



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Bureau of Plant Industry,
Northern Great Plains Field Station.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Sept 23, 1914

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

Dear Mr. Latham,

I have your letter of the 22nd, asking me to contribute a paper at the coming annual meeting Dec. 1-4.

I shall be glad to present the subject which I suggested some time ago, "The Importance & Value of Dwarf fruit trees for the Northwest"

This is a subject in which I am very much interested in and I will be glad to start an interest in it.

Very truly yours
Max Pfander.

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Charles City, Iowa
Sep. 8-14

Friend Latham,

Yesterday I Express
you a box of Pears, a few
plums also. My Seckel No. 2
is I think ready to eat.

Keiffer No. 2, I saw later.
These two seedlings are
both good first and has born
every year for four or five years,
second two years.

My Pear Experiment is working
splendidly. Seed saved to improve
in quality and size.

You will also find two other
sorts Jap. marked an Chinese Sand
and Orel B. And a few
plums. Wanted to come up to
see you and go out to your station
but too much to look after, and

to little strength. but am getting
strong again. Hope you are
well and letting the young ones
do the work.

Will send you a little box
of plums today. Just something
for Prof. Beach, and Mrs.
Graham of Adel, and guess I
may have gotten a little mixed
in my memory.

Sincerely

C. G. Patten

F. W. PAINE
708 SELLWOOD BUILDING
DULUTH

September 9th. 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y.,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 9th. instant is received.

I enclose herewith Post Office money order for
50¢ for which please send me the book of "Amateur Fruit
Growing".

Very truly yours,

F. W. Paine

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9.14.14

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RURAL PHONE 620

NEW ULM, MINN.

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A. W. Lutham Esq.
Mpls.

Dear Sir!

Herewith please find my check for \$3.²⁵ for which please send by mail or Express, your choice

American Hort. Manual 2 Vols Bud Hansen. -

If this is not enough - kindly advise me. -

Want to give you an item for Minn. Hort. if you want to make use of it.

Four years ago I budded Bokhara Peach #3 on plum & planted a tree on the south side of the house. - Last year it had several good peaches on it.

This season there were about 50 flowers on it & set about 15 fruits. -

Now have 11 (eleven) good large Peaches on the tree, they are just commencing to color up beautifully. - The fruit is as large as any large Peach. Expect them to be fully ripe in about a week or two. - Intend to keep the pits and plant them carefully. - The tree was not protected and came thru the winter in perfect condition, not a twig was frozen back. - The bud was inserted near the ground & it is a good large tree. - If possible I shall get a photo of them on the tree & also after taking them off. -

Very respectfully

Wm. Pfander Jr.

A. S.

New Ulm Minn.

Bokhara peach on plum - at ~~Monticello~~ New Ulm -



ANDREW E. FRITZ
PUBLIC EXAMINER

Office of the Public Examiner

St. Paul

August 8, 1914.

A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I transmit copy of the report of the
examination of the books and records of the Minnesota State
Horticultural Society for the year ending Dec. 1, 1913.

Yours very truly,

Andrew E. Fritz

Public Examiner.

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Examined by John Swinborne

MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Examination covers one year ending Dec.1, 1913

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Chap.337 Sec.60 G.L.1905

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Financial Report

Ending December 1, 1913 (Secretary's book)

Receipts

Balance Dec.1, 1912 (per last report)		\$ 104.83
Annual fees 1912	\$ 7.00	
" 1913	2,485.00	
" 1914	243.00	
" 1915	2.00	
Life Membership fees	<u>210.00</u>	2,947.00
Books sold		38.50
Apples sold at annual meeting 1912		106.42
Cuts sold		16.98
Banquet tickets sold		146.00
Hennepin County Savings Bank		800.00
Society Treasurer		275.00
Garden Flower Society		50.00
Sundries		<u>31.64</u>
		4,516.37

Disbursements

<u>Salaries</u>			
Stenographer and clerk 1 yr.			600.00
<u>Office Expense</u>			
Postage	748.73		
Telephone & gas	54.23		
Freight & express	33.09		
Stationery & supplies	<u>187.31</u>		1,023.36
<u>Miscellaneous Expenditures</u>			
Extra stenographic work			37.74
Rent			332.50
Expenses Executive Board	50.00		
" Vice President	23.45		
" Trial Stations	25.41		
" Annual Meeting	<u>276.63</u>		375.49
Reporting			228.75
Discounting in Membership fees			532.45
Expenses of Delegates			235.26
Plant premiums			51.52
Society Banquet			196.50
Nursery premiums			18.20
printing			279.30
Premium books			126.63
Officers bonds			15.00
society Treasurer			165.00
Sundries			74.94
Hennepin county Savings Bank			200.00
Balance Dec.1, 1913			<u>23.73</u>
			4,516.37

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND DRUGS
 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 OF THE
 EXCELSIOR FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING
 DECEMBER 31, 1913
 PREPARED BY
 J. W. LUMBORNE
 SPECIAL EXAMINER

Treasurer's Account

Geo. W. Strand, Treasurer

Receipts

Balance December 1, 1912	\$4,919.18
State appropriation, Chap. 337 Sec. 60 G.L. 1905	2,500.00
Receipts Nov. 29, 1912 to June 19, 1913	3,578.28
Receipts June 19, 1913 to Nov. 26, 1913	914.36
	11,911.82

Disbursements

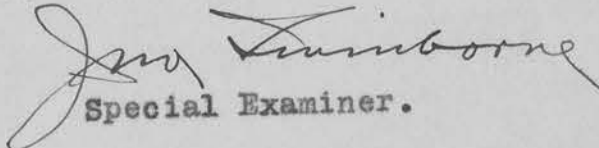
Secretary's salary 1st. quarter	\$ 450.00	
" " 2nd "	450.00	
" " 3rd "	450.00	
" " 4th "	450.00	1,800.00
Expense secretary's office		4,492.64
Premiums Annual Meeting		355.55
" Summer Meeting		156.00
Excelsior Fruit Growers Association		150.00
H. R. Kelsey (Lights)		52.00
Balance Dec. 1, 1913		4,905.63
		11,911.82

Balance made up of open bank account	\$405.63
Certificates of Deposit @ 3%	4500.00
	4905.63

Balance and Certificates of Deposit verified

The Security National Bank balance April 1, 1904	510.43
Treasurer's balance April 1, 1914	507.35
Checks out	1.33
	.40
	1.35
	3.08
	\$510.43
	\$510.43

Respectfully submitted,


 Special Examiner.

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Charles City, Iowa.

July 29, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Your kind letter of May 5th has not been answered and you will readily discover the reason when I tell you that after the spring work was done I was wholly worked out and have had to take a long rest, so that has delayed a good deal of my correspondence. I over worked last year and have had to pay the price. The heat has been intolerable here but I am getting stronger and feeling more like myself again.

The clipping which you enclosed in reference to our State Society securing a larger appropriation for the work here has been under consideration but is no certainty yet.

We might as well say that we have no apples here though an occasional tree bears. Plums are a fair crop, pears only a moderate one. Drought too severe here all last season.

More blight on the apple than for several years, much more than on the pear. None on my Chinese Sand trees.

The young seedlings have made a fine growth. Have purposely kept the two year seedlings growing to see if they would blight.

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A. W. L. -3-

It has been a season of remarkable vegetable growth and it seems strange to see so many very thrifty barren trees.

I have a goodly number of crosses with those hardy Chinese crosses with several of our nearest non-blighting good pears. I begin to feel that horticultural people will appreciate more in after years ^{the work that I ding} -when I am gone.

I think your Society is wise in making such a general distribution of your new seedlings. In no other way could you get so valuable a test. What is the general fruit outlook in your state?

I sincerely hope that your health has not suffered by the intense heat.

Your friend,

Chas. G. Patten

Expert Breeder of Fruits.

The Horticulturist just came to day. Was not looking for any notice of my work, but thank you just the same. Technical World has a write up in this July number. I some times fear that too much is being said, I have no ambition to be over conspicuous, rather wait for results tho I never see them.

C. G. P.

Mandan, N. D.,

6/26/14.

Mr. A. W. Latham -
Mpls Minn.

\$5.00

Dear Sir -

About 1906 or 1907 I made a
\$¹⁰ payment on the \$¹⁰ life membership
in the Minn. Hist Soc. but went in
a position to make the additional \$⁵
payment the following year. In talking
with Mr. Cady last year, he said that
if I would send in the \$⁵ now that
be that I would be made a life
member. I am therefore enclosing
a check for \$⁵. If this is not
satisfactory, kindly return check. I
am now located at Mandan N. D.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Peterson.



Publishes a Monthly Magazine entitled "The Minnesota Horticulturist." Sent free to all members of the Society. Send for copy of the Magazine and Folder containing the "Fruit List" for Minnesota and describing the work of the Society, in publications, methods, etc. Membership fee \$1.00 per annum.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn. 7/16/14

Alfred G. Perkins,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Friend.-

Will it be convenient for you to look over the premium list connected with the vegetable display of last winter at our annual meeting and make suggestions as to any changes in this list which you think would be advisable for the coming meeting of the society, not to increase the amount offered, and as I wish to send the corrected list to the members of the executive board of our society to be passed upon finally for publication in the September Horticulturist if you can return this within a week or ten days it would accommodate us much.

Thanking you in advance for this valued service, I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

Dictated but not read by A.W.L.

per E. M. S.

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Dear Sir

I have looked over the
Premium list and as far as I
can see I think the one we
had last year was quite
Satisfactory

Yours truly
A Perkins

July 7-1914

Mr. A. W. Latham (Secy.)
Minneapolis - Minn. -

Dear Sir -

Enclosed please find
the premium check for
two dollars which I am
returning, unendorsed,
because it does not include
the fifty cents premium
which I won as third prize
on forget-me-nots. As you
see in the July "Horticult-
urist" the third prize

winner on forget-me-nots
was not mentioned. I
have spoken about this
to Mrs. Countryman, of
the Garden Flower Society
and she said that as
she and Mrs. Ruff dis-
tributed the prize ribbons
they remember my name
in the judge's book. If you
will kindly look this up,
I shall be much obliged.
Yours truly
Miss Marjorie Knowles

St. Paul - Minnesota -
452 Lincolnton Ave. -

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St. Paul, Minn.,

June 28th 1914

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 19th inst. I now have the pleasure to send you ^{under separate cover} a photo of myself and four others illustrating the "Preparation & marketing of vegetables"

Am sorry to have kept you waiting so long but hope the saying "Better late than never" will apply in this case —

See back of pictures for description

Yours truly

A. Perkins

P.S. - Mr. G. O. Ostergren's address is, Gladstone R 2 and if you make use of the pictures furnished by him and he is not a member of the Hort. Soc? Please send him a copy of the magazine containing the illustrations. A.P.



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RURAL PHONE 620

NEW ULM, MINN.

Jan. 12th 1914.

A. W. Latham Esq. Sec'y.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 10th inst. regarding the "One acre orchard" proposition came to hand. This is certainly worth while trying, and you may send me about 200 of the circulars explaining the prizes &c.

I think I have one party that will compete in this offer.

Very respectfully,

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Wm. Pfander Jr.

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Charles City, Iowa Jan. 13. 1914

Mr. Geo. W. Strand,
Taylor's Falls, Minn.

My Dear Sir,
I enclose receipt
for the fifty dollars which was
most kindly sent me by your
State Society. I scarcely need say
that I appreciate it very greatly.

It is certainly gratifying for
me to know, as the years have come
along, that the State and Government
officials who have visited me in
recent years, are unanymous in
expression of satisfaction. Governor
Clark paid me a very high compliment
in an address to our State Society
at its recent meeting, for the public
spirited way in which I was carrying
on the fruit-breeding work. Wishing your
health and prosperity, I am, truly yours,
Charles G. Patten

No snow. 10 below yesterday morning. mild and cloudy this
morning. Was ill for some time after the Des. train's pulling
out. Hence delay

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A. W. Latham Esq.
Mpls

New Ulm Minn 1/23/14

Dear Sir: Kindly have me entered in the above with the understanding that I may withdraw, in case I sell plants.—

*Very resp
Wm. Pfander, Jr.*

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Wm. Pfander, Jr. Prop.
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Jan. 13, 1914

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend,

Your letter of fully
a month ago is still unanswered,
and you are no doubt wondering why
and how I will try to tell you.
Briefly I went to your State meeting taking
a heavy winter over coat expecting
that the cloudy damp weather would change
any day to a North West Twister, I seemed
to have no use for it and generally went
out without it, and so began very
gently to take cold, which slowly came
along during the Des. Moines meeting.
I felt so well and strong that I
expected to easily get rid of it when
I reached home, but it got me, and

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and kept me down, or in doors, for two weeks. And that with my much going put me a long way behind with my writing and other work.

Am however now about as good as ever, and getting ready for Spring.

No snow here, about ten below this morning. Soak a little dangerous.

Perhaps it would be as well to use the Paper that I gave at your meeting.

The remarks which I made following the reading of it were I hoped a good supplement to it, but unfortunately, for me, at least, Mr. Long happened to be away until near the close of my remarks.

I remember sending, by your request, a photo of self. Some when I also have one taken by the Pear trees, last summer. My Paper for the Panalogical Society is quite lengthy, considerably historical

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and quite different from the one you have. Possibly you might consider it of enough value to use it later.

But I thought the one you have, with its suggestions, fairly appropriate at this stage of our breeding work.

You may have noticed in the Circular sent out by the Secretary of the Pomological Society that in his reference to the papers furnished, that he gave mine a creditable position in his notes.

Of course I take full freedom in writing to you, for you know that I am only anxious for the best good.

Shall be glad to hear from you. Hope you may have a healthful and happy Year.

Always, with Best Wishes,

Chas. G. Patten

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Charles City, Iowa, Feb 20 - 14

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Friend,

Your letter of yesterday received this a.m.
Referring to my Paper, will say
that in justice to the actors, and the histor-
ical feature of it. I should have added
at the close of the first paragraph on
the second page the following.

"The work of messrs J. C. Plum of
Milton, N. M. Palmer, and J. S. Freeborn
of Richland County Wisconsin,
Contributed not a little to this
rapidly growing interest."

And, to make it more complete, at the close
of the 2d. paragraph. "And it should not be
forgotten that after the fullest test of these
Foreign varieties not a single winter apple of
any value had been discovered." C. G. Patten

Was pleasantly surprised yesterday by a
three hours visit with Mr. Judlow
of Worthington

Respectfully submitted

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Osses Min Jan 14th 14

Mr A W Latham:-

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find
postals No 1 & 2 taken of my
residence and no 3 is
train loaded with melons
by the house.

On the seat are my
youngest son and a
visitor, on the rear of
the wagon is my second
son, while Jack standing
about midway of wagon
No 4 & 5 represents the
melon patch with a
pile just-picked with
myself & son also visitors

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visitors and myself
sampling them

Use whatever you like
of these and please
return them when
you are through with
them. Yours

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