



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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New Ulm Nursery,

HARDY FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES,
SHRUBBERY OF ALL KINDS.

POSTOFFICE BOX 277.

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New Ulm, Minn., Dec 23rd 1902

A. W. Latham Secy
Minneapolis
Minn.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed find \$1.00 for Membership fees
of Mr. Frank H. Antsbauer Franklin Minn.
Please send him also the Premiums Green Amateur
fruit growing and 4 Patten Green Root Grafts and 4 Virginia
in the Spring 1903, I shall try and send in
sum from here before long with mine

Respectfully yours Truly

John Zeller



FRANK YAHNKE,



PLEASANT VALLEY NURSERY
and FRUIT FARM

HEADQUARTERS FOR
LOUDON RASPBERRIES.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 29, 1902

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

Dear Sir: -

Inclosed I send you
an application for the
one thousand dollar apple.
I see in the regulations
that one copy of the applica-
tions ~~to the~~ should be sent
to the chairman of the
awarding committee.

If this is necessary, please
send me another blank
and I will do so. I wish
you a Happy New Year.

Yours fraternally,
Frank Yahnke,

Post

Recorded - Dec. 30, 1902

Fill out this Form carefully and direct to A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,
207 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM

Competitors for the \$1000 Prize

Offered By The

MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

FOR A

SEEDLING APPLE TREE.

1. Name and address of Competitor (who must also be the owner of the seedling tree entered in competition.)

Frank Yahnske, Homer Road,
Winona, Minn.

2. Where is the tree growing?

In my orchard.

3. Describe location of tree and its surroundings. The orchard in which the tree grows is located on the west side, at the foot of a hill, and about 100 feet above water level.

4. From what seed was it grown? It was grown from a root sprout of a tree killed in 1873.

5. What is the age of the tree? About thirty years from the root sprouts.

6. Describe its size and shape. It grew up in two sprouts and formed two trunks, one is about a foot in diameter, and the other 8 inches. It is a spreading grower, covering a space 40 feet square.

7. Has it ever blighted or sun-scalded, and if so, when and to what extent?

It has never blighted and or sun-scalded.

8. Has the tree ever been injured by the winter, and to what extent?

It has never been injured by hard winters, and bore a crop of fruit in 1899.

9. Has it ever received injury from any other cause, and what?

The top ^{crop} of the main trunk has been broken off by a wind storm when heavy laden with fruit.

10. In what years has it borne fruit, and the amount of the crop?

It is an annual bearer. The crop in 1902 was fifteen bushels of picked fruit.

Remarks: I have sold some of the grafted trees to different trees and as far as I know they are doing well.

11. What is the size, color, shape and quality of the fruit? A large size, a rich red color, shading into a golden towards the calyx, with a more or less russet around the stem. Round and slightly oblong shaped. The fruit is of excellent quality.

12. What length of time has the fruit kept, and under what conditions?

Fruit has kept through March in an ordinary cellar.

13. What care has the tree had and is now receiving, as to cultivation, manuring, protection from the winds, from sun-scald, etc.?

It had all the abuse a tree could have had without killing it until it began to bear. After that it had the same care as the other trees in my orchard.

14. Is the competitor willing to furnish scions from the tree for trial to the trial-stations of the society under the personal promise of the superintendents of the stations (the society not to be held responsible) not to part with them without the owner's consent?

Yes.

15. Has the tree ever been propagated, and if so by whom, when and to what extent?

It has been propagated by myself since it began to bear, on a small scale.

16. Have grafts of the variety ever borne fruit, and if so state all the facts in relation thereto. I have grafted trees of them. Some of them bore 15 bushels per tree this year.

17. Each competitor must furnish to the Minnesota State Experiment Station, for trial, scions from the tree entered. State whether these will be sent, and when. These should be cut during mild weather in the winter, and before sap starts in the spring, and can be sent safely by mail if wrapped in a damp cloth with waxed paper. They should be directed to the chairman of the Awarding Committee: Prof. S. B. Green, St. Anthony Park, Minn.

Yes.

18. Will you show a plate of fruit annually at the winter meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, as required by No. 7 of the Regulations governing this award? This meeting is held in Minneapolis, Minn., the first Tuesday in December, and such fruit should be sent to the secretary's address before that date.

I will send scions to Prof. S. B. Green, St. Anthony Park, Minn., as soon as possible.