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Gentlemen:

Your letter of Dec. 4th at hand.

In answer to same will say that I never had a commercial Nut tree Nursery, sold only the surplus which I could not use to people in the neighborhood. My holdings are all in one in

clusion of 23½ acres and located in Bates County Mo. drainage district No 1. As the drainage

district contains 40,000 acres its length 28 miles all good black soil it looked to me like a good

place to invest my savings. My desire was a good

corn farm but this turned out to be a pitiful

failure the corns quicker and good down quicker

but ruins all farm crops just the same.

The natural wild seedlings pecan tree saved my

investment of which I had 1000 trees all over 50

years old, having put in 14 years as a boy and young man in a fruit tree ornamental tree nursery and noted nursery known as Phoenix Nursery Bloomington Ill.

same handy to me, I have at this time 1000 bearing seedly

pecan trees averaging 2 ft in diameter and 3000 grafts besides 22 wild plum limbs grafted and grafted to

Gold Burbank, Abundance and Mammoth Golden plum.

Maximum cut of plums 615 gallon and pecans 14 000

lbs. — The biggest overflow ever had in May 1943 the

water got 14½ ft deep on my place and in the 25 yrs.

I lived near there, we had 8½ overflows.

I saw a single man one 89 yrs old Nov 11, 1945, have

returned from work in the Fall of 1943.

Will gladly answer any other question as to above.

wild life there, moonshiners, bootleggers, snakes etc.

Respectfully yours.

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