

Deer Park, Md.

Seed mineo, sent '44

Wm a. Chisholms,

4/19/40 - 3 C. mollissima FP-56
4 C. " " S-68

3/28/41 - 20 FP-790 C. mal

Deer Park, (Altamont) Maryland,

25 Chinese chestnuts,
Mrs. George Stewart Brown, 59 Livingston St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y. Apt. 6 C.

Reports (on C.B. questionnaire) that in 1938 her
husband set above trees, obtained from a Va.
nursery, on their place at Altamont (3 mi.
from Deer Park). So far they are in thriving
condition. They are guarded against the
severe winters, since altitude is 3,000 ft.
- 2/11/40.

86666

Japs Mollissima

Caroline Co.

Inf Sent by Collins.

J.W. Kerr, Denton, Md.

Mr. Kerr died perhaps 10 or more years ago.
In 1896 he had these Jap varieties: Black,
Colonel Martin and Kerr.

Had commercial Jap orchard in 1896.

1932 Present owner: Sophie Kerr Underwood,
c/o Curtis Pub. Co., Phila., Pa.
2 trees bearing.

12/8/39 Mrs. S.K. Underwood advises a fine row of chestnut trees
on the place were cut off during the blight and have sprouted.
Her letterhead gives address as 115 E. 38th St., N.Y.C.

Denton, Md.

W-1951

M. M. Skipper [4 1/2 mi. W. of Denton
RR #3. on 404.]

11/13/39 - 14 alder trees, 12 to 34 in. in diam.
& limb spread 50-60 ft. One of the
young trees, 6 yrs. old, 3 1/2" diam.
1 1/2 ft from ground, 18 ft. high;
has borne 2 crops. Trees prob.
30-60 yrs. old, bear good crops,
apparently blight resistant. Trees
bloom June 10-15, drop nuts Sept 10-30.

Netwiler purchasing the 1940 crop, 700 or 800
lbs. at 10¢. About 300 lbs. are for a Mr. Davis or Davidson in SCS.
See photos attached. (over)

Crown diam. of tree # 15 is 36 ft.
east to west + 53 ft N to S,
bare 201 # of nuts in 1940.

all trees bare 1199 #

above per letter of
Dec. 2. 1940 from
Shipper to detweiler



M M Skipper: RD #

Denton, Ind., finds a
seedling jay chestnut
tree at edge of his lawn.

Tree is 4" dbh, not
over 7 yrs old from seed
(Mr Skipper thinks it is
probably 6 yrs old).

In 1940 it bore 74 nuts
weighing 3 lbs (25 nuts per

16 of the largest nuts weigh
1 lb. No blight

ATSD

10/13/40



This little tree came
from a self-seeded nut
from Shipper's Jap. chest-
tree #15. It came up in
spring of 1939 & in 1940
bore 5 burrs containing
14 nuts.

Wm Shipper, RD 3,
Denton, Tex. bears tree
Parent tree, #15, in backgr.

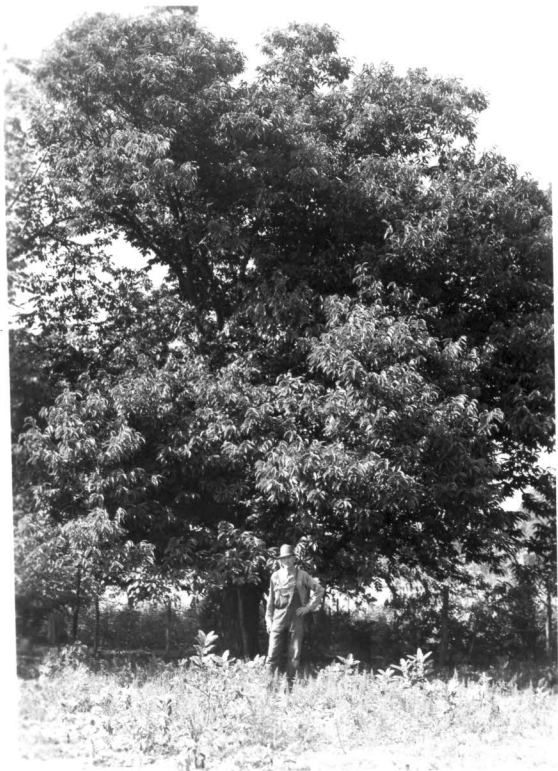
WSD

10/13/40



M M Shipper & Mrs.
Shipper, RD 3 Denton
Md, & their jop chestnut
tree #15 - tree is 8.5 ft
circ at 3 ft above base
& has several blighted
branches (chest bark disease)
but it bears well (over 300
lbs in 1940) & nuts are of
good quality. (no nuts
taken from this tree
for SCs planting).

Tree abt 2250
35 yrs old 10/13/40



2222 Shipper's Jap chest
tree #14, at south end
of row beards lane.

It is about 35 yrs old, 7.5 ft
circ. at 3 ft above base,
bore 203 lbs nuts in
1940. Crown spread is
22 ft to north (right) +
15½ ft to south (left), 29 ft
east (toward camera) + 31 ft
west (over lane). Ht abt

35 ft age abt 35 yrs. No
blyths. Nuts from this tree
taken for sea planting.

- production was 1 lb. per 12 cu
yd. space occupied, measuring
tree as a cylinder 260 10/13/40



^{top about:}
M M Shippers' tree #13
(on left) just north of tree
#14. abt 35 yrs old, abt
35 ft tall, 8.5 ft. circ. at
3 ft above base, bore 147 lbs
nuts in 1940. nobly lit.
nuts taken for seed planting.

SSD

10/13/40



Skippers Jap chest. tree
no 10, abt 35 yrs old,
abt 35-ft tall, 7.0 ft
circ at 3 ft. above base,
no flight, bore 130 lb
nuts in 1940. nuts
taken for planting.

SSD.

10/13/40



4/5 of burrs carry 3 nuts per tree #4.

Shipper's prize tree, no 4.

4.9 ft circ at 3 ft up.

Jap. Chestnut, 35 yrs old by

ring count of pruned branch,
abt 38' tall + crown spread

19 ft N + S. (in row) +

26 ft E + W (cameo facing
west), av. 23 ft. No

blebs, yield 93 lb nuts

in 1940. Best quality of

nuts on Shipper's place,

+ tree is a steady bearer.

Calculated as a cylinder

23 ft diam + 30 ft high,

this tree produces 1 lb nuts

per 5 cu yd of space occupied

as compared to 12 cu yd.

per space occupied by tree #14,
an av. tree. Nut later per planting.

2150 10/13/40



Skupper's trees (Jap chest) nos
1, 2, 3, + 4 (nos 1 at n. end of lane
row, beside highway, on left).

Data: age abt 35 yrs, ht. abt 35 ft
for tallest trees.

<u>Tree no</u>	<u>circ 3' up</u>	<u>yield 1940</u>
1	5.3'	65 lb
2	5.2'	50 lb
3	6.8'	48 lb
4	4.9'	93 lb.

no blight. nuts taken for planting.

SSD

10/13/40



another view of M. M. Sheppers
Jop Chest. trees nos 2 (left),
3, & 4 (right).

ABD

10/13/40



Gen view of lone row of Asp.
Chestnut trees abt 35 yrs old, on
m m Skipper farm, RD # 3,
Denton Md. Tree # 1 at far
end of row, # 14 at left.
Pasture in foreground, lone
beyond fence.

ASD

10/13/40



nuts from m m skipper's job
chestnut tree #4 (his best tree)

10/13/40

ASD

District Hts., Md. 4/26
~~Washington, D.C.~~
1932 Shipment

Seed mimeo. sent '44

Castanea mollissima

Quan.

No.

2 FP-146 o.p.

2 M-38 o.p.

2 M-36 crenata

Dr. Albert Hassall
(Bu. Animal Industry)

207 Avenue D,

Remarks:

District Heights, Md.

Prince Georges Co
Town: Bowie

State: Maryland

mx d.
Name: Albert Hassall

R.F.D. : *Castanea mollissima*

No. of Trees: 10 S.P.I. No. 58602 Date shipped: 3-31-26

*on road to Highbridge. Small std oil gas tank
on road to left. House is up in pines,*

Address letter to Hassall, Bowie

Entomologist in Govt, employment, B. of Animal Ind.

Written 3/10/36. No reply

Prince Georges Co.

58602

Castanea mollissima

Chestnut ✓
Chinquapin X

S.P.I.No.

Scientific Name

Common Name

A prompt reply to the following questions regarding the above-named tree will be thankfully received:

Number of trees sent.....¹⁰.....Date sent.....⁶3-31-26.....

Number of trees alive.....*all*.....Height of trees.....*3 feet*.....

Have trees fruited?.....*N.O.*.....Size and quality of nuts.....*✓*.....

Approximate location of trees on your place.....*edge of woods*.....

Kindly use inclosed envelope.

Knowles Ryerson,
Horticulturist in Charge.

Date.....5-21-28.....

Sign Here.....*Albert Hassall*.....

.....*g*
Albert Hassall
.....
Experimenter

.....
Bowie, Maryland.
.....
Address

Prince Georges Co

Bowie Md.

Dr. Albert Hassall

2 S-8 Chestnut

3/18/27

Bowie, Md. 1937 Shipment

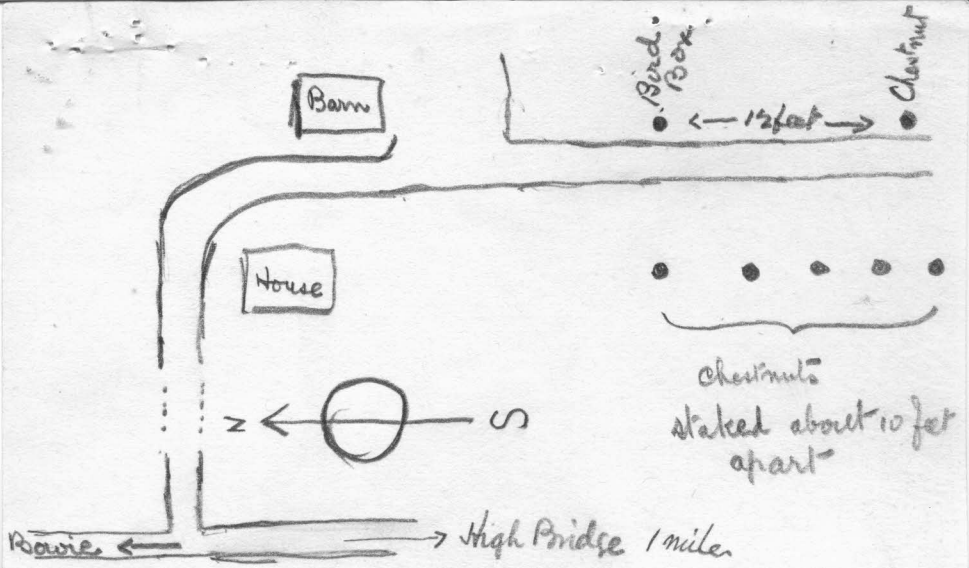
Dr. Albert Hassall,

Castanea mollissima

Quan. _____ No. _____

Remarks:

5/6/32. acknowledges receipt of 6 trees, & says have been planted as per sketch attached hereto.



Downsville, Maryland
Dam #4 Road

2/23/55 - Letter from Stanley H. Alexander, District Game Warden, 430 N. Locust Street, Hagerstown, Md.

"In answer to your letter of February 18, relative to the Chestnut trees mentioned in the Maryland Conservationist, I have learned that these trees are Chinese Chestnuts. Mr. Adrian Baker, who lives on the farm stated that he knows that they have been there for at least 25 years. This farm is located about 2 miles southeast of Downsville, Maryland on the Dam #4 Road. If anyone would be interested in looking at these trees, I would only be too happy to take them to this location."