

Plants of the Historic USDA  
Horticulture Station in  
Cheyenne, Wyoming



Old Tatarian Maples at the Cheyenne Station



Hotwings Tatarian Maple





1929



1934



1939



Present Day





Dr Aubrey Hildreth



Gene Howard

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## TRIBUNE

# Dr. Hildreth Leaves for Afghanistan

## Accepts Two-Year Foreign Mission

By LEWIS E. BATES

Dr. A. C. Hildreth, superintendent of the federally-operated horticultural field station northwest of Warren Air base, left Cheyenne yesterday on a two-year mission to Afghanistan.

In the absence of Dr. Hildreth, who came to the Cheyenne facility in 1930—the station was established by act of congress in 1928—the acting superintendent will be G. D. Brown, who has worked with Dr. Hildreth at the station the last 10 years.

The station, which has become

a regional showplace during the tenure of Dr. Hildreth and his staff, currently has a complement of 10 employees. It is situated on city-owned land and the federal government holds a 99-year lease on the property.

Dr. Hildreth, who will be leader of a group of experts to advise the Afghanistan government on setting up an agricultural research program and establishing a system of experiment stations, will go directly to Kabul.

He is making the trip as a member of the Foreign Operations Administration but will be assigned for duty to the University of Wyoming's agricultural mission to that country.

Other members of the research team include Gordon Arnold, agronomist; William Harken, irrigation specialist, and James Nolan, livestock specialist, all of the UW.

The party plans to spend a few days in Washington before boarding a plane at New York City for a flight to Rome. After a rest there, the party will continue to Karachi, Pakistan, and then fly to Kabul.

"Afghanistan has never had anything like agricultural experimentation and this will all be pioneering work," Dr. A. Hildreth said before his departure.

"Initially the program will include efforts to develop improved varieties of grains, forage crops, fiber crops, fruits and vegetables, and also to improve methods of culture, irrigation, fertilization, storage, soil-building practices and disease and pest control. It will also include the improvement of livestock by breeding, selection and better nutrition."

Dr. Hildreth said the climate of Afghanistan is much like that of Wyoming. He expressed keen interest in his forthcoming work, but added that he plans to return to the Cheyenne station when his foreign assignment expires in 1957.

At the Cheyenne station, Dr. Hildreth and his associates have literally made "the prairie bloom." When the station was established the area was bleak and treeless.

Now it presents a sea of greenery against the prairie and has impressively demonstrated that the area is well suited to horticultural improvement.

Dr. Hildreth, who once conducted a horticulture column for THE TRIBUNE and Eagle, has long been a staunch advocate of horticultural development of Wyoming cities, towns, farms and ranches.

His feeling in that regard is well interpreted by his remark that "it is not difficult to grow trees at Cheyenne and throughout Wyoming; it is just different."

























Goodhue Apple



Cortland Apple

Goodhue



Cortland





Ohio Buckeye











**Russian Hawthorn**









Clayton Berg





Sweet Downy  
Hawthorn







Woodward Juniper







P.H. Dorsett USDA Plant Explorer in China 1927



Hung Hai  
Tung  
Crabapple





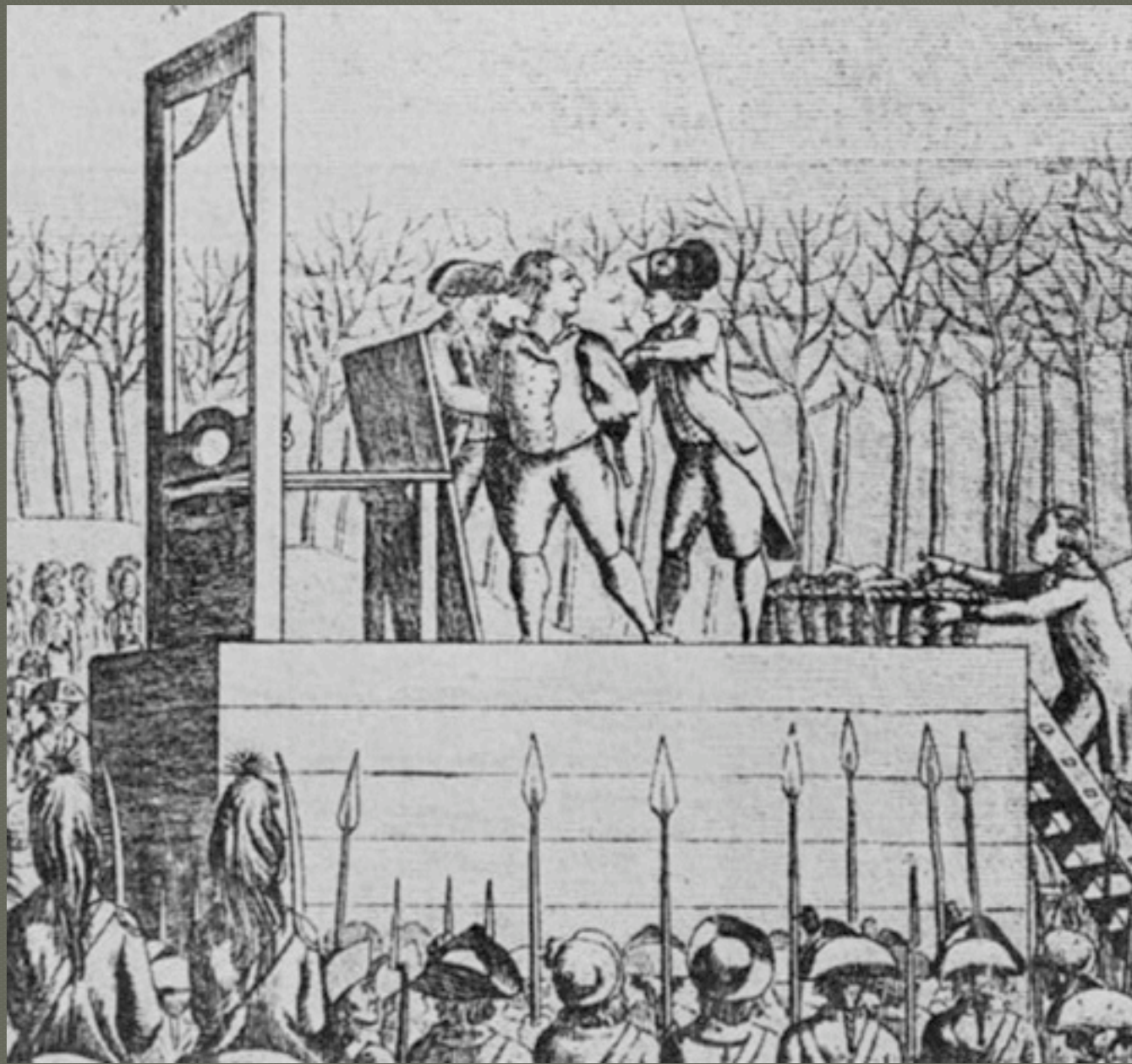


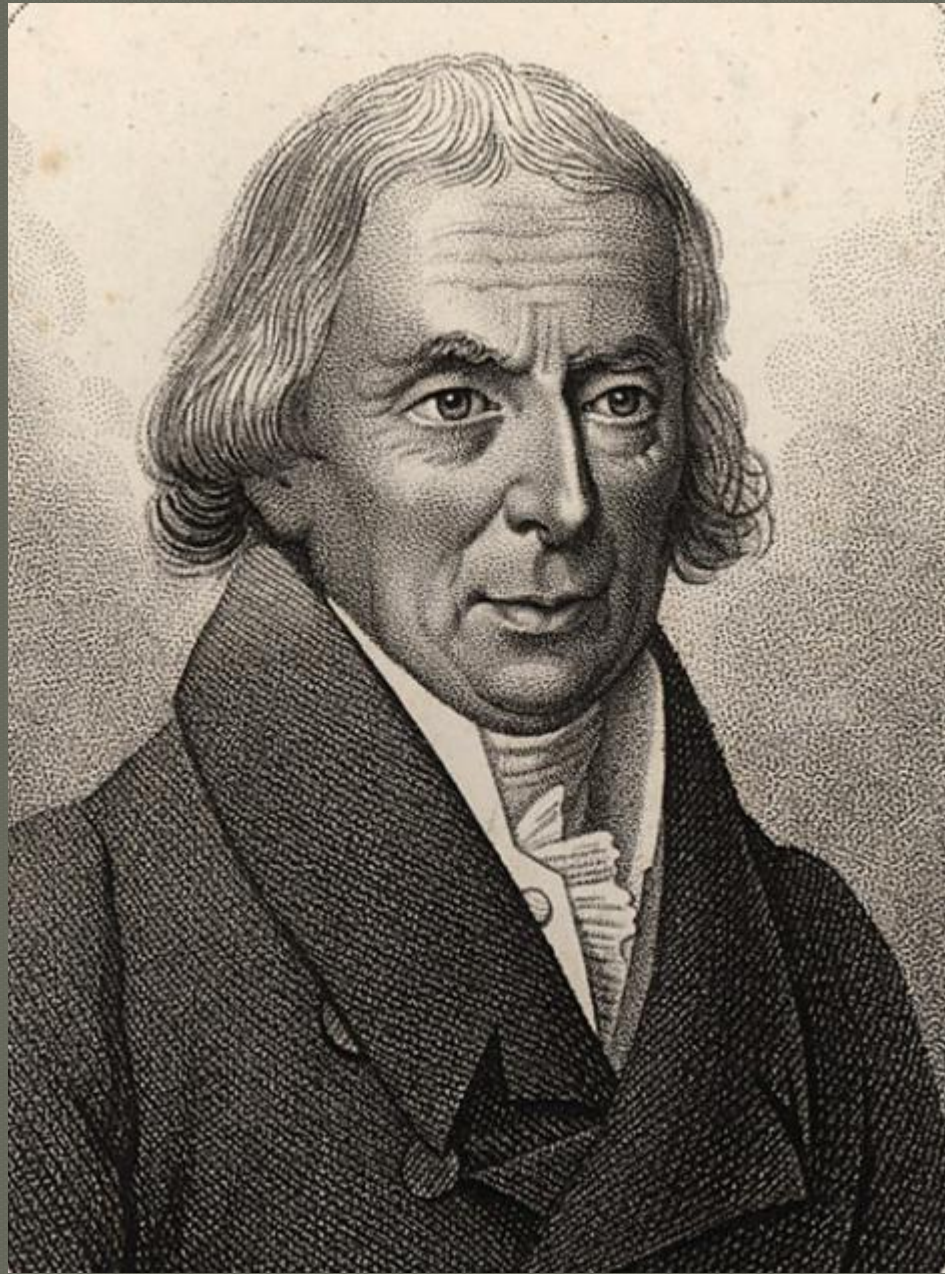




Fa Hua Ssu Temple in  
the Yinshan Pagoda  
Forest near Beijing,  
China







Rene Desfontaines



Des Fontaine 's Cherry







## Schubert Chokecherry

Missouri River in North  
Dakota 1936



Yellow Fruited Chokecherry Horse Creek Wyoming 1933









**Mrs Scott Skogerboe**



Dr Niels Hansen  
The 1<sup>st</sup> USDA Plant Explorer



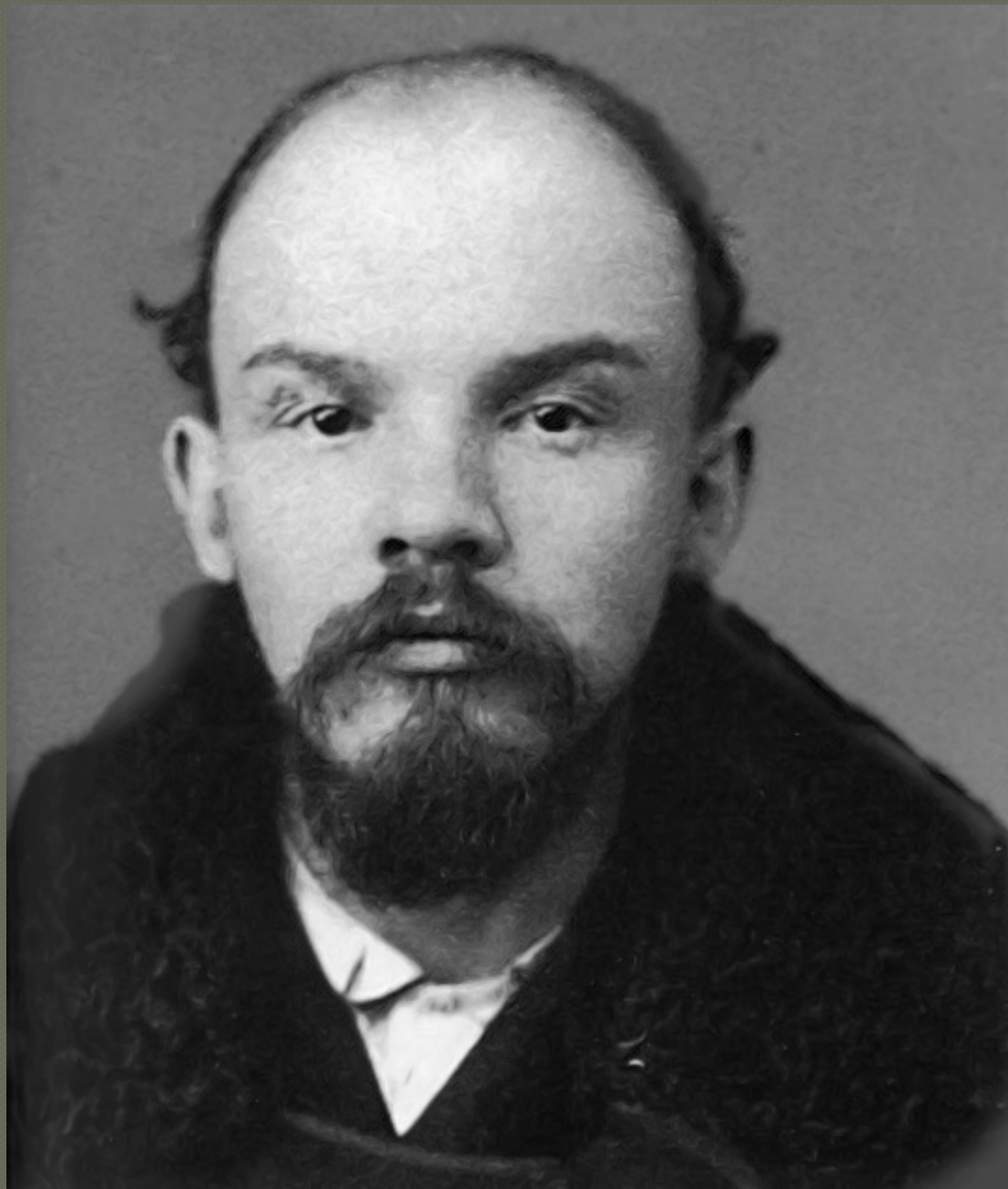


MAP SHOWING THE ROUTES TAKEN ON THREE JOURNEYS BY PROF. N. E. HANSEN

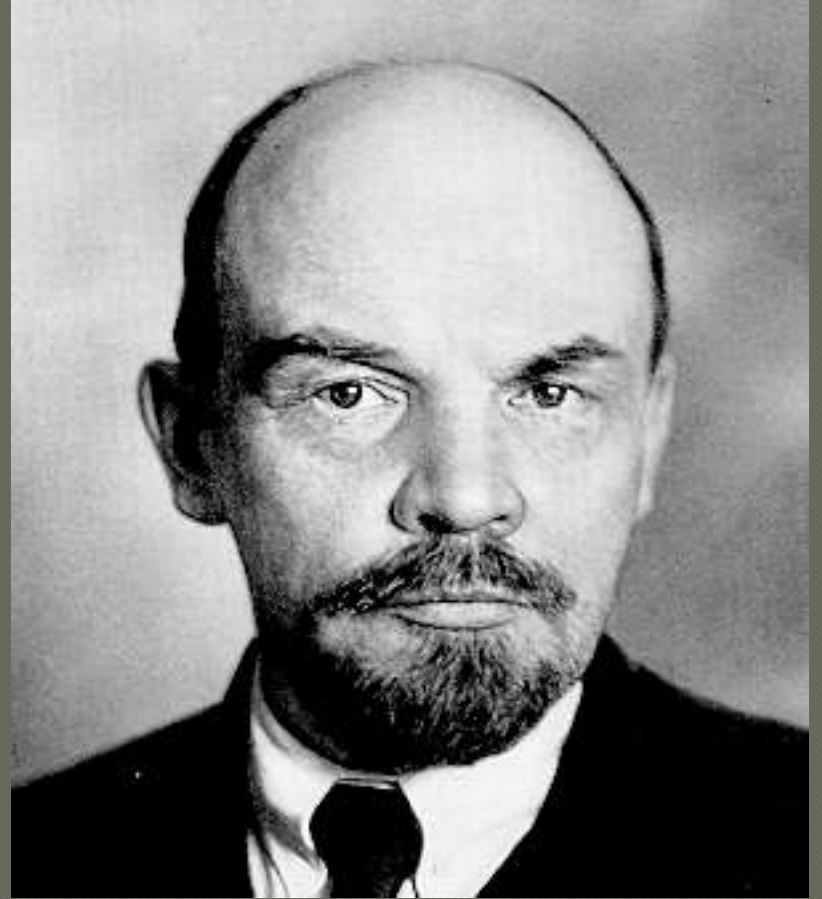
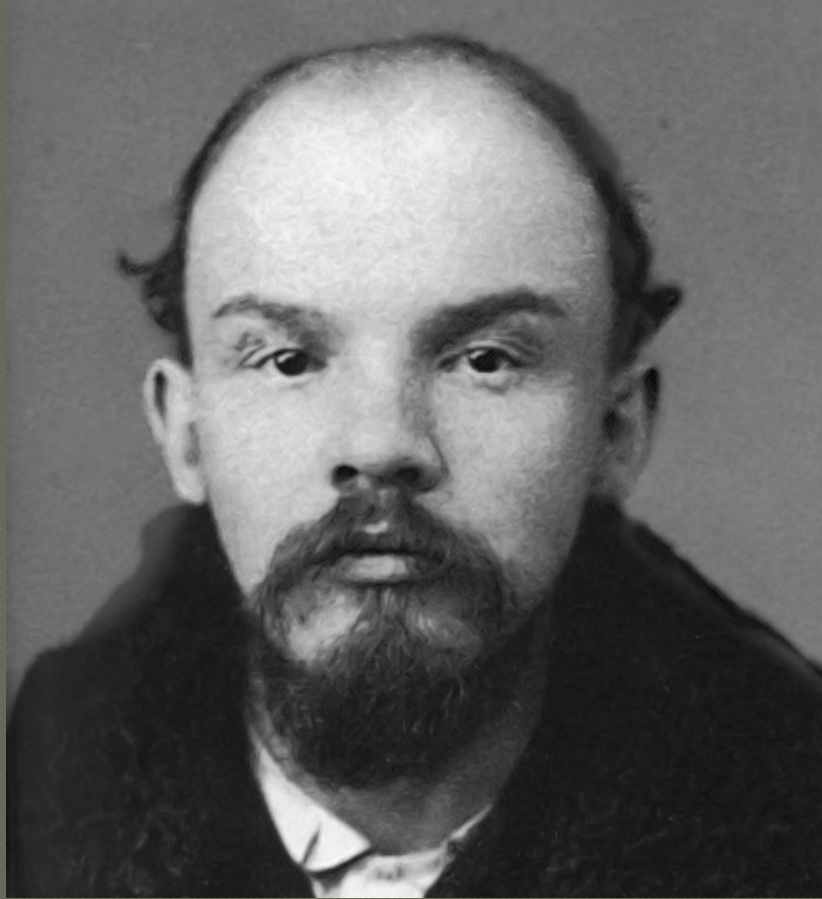
## Map of Hansen's first 3 trips to Russia 1897 to 1909



Hansen feeding Hardy alfalfa to camels at Semipalatinsk, Siberia,  
1913

















Neidzwetzkyana Red Fleshed Apple



Adams Crabapple



Hulan Manchurian Apricot



Sino Manchurian Apricot

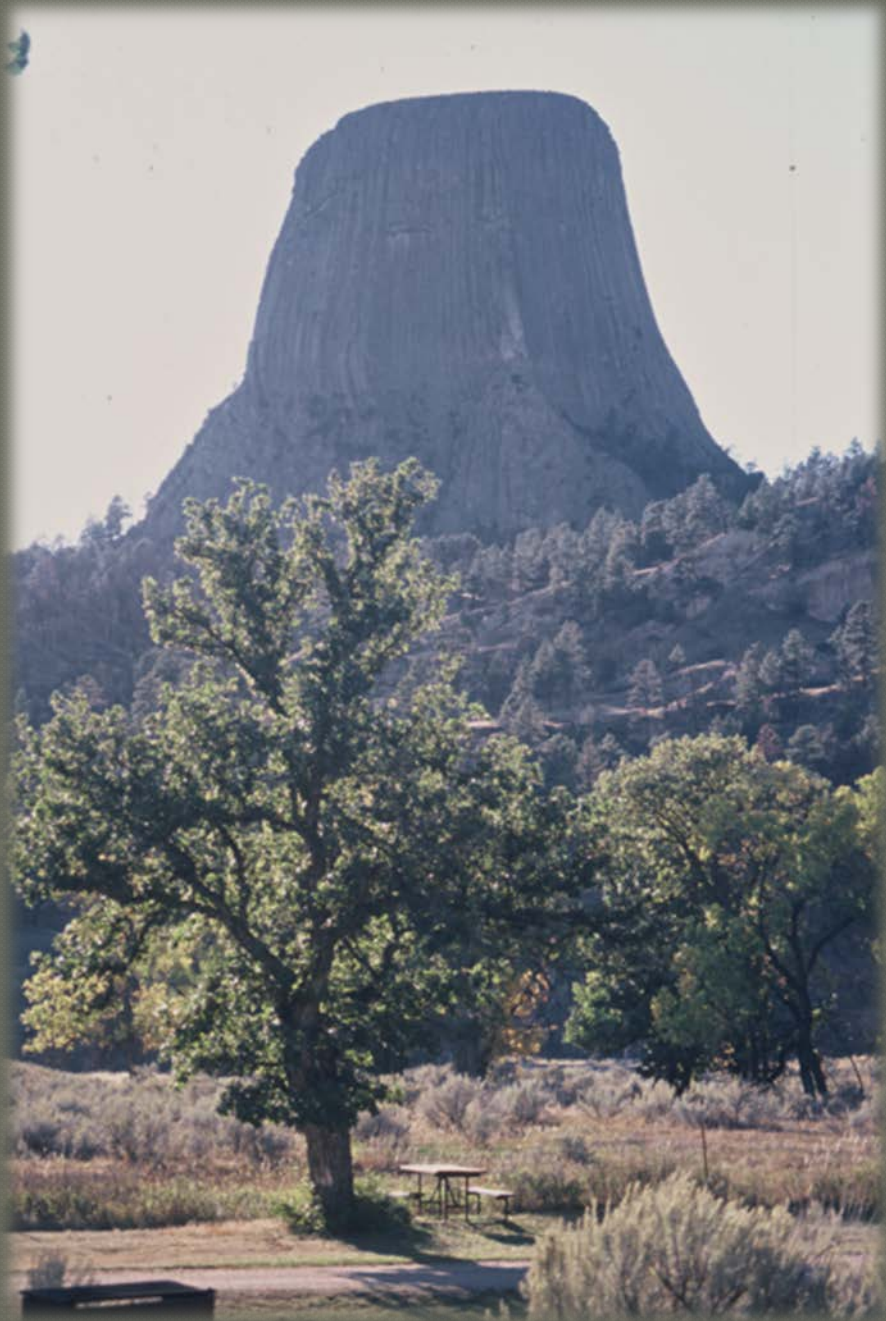


*Quercus macrocarpa*  
Bur Oak

“A man has made, at least, a start at understanding the meaning of life when he plants a shade tree knowing good and well he may never sit under it.”

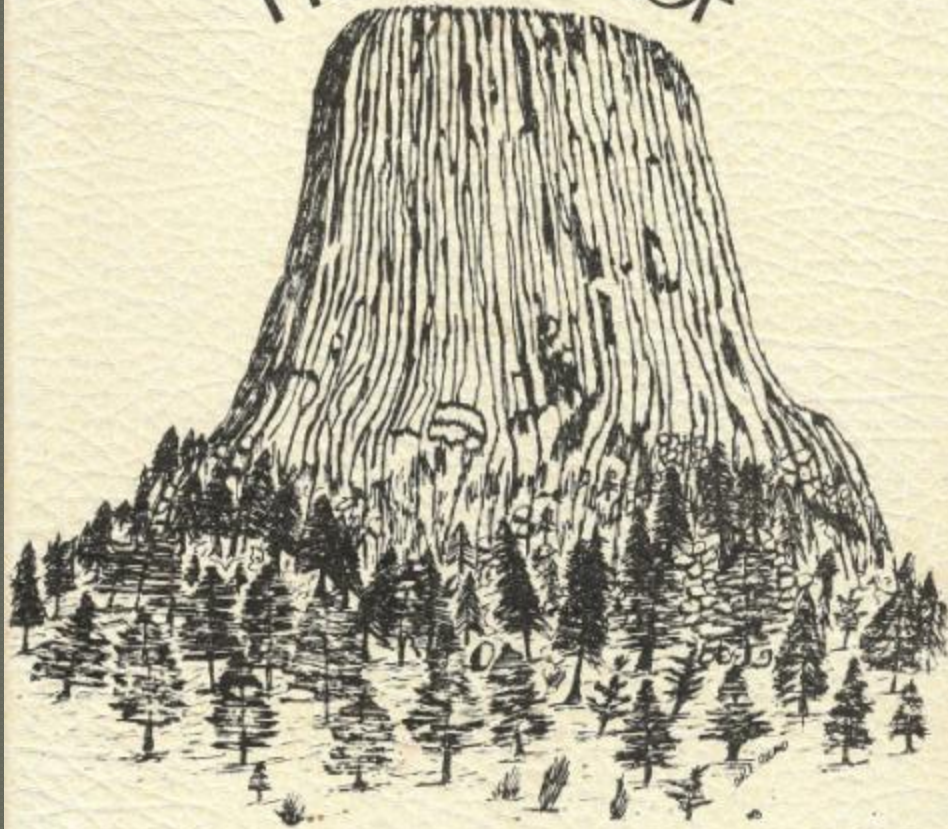
~ Elton Trueblood







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Joseph Rock with the Prince of  
Choni 1925







A photograph of a large, dense, green tree in a field. Two people are standing in the foreground, one on the left wearing a hat and a dark shirt, and one on the right wearing a light shirt. The tree is the central focus, with other trees and a clear blue sky in the background. The ground is covered in tall grass.

*Syringa pekinensis*  
Peking Tree Lilac









'China Snow' Tree Lilac



Sungari Rockspray Cotoneaster





*Lonicera korolkowii* 'Pink Velvet'  
Pink Velvet Honeysuckle





*Lonicera prolifera*  
*'Kintzley's Ghost'*

Kintzley's Ghost  
Honeysuckle Vine











*Philadelphus lewisii* 'Cheyenne'  
Cheyenne Mockorange









*Ribes aureum* 'Gwen's Buffalo'  
Gwen's Buffalo Currant







*Ribes odoratum* 'Crandall'  
Crandall Clove Currant





*Syringa oblata*  
Early Lilac

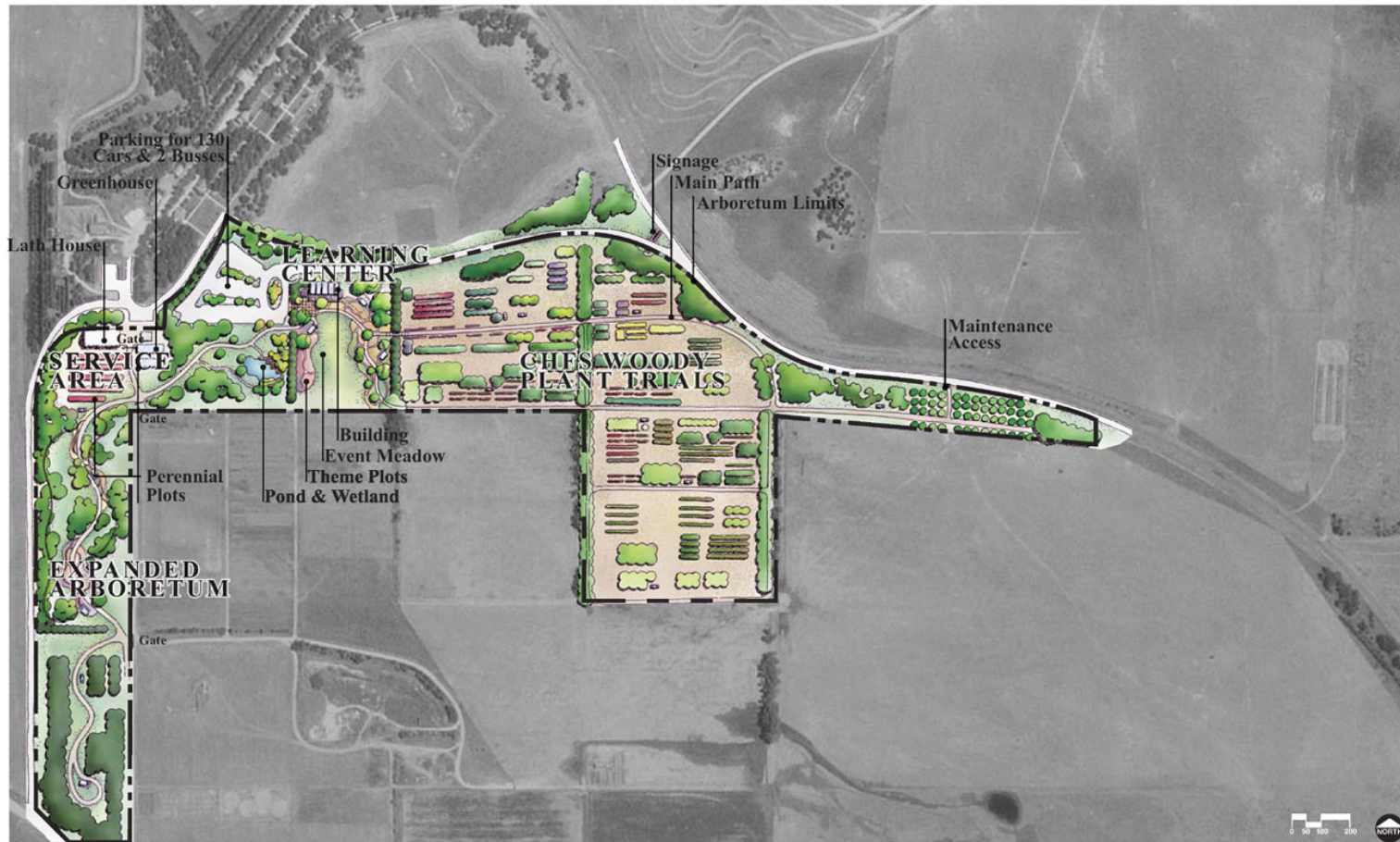






*Syringa x hyacithaflora* 'Pocohontas'  
Pocohontas Lilac

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