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A Brief History of J. F. Jones' Nursery, Erie, Illinois

J. F. Jones' Nursery which was established by my Father, was moved last spring to Erie, Illinois. My Father's main interest was always growing the best varieties of nut trees by asexual propagation, although he was well known in nursery circles for the growing of cherry trees and fruit tree root stocks. The nursery was first established at Mountain Grove, Missouri in 1896. In the Year 1901 it was moved to Monticello, Florida with the chief purpose of specializing in the growing of budded pecan trees. From there my Father shipped the first carload of budded pecan trees ever shipped up to that time. In 1906 he went to Jeanerette, Louisiana to establish a large pecan orchard. While in the South he grew a number of northern varieties of nut trees for the northern trade and through the personal acquaintance of the late J. G. Rush of West Willow, Pa., and with his encouragement, my Father moved to Lancaster, Pa. in the spring of 1912, there to pioneer in the growing of the best varieties of hardy nut trees he could find and until the time of his death he introduced a number of varieties as well as his hybrid filberts.

Since my Father's death in January of 1928 I continued the growing of hardy nut trees until the war years when I specialized only in the growing of filberts and Chinese chestnut trees. Through work in Nurserymen's Associations, and in the Northern Nut Growers' Association where I also held the office of Secretary for several years, I have been aware of the need for growing good trees that are hardy and disease free. This I am trying to do and it can be accomplished only by having a test planting and keeping accurate records as well as gathering information on the performance of the trees in other areas of the country. This we do, and correspondence is welcomed at all times. My husband, Wesley W. Langdoc, encourages me to devote considerable time to the nursery management because he realizes that the growing of trees is as much of an absorbing hobby to me as it is a business, spiced always with the hope of creating or finding the "perfect" variety. His interests are similar to mine, being interested in teaching Agriculture as well as in Horticulture.

Filberts bear in about two to three years and chestnuts usually follow by about one or two years. The trees of both of these species are not overly large and the crops are easy to harvest. Filberts, among other uses, make an excellent screen hedge of about the size and proportion of a lilac hedge. When plants are so used they should be spaced about six feet apart. Regular spacing for filberts - 20 ft. apart. Chestnuts 40 ft. apart. Plant several varieties of filbert and several chestnut trees for good cross pollination to insure good crops. The trees are ready for shipment now for fall planting and orders should be sent early for spring planting to insure getting your supply because the number of trees available is limited.

Very truly yours

Mildred M. Jones Langdoc
J. F. Jones' Nursery
Erie, Illinois

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