

Letters From Here and There

ORIGIN OF HOWARD 17 STRAWBERRY

(This old letter is an historic document which has been buried in our files for many years. The letterhead indicates that A. B. Howard & Son were: Large and Small Fruit Growers, Horticultural Exhibitors, Originators of New Fruits and Flowers, and had Experimental and Trial Grounds.—Editor).

Belchertown, Mass.
July 26, 1912

Dear Mr. Thayer:

In answer to your favor and inquiry about Howard No. 17 seedling strawberry, will say that we are the parties that sent you the same in 1909. We also are the originator of the variety.

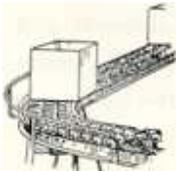
We are having the variety well tested in a number of places to determine its value as a commercial variety before its introduction. We are pleased to note

what you have published in your bulletin in regard to the strawberry. In our own grounds the seedling leads all varieties. The strawberry we raised among a lot of some five hundred of strawberries crossed in the greenhouse in the year 1905 and which bore in the year 1906 for the first time. The Crescent was the mother plant used, pollinized by one of our seedlings No. 1, the breeding of which was by No. 14, one of our seedlings, crossed by the Clyde. Then it carried $\frac{3}{4}$ percent of Crescent blood. We should be pleased to have you send your 1912 bulletin as soon as ready. We have a seedling apple which we should like to have you test at your Station if you are trying out new varieties.

Thanking you for your interest in our behalf, as well as the horticultural world in general, we are,

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