus Day.

The copy given you was a copy of list made up for the papers to be published during the Fair and was made up very hurriedly, which is doubtless the cause of the mistake. No second premium was awarded in Lot 144.

Yours truly,

E. W. Randall, Sec'y.

(W)