

February 11, 1942

You will see from the enclosed copy of the article, which is planned for our new circular, that I have quoted you rather freely.

I received your letter from Baltimore but have been so preoccupied that I have not yet been able to look up other methods of shipment.

Elizabeth C. White

February 14, 1942

I am returning the article on holly which I think is all right. I would suggest that the location be changed from as far north as Massachusetts to as far north as New Hampshire or northern Massachusetts.

I have found that the Bartlett Tree Food is one of the best fertilizers. Those male trees I sent to you were fertilized with it.

Wilfred Wheeler

February 19, 1942

I received yesterday from Mr. Parker the measurements of the Griscom holly. You will be interested to know that the height is 54', spread 26', average D.B.H. 20'2", circumference 5'2", and age 242 years. I was surprised to learn it was so high and so old.

We did not include the Massachusetts varieties in the circular. Except for 100 tiny plants in 3-inch pots of "St. Ann" and "St. Mary", and about ten each of these varieties 1' high and less of the Wheeler, we really have no plants. This is the first time we have ever mentioned any hollies by name, and I included only a few varieties of which we have a fairly good stock and with which we have had considerable experience in the nursery. It will take at least four or five years to build

up a sufficient stock of the Massachusetts holly to include them.

Elizabeth C. White

March 23, 1942

I have not heard anything about the transportation problem, and I want to get at least 100 hollies. As this season is so early, I should like them to be shipped as soon as possible. It seems to me that the only method is freight, for the transportation companies are restricting their trucks.

Did you see the last issue of American Nurseryman? If not, I shall send you a copy. Horticulture also had an article on holly. I am having a large correspondence with people who have seen these articles. I have referred several of them to you, since I do not have the stock in any quantity.

The cuttings I put in last fall have rooted quite well - I have about 500 well-rooted plants potted up, and I shall plant them out as soon as the weather is more settled. The cuttings I sent you from the "Helen Makepeace" tree should root well; I have about 200 from this tree which rooted 80%. I have not had such good results from "St. Ann", but very good from "St. Mary".

You will be sorry to learn that the Wilson place has been sold. I am not sure that the new owners will be interested in holly, but I am going to see them and hope to get exclusive rights to the cuttings.

Did you have anything to do with the New Jersey exhibit at the New York show? I heard that it was very nice.

Wilfred Wheeler
