

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS.

Mrs. Wilfrid O. White of Mrs. Ruth E. White

11/10/39: 10 FP-56 Castanea mollissima
10 FP-845 " "
10 FP-831D " "
10 FP-831E " "
10 FP-823 " "
10 FP*791 " " hybrids
10 FP-790 Mixed chestnut hybrids
10 FP-48 Castanea crenata, cultivated
10 FP-795 " " , "
10 FP*794 " " , forest type

10/7/40:--On 3-5% slope; young growth chlorotic, suggestive of lack of minor elements. SCS Assoc. HORT. J. M. Batchelor suggested replaving of trees to a contour system with beach plumbs and wild grapes as understory.

1950--FP-1467 "Fast growing chestnuts [scions?] from George Graves, who now owns the land.

Vineyard Haven, Mass.

George Graves

4/6/50--Said he could supply chestnut scions if still desired.

4/21/50--GFG said would like to get them if still dormant.

FP-1467--"Fast growing chestnuts from George Graves, Vineyard Haven, Mass." [Should these not be scions?]

Undated letter [1950] from George Graves, Vineyard Haven, Mass., to Mr. Morrison:

**** Mrs. W. O. White planted these trees in 1939 *Martha's Vineyard or Boston, Mass.*

My reason for wanting a positive record on the lot is because one of them is outstanding. While most of the lot vary from handsome, wide-spreading bushes to low-headed trees, this individual is a sure enough tree. It is about 20 feet tall and is about 5 inches through at the butt. It has done this without pruning in soil which is very low in nitrogen and is sodded over with Andropogon scoparius, wild roses--R. virginiana, I think--and Myrica pensylvanica. In addition it is subjected to an almost constant southwest wind and has had its lower branches horned badly by wild deer. I have never given it any care until this past year, when I started to mow the ground cover about twice a season. Also, I have removed the injured lower branches. The tree has never had any feeding until this spring when I happened to be going by with some ammonium nitrate and broadcast a little beneath it.

I mentioned it somewhere and word got to dr. Gravatt of Forest Pathology in Beltsville who asked for and got some scions. What he made of them, I don't know. I hope that he succeeds with them, [over]