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March 22, 1940

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I have been looking over that flower observation blank you gave me on Wednesday, and admiring it in a hopeful way, which would be more hopeful if I could myself find the physical ability to make the observations. It happens that the trained observer who belongs on the job at Breeze Hill is unfortunately ill at home, and I don't know whether I can get an ordinary gardener on the spot or not.

But mainly I was writing to suggest that we have many points in common, and I hope you may find it possible sometime during the season to visit Breeze Hill. It is not a large estate, and not very elaborately done, but it is interesting because it is comprehensive, as far as it can be.

Its main headache is the testing of the new things sent in by the seedsmen, the recording, photographing and printing about which makes our living. Sometimes that is interesting, and sometimes it is just monotonous. It does, however, usually make things worth seeing. *There are many new ones.*

To show the attempt and scope of the place I am having sent you a copy of the Finding List, which is a little out of date but substantially covers the general situation.

Yours truly,

*J. Horace McFarland*  
J. Horace McFarland

March 25, 1940

Dr. J. Horace McFarland  
Mount Pleasant Press  
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. McFarland:

Thank you very much for your gracious letter of the 22nd. It is a pleasure to see you at least once a month at the Council Meetings, and I have long regretted the opportunity for further conversation on those occasions was so restricted.

The copy of your finding-list has just arrived and I am indeed happy to have it. I have long entertained a strong desire to visit your gardens at Breeze Hill and hope that this Spring I shall be able to gratify that wish. I am, as you may know, busily engaged in a study in the native plants of Pennsylvania and have planned an extensive series of field trips for this coming Summer. As several of them will take me by way of Harrisburg, I have every hope of being able to stop off and visit you.

I am interested in your reaction to my project on the flowering dates of our native plants. I should like to know sometime whether you think that a separate list made up for cultivated plants would appeal to you and others of your acquaintance. I feel that we should have much more information concerning the comparative dates of opening of the same species in different parts of the country.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.  
Assistant Professor of Botany.

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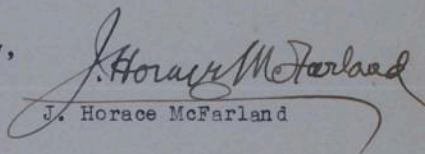
March 26, 1940

Dear Dr. Fogg:

It is very pleasant to hear from you as in your letter of March 25. It will be a real favor to us if you will head in to the Mount Pleasant Press, or to Breeze Hill Gardens, any time you come this way. The same telephone exchange serves both, and I can usually be found, but if I am not in sight Mr. Hatton or Mr. Foley are likely to be available.

I believe it would be a very real advantage to make a "separate list..for cultivated plants." I have kept such a list, without the close data of your plan, for a long time, and find it extremely desirable to compare happenings from time to time.

Yours truly,

  
J. Horace McFarland

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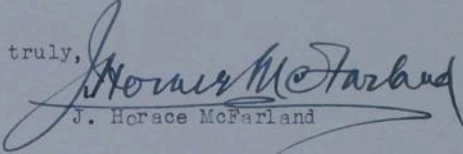
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November 1, 1941

Dear Dr. Fogg:

The citation prepared to support the conferring upon Mrs. Henry of the Schaeffer Medal is just at hand and is appreciated. It is not impossible that it will be of use in adding to the dignities that may be conferred upon this remarkable woman.

Yours truly,

  
J. Horace McFarland

Dr. John M. Fogg,  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Innes:

I am glad to get your letter of April 20, and I would welcome a copy of that paper by Mr. Epstein on "The Beginnings of the Three Color Process in the United States," which needs now perhaps to be remembered for historical accuracy.

I wish you could come to visit us, but as to when the roses are to be good I don't know, because this whole season is upside-down. I went to Philadelphia yesterday by motor, and observed that the forsythias were the dominant shrub, with no magnolias in sight. Everything has gone haywire.

I would say that if you and Dr. Fogg would get here some time in the last week in May or the first week in June, and provided we can get any help to even finish planting the roses, you will find it worth while.

Fortunately Breeze Hill isn't only a rose place, and contemplating the difficulties that inevitably arise in one's mind as he goes over the way in which the war takes help off, I have the feeling that perhaps we would not be quite indecent even if we couldn't work the garden for a month or two, because we have kept the weeds down liberally for more than twenty years.

Please let me have information as to when you are likely to come, and I'll be looking for you.

Yours truly,

*J. Horace McFarland*  
J. Horace McFarland

Mr. William T. Innes  
129-139 N. 12th Street  
Philadelphia, Penna.

*I didn't ask when the roses are at their best, but I guess this is the best answer he could make. Anyhow, let's decide to go.*

*Bill*

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June 16, 1943

Dear Dr. Fogg:

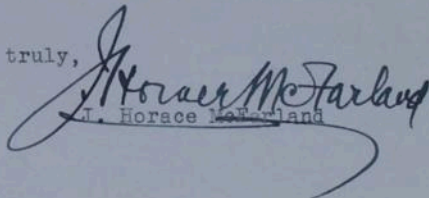
Because I feel entirely as you do, I want most heartily to thank you for your presentation as printed in the June Bulletin of the Garden Club of America in relation to the importance of Chinese plants to the United States. It happens that upon this interesting subject I had many conversations with that important horticulturist Prof. Charles Sprague Sargent, when E. A. Wilson first came to the Arboretum. Professor Sargent proposed that I should go to China with Wilson to do the photographing. That being of course impossible, I did accomplish a very pleasant friendship with Wilson which lasted through his life, far too suddenly terminated on a day when I was in Boston.

Anything any of us can do to promote a just appreciation of the importance of China to the United States from the plant side will be well worth while.

I had hoped to greet you as arranged when Mr. Innes came to Harrisburg earlier this month. It would still be a delight at any time, though I have mighty little to offer to your acquainted mind save a collection of incidental plants quite unbotanically accumulated and maintained. Breeze Hill is of course at present dominated by the Rose, and sub-dominated by a Victory Garden.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

  
J. Horace McFarland

Dr. John M. Fogg  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 21, 1943.

Dr. J. Horace McFarland,  
Mount Pleasant Press,  
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. McFarland:

I deeply appreciate your very fine letter of June 16th relative to my article on "Horticulture's Debt to China." I feel, as you do, that the subject is an extremely important one and regret that I was unable to treat it in a more adequate fashion. My lecture was thrown together very hurriedly going over on the train to New York and the published account is full of many infelicities which one would be less likely to commit in preparing an article for print.

I am bitterly disappointed that I was unable to get to Harrisburg with Mr. Innes but was forced to forgo my visit due to the necessity of making emergency plans to meet the needs of the Army. If my invitation still holds, I shall certainly look forward to visiting Breeze Hill when times are less turbulent than they are to-day.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

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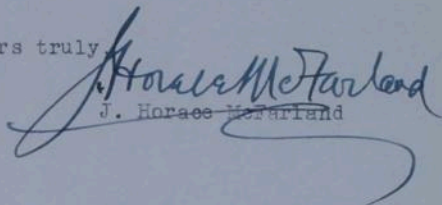
June 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Fogg:

Your invitation to Breeze Hill is a permanent one, good for any one of the four seasons, on any day in any one of those seasons. In the early fall things may be better worth looking at than now. This morning the roses were mighty few, though the Victory Garden was tops. I returned last evening from a two-day trip to Geneva, New York, where I enjoyed not only an unbelievably fine show of roses (at Newark, New York) but a most encouraging look into the future of the home garden as punctuated by dwarf apple trees of the best quality, to fruit within two or three years after planting and be entirely in shape for easy care.

I think we all have to do what we can toward broadening and strengthening the garden impulse which is so definitely in the air right now. I have never seen anything like it.

Yours truly

  
J. Horace McFarland

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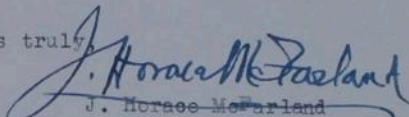
October 17, 1946

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I missed you at the meeting of the Council of the Horticultural Society, held yesterday for the last time in the old rooms. I was wanting to thank you for the Morris Arboretum Bulletin of September because of the fine picture of *Sophora japonica*. I don't think I have that tree at Breeze Hill, though I do have *S. viciifolia*--and possibly a *Japonica* which I have overlooked but will now go after. Naturally I can't live to see a big tree grow, but can enjoy the idea that somebody who will follow me will have it.

Hoping to see you at the next meeting of the Council, I am

Yours truly,

  
J. Horace McFarland

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.  
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Philadelphia 19, Penna.

November 13, 1946

Dr. J. Horace McFarland,  
Mount Pleasant Press,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. McFarland:

Ever since receiving your kind letter of a few weeks ago I have been trying to get some information relative to Sophora japonica at the Morris Arboretum. Unfortunately Mr. Henry Skinner, who is our Superintendent, has been away on a vacation and the information which I sought has not been available until now. I had hoped to be able to tell you that we could supply you with a young specimen of this plant if you cared to have one, but unfortunately I learn that stock which we were propagating in our nurseries has already become so large that it would be almost impossible to transport it.

We should be glad, however, to set out some new cuttings of this species and perhaps in a year or two to supply you with one or more small plants for Breeze Hill. Perhaps I shall see you at the next meeting of the Horticultural Society Council and you can inform me of your desires.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

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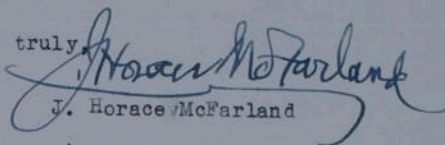
Dear Dr. Fogg:

With much interest I read yours of November 13 concerning *Sophora japonica*. I would gladly dispose of the plant of *S. vicifolia* which takes its place at Breeze Hill if I could get a good *Japonica*.

This being apparently impracticable, I cheerfully accept your idea of growing a plant, hoping I may live long enough to enjoy it, though at my age of 87 life is not just so certain.

I fear I shall not be able to get to the next meeting of the Society, but I will do my best to come along after that.

Yours truly,

  
J. Horace McFarland

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