

SOUTH WINDSOR, CONN.

In his book entitled "The encyclopedia of fruits, berries, & Nuts and how to grow them," Albert E. Wilkinson, Prof. of Horticulture, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., writes

"A striking example of the value resulting from the hybridization of American chestnuts with Chinese and Japanese chestnuts is to be found in the report that one large Japanese chestnut on the bank of the Connecticut River in South Windsor, Conn., 30' high and 18" in diameter, shows no sign of blight, and is believed to be the oldest living chestnut in the State. It is hoped that through grafting scions from this tree on young stock and through the use of its pollen in hybridizing, this tree may prove valuable in speeding the work of producing chestnut trees that are blight resistant."

GFG wrote Prof. Wilkinson 8/27/45 for name and address of owner

WILKINSON, ALBERT E. The encyclopedia of fruits, berries, & nuts, and how to grow them. New Home Library Series, the Blakiston Company, Philadelphia. 271 pp., illus. 1945.

pp. 44-45. Chestnut

Nothing unusual, except the mention of an unusually large Japanese chestnut growing on south bank of Connecticut River in South Windsor, Connecticut. --- GFG