

GODFREY, ILL. ✓

E. A. RIEHL FARM

Purchased Asiatic chestnut seed from Mutual Supply Co.
1934 & 35.

4/5/37 - 15 FP-617 *c. crenata*
15 MAW *c. mollissima*

Julia Riehl

Emma R. Gibbens

Amelia Riehl

E. A. Riehl Farm

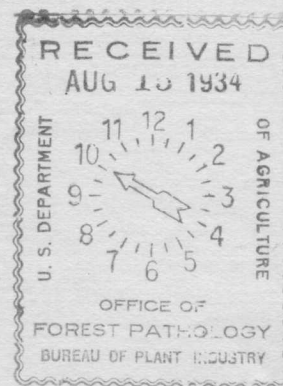
(Evergreen Heights)

Specializing in Peonies, Peony Roots, Nuts and Nut Trees

Godfrey, Illinois

Aug. 13, 1934

Dr. G. F. Gravatt,
U. S. Dept of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Dr. Gravatt :-

It is very kind of you to remember my needs; to remind me to order seed and tell me where to get it. I am writing the Mutual Supply Co. today.

This is the worst drought that we have ever known. There was very little snow and rainfall through the winter, and now we have had no rain for about seventy days. There have been good showers within a few miles of us on all sides, but they never happen to strike us. We lost every bit of chestnut seed we planted last spring, including the Chinese seed sent us by your Department. Also some fine seedlings which Dr. Smith sent us. Nut trees of various ages from 2 to 40 years old are dying by the dozens. Chestnut trees that are on the hillsides suffer most. Occasionally a tree is blighted, but most of the damage is caused by drought.

Truly
Amelia Riehl