

Re Johnny Appleseed Plants

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Attention: Prof. W. A. Taylor

Gentlemen:

A recent magazine article on the location of the grave of Johnny Appleseed furnished me with your name and address as the possible answer to a question I have long pondered upon.

Were there any fruits of sufficient merit to be segregated into distinct varieties from all the trees he caused to create? I know that present day breeding has produced more superior fruits and have caused the old time varieties to be discarded, but I am interested to know what the net results of Johnny Appleseed's labors created after time had erased the poor quality fruits that appeared.

I expect to use your answer in a lecture on hybridizing I hope to give early next month.

Yours very truly,
The Morton Arboretum

Roy M. Nordine,
Propagator

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