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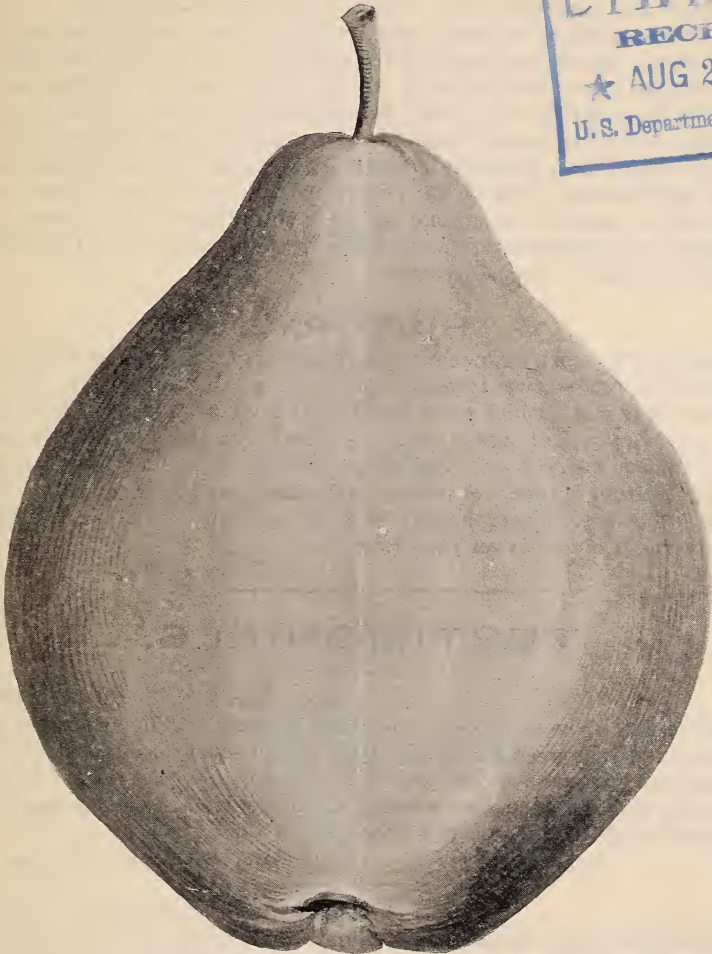


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# The Rossney Pear.



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## PIONEER NURSERIES COMPANY

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

## DESCRIPTION.

**A** NEW and excellent pear, raised from seed at Salt Lake City, Utah. In size, medium to large; very fine grain, flesh melting and juicy; very sweet. Ripens two weeks after Bartlett. Is an excellent keeper and shipper. The tree is much stronger than Keiffer. Luther Burbank says, under date of October 5, 1895: "The samples of Rossney Pear arrived in due season. The large size, handsome form, and creamy skin with crimson blush, gives the fruit a tempting appearance; and the tender, creamy flesh, of just the right texture, with no hard spots and an unusual small core, with its superior flavor, makes it about the best pear so far seen. If the tree is vigorous, healthy, and productive, would prefer it to any other, even the standards Bartlett or Seckel."—*Copyrighted 1897.*

## HISTORY.

ROSSNEY PEAR is a chance seedling grown from a lot of seed planted at Salt Lake City about twenty years ago. In the fall when budding, this particular seedling was noticed to be thrifty and a vigorous grower, so it was let stand. At five years of age it bore its first fruit. Since then the tree has borne a full crop every year. The fruit is always of uniform size, shape, and coloring. Neither blight, nor any other disease, has ever in any way affected the tree. The tree is very hardy, both in wood and fruit buds. The fruit always averages much larger than Bartlett.

## TESTIMONIALS.

DANSVILLE, N. Y., October 12, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—The samples of your seedling pear reached us on the 9th, in prime order. It is a most handsome fruit, and of most excellent quality. Its large size, fine grain and flavor, and fine shipping qualities ought to make a combination that would prove a winner. If the tree is hardy and a good bearer, it possesses about all the qualities necessary in a pear.

Yours very truly,                      GEORGE A. SWEET (Nurseryman.)

LITTLE SILVER, N. J., September 5, 1897.

GENTLEMEN—The samples of Rossney Pear came to hand today, thoroughly ripe, and in good condition. Without exception they are the most beautiful pears that I have ever looked upon. The form and size are good and the quality excellent. If the tree proves a good grower and productive generally, you surely have in it a fruit of untold value. Thanking you for kindness in sending me samples of this most beautiful and promising pear, I am,

Yours truly,                      J. T. LOVETT (Nurseryman.)

ITHACA, N. Y., September 20, 1897.

DEAR SIR—Returning from a summer's absence, I find your letter of the 1st inst., and also the Rossney Pears. These pears have been tested by my assistant and pronounced to be most excellent, two of them still remain, and although they are somewhat over-ripe, I tested them today and agree that the texture and quality are excellent, and the beauty of the pear leaves nothing to be desired.

Yours very truly,                      PROF. L. H. BAILEY,  
*Prof. Horticulture, Cornell University.*

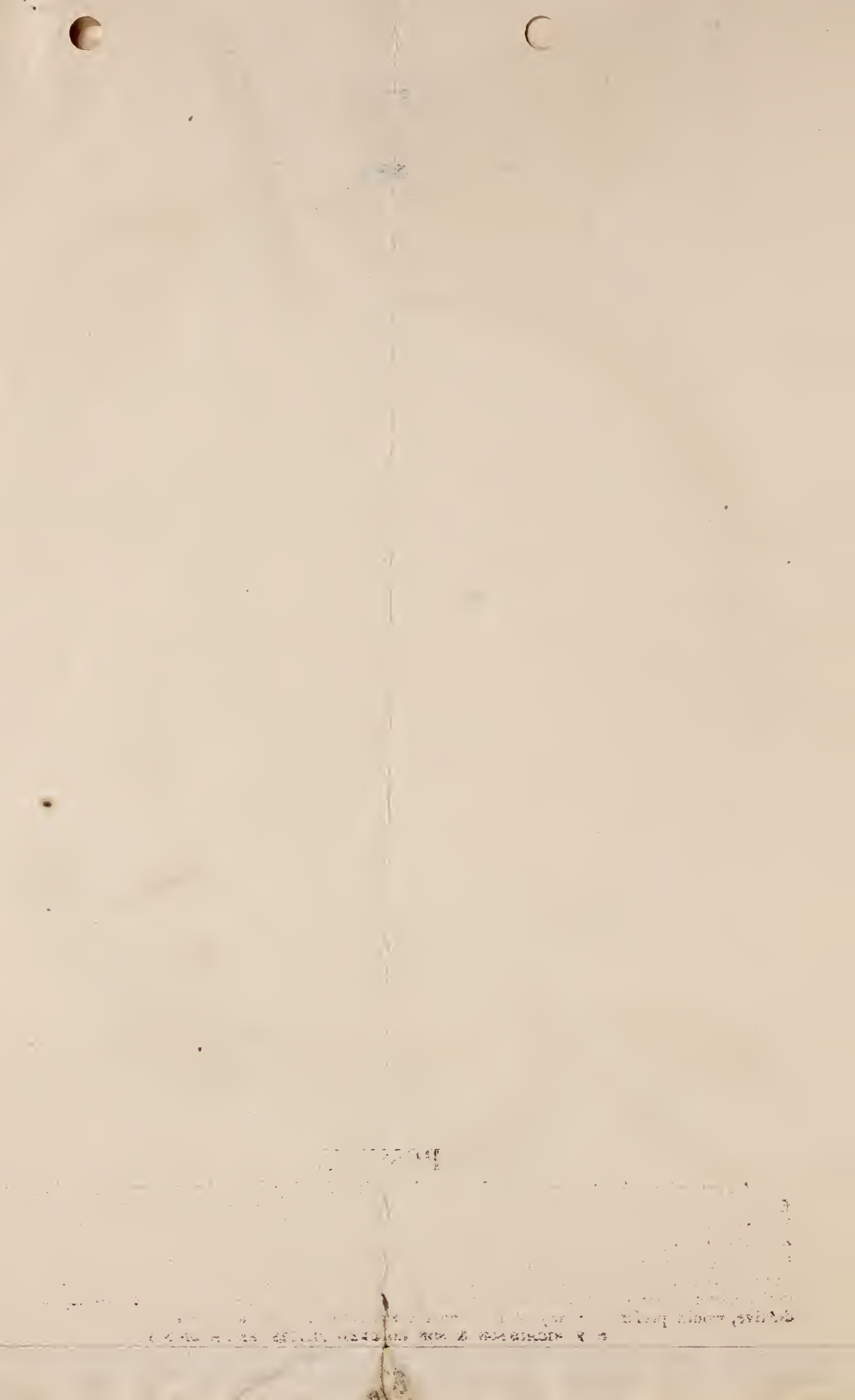
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PAINSVILLE, OHIO, October 8, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—Samples of pears were duly received. Two of them were just right, the other was too far gone to test. It certainly is a handsome pear and of very fine quality, and if it is as good bearer and grower as you state, it should certainly be a very valuable variety.

Yours truly,

THE STORRS & HARRISON CO.

GENEVA, N. Y., September 4, 1897.

GENTLEMEN—Samples of Rossney Pears are received, and were in perfect condition. It is one of the handsomest pears we have seen with its yellow skin and brilliant coloring. The quality is good, and if it will bear transportation well is a valuable acquisition.

Yours truly,

W. & T. SMITH CO. (Geneva Nursery).

BRIDGEPORT, OHIO, September 13, 1897.

MY DEAR SIR—Your esteemed favor of the first came duly to hand, also the samples of Rossney Pears. We have examined them and are very favorably impressed with the quality and size, and believe it is about the finest pear we have seen for a long time. What are your intentions with regard to it? Are you going to introduce it? Also state if there is any stock to be had, and your lowest price for same.

Yours very truly,

E. W. REID'S NURSERIES.

GENEVA, N. Y., September 4, 1897.

GENTLEMEN—Samples of Rossney Pear at hand, little over-ripe, but not so much so but that I could readily detect excellent quality, and with the fine red cheek covering one side, and fine size, I should say it might, with the time of ripening you say—two weeks after the Bartlett—be regarded as an acquisition to the list of good pears.

Respectfully,

S. D. WILLARD (Nurseryman).

KINMUNDY, ILL., September 6, 1897.

DEAR SIR—Your letter of the first at hand on the 4th, also samples (three) of Rossney Pear. What beauties! Opened them in a crowd of fruit men, but took them home to eat at my leisure. Really they were too handsome to cut, and as to eating qualities, well, it is equal to the Bartlett at its best. I was completely captivated with those pears, and wondered if such trees as bore such pears could be saved from blight. Shall mention the Rossney in October *Visitor*, which will be a trade edition of 5,000, with colored plates. If you think of putting this pear on the market have a photo made and let some artist make the color finish just as it is, so it can be made into a fine plate. As to description, the copyrighted one is O.K. Hope to hear from you further on.

Yours truly,

E. G. MENDENHALL,

(Editor *Horticultural Visitor*).

OGDEN, UTAH, December 9, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—Replying to your favor of the 5th, will say I think you have a decided acquisition in the Rossney Pear. We seldom find a single variety combining so many good points as does the Rossney. In size it equals Howell, in color it has the rich tints of yellow and carmine of the Clairgeau, in flavor it compares favorably with that old standard of excellency, Bartlett; in trees, as seen growing in your nurseries, Rossney surpasses in clean, thrifty, stocky growth, any variety with which I am acquainted.

Very respectfully,

D. M. MOORE (Nurseryman).



BIGGS, BUTTE CO., CAL., October 28, 1895.

DEAR SIRs—An acknowledgment of your favor of the 27th of September, also samples of the Rossney Pear, has been delayed on account of sickness of the writer. The fruit came in good condition, and we consider that you have a *first-class* pear, and one which will doubtless prove valuable. It is of *good* flavor, and, as our young hopeful said, "tasted like more." Thanking you for your kind remembrance of us, we are,

Yours very truly, ALEXANDER & HAMMON (Nurserymen.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 4, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—Your favor of the 27th ult. and box containing specimens of the Rossney Pear received. We thank you heartily for the trouble you have taken to enable us to see and test the seedling. The pear arrived in good order, but we left the cutting of it a little too long, so that when tested it was slightly over-ripe. It seems to us to have the flavor of the Bartlett, but is not quite so good as that variety in quality. In appearance, too, it resembles the Bartlett, though probably not quite so long, it is more round. If it has, as you say, the vigorous growth of the Keiffer, and its season is two weeks later than the Bartlett; we should say that it has value. We regret that we did not test the fruit a day or two sooner. When you send out the variety we should like to get a tree or some scions so that we might test it in our experimental orchard. Again thanking you for your kindness, we are,

Yours truly, ELLWANGER & BARRY (Nurserymen).

SACRAMENTO, CAL., October 28, 1895.

DEAR SIRs—Yours of the 24th inst. is just received. Your samples of Rossney Pears came to this office in my absence in the east, and they are now too ripe to make a perfect judgment as to their quality. They are fine looking and have a delicate taste, and would seem to promise to be a very good fall pear.

Yours truly,

C. W. REED (Nurseryman and Fruit Grower).

BRIGHTON, N. Y., October 19, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—We send you by merchandise mail today the pear plates, and hope they will be entirely satisfactory. The pears sent ripened up beautifully and taxed our most brilliant colors to match the coloring. We have sampled them since painting, and all agree that they are as good as they look. Remarkably fine grained and excellent flavor.

Yours very truly, C. F. NICHOLSON & SON,

Manufacturers of Nurserymen's Colored Plates.

The *National Nurseryman* (Horticultural Paper) says in October, 1897, number, under the head of New Varieties:

"ROSSNEY PEAR—We received from the Pioneer Nurseries Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, samples of their Rossney Pear. It is certainly a most desirable fruit. The pears were of handsome form with creamy yellow skin and crimson blush, truly a tempting appearance. And when they were cut, one was impressed at once by the remarkably fine grain; indeed there seemed to be no grain. The flesh is melting, juicy, and very sweet and tender. The flavor is superior. We doubt that the pear can be excelled. The Rossney was raised from seed at Salt Lake City. It is medium to large, ripens two weeks after the Bartletts in Utah and is said to be an excellent keeper and shipper. The Tree is said to be much stronger than Keiffer. Luther Burbank has spoken in high praise of it."

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SANTA ROSA, CAL., October 5, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—The samples of Rossney Pears arrived in due season. The large size, very handsome form, and creamy yellow skin with crimson blush gives the fruit a tempting appearance, and the rich, tender, creamy flesh of just the right texture with no hard spots and an unusually small core, with its superior flavor, make it about the best pear so far seen, and if the tree is vigorous, healthy, and productive, would prefer it to any other, even the standards, Bartlett and Seckel.

Respectfully,

LUTHER BURBANK (Fruit Grower and Originator of New Fruits).

GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 3, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—Your pears arrived in good condition. They are very attractive, both in size and coloring, and the quality very good. They are very juicy and sugary, and would please most palates. The relative merits, as compared with other varieties fruiting in the Salt Lake Region, cannot, of course, be judged of here. It would be well, if you could, to compare it with Josephine de Malines, which, however, is not near ripe here at this date.

Yours very truly, THOMAS MEEHAN & SON, (Nurserymen).

NILES, ALAMEDA CO., CAL., October 4, 1893.

GENTLEMEN—The box of seedling pears you shipped us on September 18th, last, arrived here in excellent condition; they were then quite firm, since, all have ripened finely; the little color they had was nearly covered the one-half side of the fruit. We found them rich and melting, fine grained, and of an exquisite flavor. They will prove a valuable addition to our shipping pears.

Truly yours, CALIFORNIA NURSERY CO.,  
(Nurserymen and Fruit Growers).

WOODBURN, ORE, October 12, 1893.

GENTLEMEN—Yours of some time ago received, also the pears, which came through in good condition. We think you have a very nice thing in this, and it seems to be a good keeper, we having eaten the last one yesterday, especially so as it has been here in the office, where it has been quite warm all the time. As it has a very rich color and stands shipping well, we think it should be a valuable addition to the pear list.

Yours truly,

J. H. SETTLEMEIR & SON (Nurserymen).

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, December 10, 1895.

GENTLEMEN—As to the Rossney Pear, I take pleasure in saying that I have seen it growing and bearing. The tree is a strong grower, thrifty, shapely, and stocky; should think would do well in any ordinary climate. Without stopping to detail the qualities of the fruit, would say it partakes of many of the most desirable points of our varieties. It is handsome, of medium size, delicious flavor and remarkably fine texture. Should think it would be an excellent shipper and command the best price on any market. You certainly have a winner.

Yours very truly, PHILLIP A. DIX,

President "Utah State Board of Horticulture."

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, January 10, 1896.

GENTLEMEN—It gives us pleasure to testify to the many good qualities of your seedling pear, the Rossney. We have found it very fine grained, melting, juicy, sweet, and very small core, and we think it as good as the best, not excepting Bartlett or any other variety with which we are acquainted. Its

high rich coloring should add to its market value, and as it ripens two or three weeks after Bartlett it will come in at a time when very few good pears are on sale. The Rossney as a grower surpasses by far in thrifty, stocky growing, any variety we have seen.

Yours truly,

SALT LAKE NURSERY CO. (Nurserymen).

GALVESTON, TEX., November 28, 1897.

DEAR SIRS—Yours of recent date to hand. I regret that you failed to receive my letter acknowledging receipt of Rossney Pears you kindly sent me several months ago. While, with their golden skin and red cheeks, they were as beautiful as the pictures in a fruit catalogue, they did not belie their looks when it came to testing their quality, which was most excellent. It is a splendid variety and is bound to become popular when better known.

Yours truly, H. M. STRINGFELLOW (Fruit Grower).

NORMAL, ILL., August 3, 1898.

GENTLEMEN—The "Rossney Pear" trees purchased of you last Spring have made a fine growth, and I am well pleased with them. The fruit is good size, fine quality, and very juicy, having the flavor of the Bartlett; rich in color, making it magnificently attractive as a market pear. In my orchard of 300 pear trees I prize the "Rossney" far above all the other varieties. I expect big returns from it.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN R. DODGE,  
Small Fruit Grower.

We have many testimonials from other leading Nurserymen and Fruit Growers. Orders will be booked as received, and filled in rotation. Trees will be sent out under seal and every precaution taken to prevent error and fraud.

Price, 5 to 7 feet trees, 2 years, \$2.00 each.

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