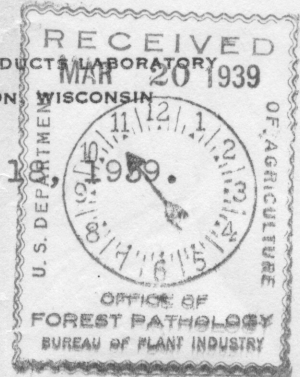


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Mr. G. F. Gravatt,
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Dear Mr. Gravatt:

Today Mr. Harry D. Tiemann, Dry Kiln Expert at the Forest Products Laboratory, told me of two American chestnut trees growing in central Wisconsin. They are healthy, about 60 years old, with a diameter of 18 inches. They bear very good chestnuts. Mr. Tiemann believes the trees were planted since they are growing along the fence on the land of one of his neighbors. Mr. Tiemann has a seedling about 3 years old, raised from a nut. He had many more, but they have been destroyed by rodents, especially the squirrels.

I thought you would be interested in these trees. As they are growing so far away from the active chestnut blight, it seems possible a small group of them could survive. Slips and a growth hormone solution might be used and the trees planted, scattered among the trees in the Wisconsin forests. I believe that Wisconsin foresters would be glad to watch them.

My regards to Mrs. Gravatt and other friends in the office.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline Rumbold

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