

Oscie Whatley's Daylily Records, Vol. 3

1980 - 1989: Jim McKinney's Legacy

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Introduction

In Volume 1 of this Study Guide to the compiled notebooks of Oscie Whatley, his work on establishing better yellow daylilies came to national attention at the 1968 AHS Convention in St. Louis. Of his first nine diploid registrations, five marched quickly to receive AHS Awards of Merit in the 1970s. But Oscie had already left diploids on the margin of his work and had turned his attention to tetraploids.

He followed the advice of his mentors and began in the early 1960s to establish unique breeding material by subjecting germinating diploid seeds to a bath of colchicine solution to induce genetic conversion to tetraploid. He also learned to use colchicine to convert plants in addition to seeds.

He formed a good friendship with Louisiana collector and hybridizer, Jim McKinney, who developed a mail-order business and began to handle the introduction of plants by Oscie and his friends, George and Jane Pettus and Harold Harris. The St. Louis hybridizers had begun to work on tetraploid conversions at the same time. Volume 2 of this guide covered the decade of friendship with McKinney, ending with McKinney's death after bloom season in 1979.

While Oscie Whatley had a huge network of strong friendships throughout the United States, a study of Oscie's work reveals the depth of feeling for the work and legacy of Jim McKinney. Volume 3 begins with the aftermath of McKinney's death.

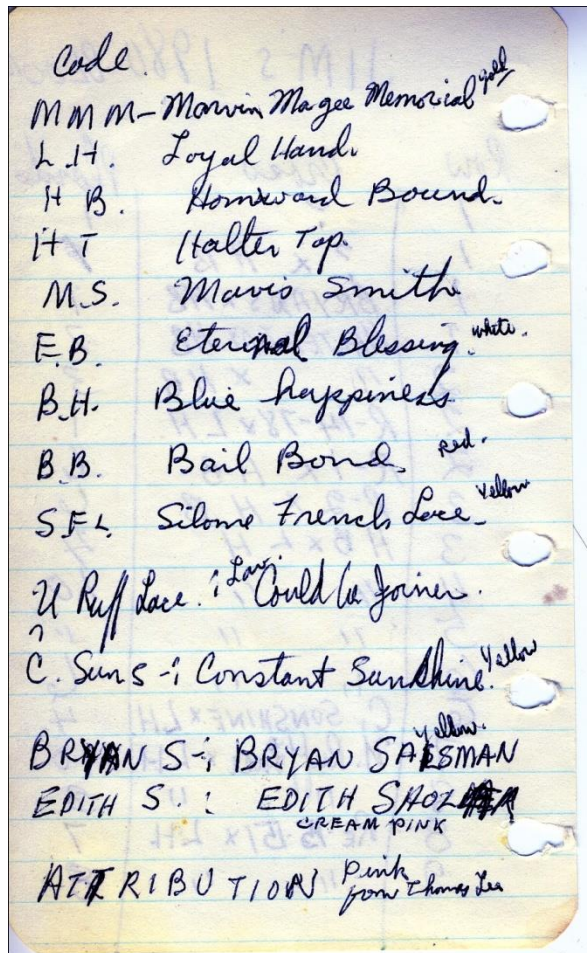
1980

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The notebooks don't tell us how Oscie learned of Jim McKinney's death, whether he and McKinney had spoken during the bloom season, or that Oscie inherited McKinney's seed harvest and selected seedlings. Suddenly, the seeds have been germinated and mapped and the selects are in the crowded garden. Did Oscie go to Louisiana and bring them back himself? What about the unsold plant stock McKinney was marketing for Whatley, Harris, and the Pettuses?

Oscie needed a distributor. The notebooks don't say how and when Oscie met John Mason Allgood and how Allgood's Meadowlake Gardens took over the role McKinney had fulfilled. Allgood is never mentioned. Advertisements by Meadowlake Gardens in *The Hemerocallis Journal* ceased before Allgood became the distributor of Oscie's daylilies, and Oscie's files don't contain any of Allgood's price lists, so there is no information about how Oscie's daylilies were marketed through the 1980s.

In 1980 there are 36 rows of ten seedlings, total of 349. Oscie included a page of decoding.



Were McKinney's seed packets coded or were the names of parents written out? I suspect they were coded and Oscie had to pore over the AHS checklist to determine the names, just as I've done with Oscie's codes. The evidence for this hunch is the abbreviation "U. Ruff Lace." Joiner's RUFFLED LACE (1975) is a probability. Oscie wrote "Could be Joiner" and "lav." I think "lav" is a notation from the Checklist rather than from observation. The other possibility is SILOAM RUFFLED LACE (1976), a gold self. In either case, the mysterious prefix "U" baffled Oscie. Me, too!

The abbreviation PEB was no mystery to Oscie and he didn't decode it. It's Lucille Williamson's PINK EDGAR BROWN (1973), a diploid Oscie converted and shared with McKinney. Here is Oscie's picture of it in 1977.



Oscie also took 46 of McKinney's selections into his garden. The notebook doesn't say whether the numbers assigned to these seedlings originated with McKinney or with Oscie. Did Oscie take *all* the selects in McKinney's garden or did he take the 46 he wanted? How did Oscie know the parentage? The only certainty is that a "J" prefix in Oscie's notebooks in the following years indicates one of these plants selected by McKinney himself. There is at least one other McKinney plant that Oscie later used – WH-1 – a favorite seedling of McKinney's that Oscie brought back to Florissant.

Oscie saved slides of five of the J- selections.

J-20 tet conversion



J-23 diploid



J-27 diploid



J-37 conversion



J-43 diploid



Oscie's map of his own seedlings in 1980 contains various abbreviations that make me imagine McKinney sent extra seeds to Oscie in 1978.

① 1980 BLOOM		
READ W 2 E		
SOUTH BED		
ROW	PLANTS	CROSS
1	3	1614 x TL ⑦
1	7	312 x ⑦ JAK
2	4	1018 x 1401 x ⑦ CRON
2	3	1614 x ⑦ TL
2	2	1237 x Ped 9A
3	11	1219 x ⑦ T.L.
4	10	1821 x 1825?
4	2	LAH x 1828 x ?
5	8	1821 x 1815
5	4	1406 x ?
6	2	1613 x PED 9A
6	10	L-1838 x 2009
6	7	" in Row 5
7	9	MELON x ?
7	4	LAH x PED 9
8	5	1841 x 1825
8	5	1821 x TL ⑦

② 1980 BLOOM		
ROW	PLANTS	CROSS
8	2	See
9	6	2002 x Ped Lav.
9	4	1420 x 2010
9	2	2017 x 2009
10	1	1815 x ?
10	3	" ?
10	7	1843 x PEB?
11	2	CHARVEL x JAK
		2011 x AS or 1614 x ?
11	9	1815 x 1821
12	9	1619 x 1815
12	3	2008 x ?
13	5	1619 x JAK ⑦
13	2	1237 x Gnm x PEB
13	2	MAS x L?
13	2	2011 x L? or 2009
14	10	1011 x JAK

This is the most complex seedling crop so far. The easiest challenge is in the abbreviations of CARONDELET, in row 2 as "T CRON" and in row 8 as "T Cornd." No other Whatley cultivar name uncovered his dyslexic problem like this one.

He doesn't appear to be entirely consistent with the T prefix for tet conversions. Here's some conjectural decoding from the 1980 map.

Row 11 AS

Tet. AMY STEWART (W.B. MacMillan 1974) AM 1980. Here is Oscie's 1978 slide:



Row 13 MAS x LI? LI or 2009	MASADA is a tet. LI must be a conversion of LITTLE INFANT These must be Tet LITTLE INFANT and a tet seedling from Tet HOPE DIAMOND
Row 16 David	This cross was evidently made by Oscie's youngest son, David, when David was 13 years old. It's a cross of a pink bitone seedling X Tet. FAVORITE ONE
Row 22 W2020 Red C, PT 248	2020 is a diploid LITTLE INFANT kid. MS is MAVIS SMITH. This row ushers in a bloc of diploid crosses, possibly with some breeding stock McKinney favored. SILOAM RED CHARMER and POST TIME, diploid reds ostensibly a tet, as it came from T-1 x ENVOY, but it proved to be a chimera, and was used a lot as a pod parent in diploid crosses.
Row 23 Okubo 1518 d Spald seed 4	Garden nickname for Oscie's 1842, a diploid derived from Ted Okubo breeding. "d" is a reminder that 1518 is a diploid with a special number within the 1600 series. There is no 1618. The "15" was an experimental alteration of the usual numbering to signal diploids within a tetraploid context. Reference to a group of diploid reject seedlings Oscie dug at the Spalding garden
Row 24 Mon -#1	Oscie wrote a note on the facing page to identify this as "Hazel Monette." I suspect this seedling was in McKinney's garden with an informal number, not the number Olivier Monette used when he registered HAZEL MONETTE in 1973. McKinney must have told Oscie about the registration.
Row 24 Mac#4 w	White seedling of McKinney's that was named MARSHMALLOW CLOUD in 1979. This is a deduction from Oscie's list of selects in 1980.
Row 26 2020	This is a diploid seedling within the conventional numbering of the 2000 series.
Row 28 Char	This is CHARBONIER, and the cross could be Oscie's or McKinney's.
Row 31 YM	YESTERDAY MEMORIES kid from 248, crossed with Mac#4. It's possible Oscie sent this seedling to McKinney and McKinney made this cross.
Row 47 SSP ALsW	Tet. SILOAM SPRING PARTY "Al's white," I think, meaning a seedling of Oscie's local friend, Alvin LeBegue.

This map's inclusion of so many diploid crosses is unlike anything before or after. Guesswork has its limits! There was clearly an exchange of plants between Oscie and McKinney, probably a lot more than the notebook tells us. Oscie could have made all these crosses with plants McKinney sent him. Oscie could have been given surplus seeds before McKinney died because Oscie had a poor crop one year. Oscie could have wanted to rejuvenate his program.

1980 Selects

This is an unusually short list of selects. 2401 is a gold diploid from CHARBONIER X McKinney's MARSHMALLOW CLOUD (1979), which is notated in the map as "Mac#4" or "Mc#4." 2406 is a diploid

from CARONDELET X Ok1842, meaning 1842 came from breeding with a Ted Okubo seedling. 2413 is the reverse cross of 2401, and "MC" refers to MARSHMALLOW CLOUD. "TL" is THOMAS LEE.

Oscie registered nothing from this group of selects.

1980 TET & DIP SELECTED SEEDLING		
#No	DES.	CROSS.
D-Y 2401	5" Rd. Gold	Char x M. char.
P 2402	MAS PINK	1237 x COMM x PEB?
T- 2403	BURG RED HAW	1843 x PEB?
L 2404	LAV YELT	1443 x PEB
2405	YEL	1613 x ET 2
D- 2406	2 YE Rd.	CARON x DK1842
T-P 2407	TALL BR. CREAM RD	?
T-P 2408	PINK FL	1619 x TL
P 2409	17 LG. ROSE	"
P- 2410	Pink	1619 x TL
T- 2411	Pink	1619 x TL
T- 2412	P BLEND TALL FL	
D- 2413	RD. FL TAN WH	MC x CHAR
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		

1981

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The extensive maps for 1981 show that Oscie planted 1,092 seedlings.

There is considerable variety in the plantings, along with evidence that in one area of the bed he grouped the seeds by color, his red line followed by lavender and rose. The large volume of data is accompanied by low rigor in distinguishing tetraploids from diploids. He would know the difference, of course, just as he would know a garden nickname from an abbreviation. "MAY" in row 17 might be MALAYSIA. "WH1" is a McKinney white seedling that Oscie converted.

The presence of Harold Harris cultivars and, presumably, surplus seeds, is concentrated at the end of the map, but rows one through three may also involve seeds from Harris, who lived in the same town.

There is also a large bloc of diploid seedlings at the beginning of the map. Oscie made these crosses in 1979 if "1981 Bloom" means literally that the seedlings are in bloom. How can the student of these maps tell the difference between a diploid and Oscie's conversion of that diploid if he doesn't write a "T" or "Tet" next to the name?

Oscie's seedling 248 bears special attention, as it is a member of his first generation of induced tetraploids. I suspect 248 was a chimera that accepted diploid pollen. I suspect that rows 4 through 25 are diploid crosses and that tetraploid crosses are grouped together in the next section of the map.

1981 Bloom 1			1981 Bloom 2		
EAST BED.			EAST BED		
Row	PLANTS	CROSS	Row	PLANTS	CROSS
1-3	13 each	Tet Y x DIEM	11	1	L-1511 x WH1
4	14	2023 x CARON	12	4	W-2020 x ?
5	3	" x "	12	2	D-2026 x ?
5	9	PEB x S-7	13	2	" x "
6	2	" "	13	12	S-10 x 2021
6	4	PEB x ?	14	14	2020 x WH1
6	7	2024 x FOR x J.G.	15	9	" "
7	3	" x "	15	4	WH1 x FOR
7	11	MB x 2021	16	3	" "
8	7	" x "	16	4	WH1 x CARON
8	7	L-1511 x 2021	16	5	2020 x S-7
9	8	" x "	17	2	" "
9	4	248 x J.G.	17	2	MAY x J.G.
10	7	248 x WH1	17	2	2020 x FOR
10	6	2020 x ?	18	2	" "
11	6	248 x S-7	18	10	WH1 x 2021
11	2	2021 x S-7	19	9	" "
11	4	WH1 x ?	19	3	2021 x J.G.

I don't know why Oscie did so much work with diploids in 1979. One possibility is a desire to create unique candidates for conversion. There was an abundance of outstanding material coming out of Louisiana and Arkansas in the 1970s, and Jim McKinney was an astute collector of the best available. Oscie would have paid close attention to McKinney's advice.

Oscie also made a trip, like many other hybridizers, to the garden of Elsie Spalding in Louisiana, where the selects were generally short and the rejects had taller scapes. Hybridizers could buy rejects for just a few dollars. Oscie numbered these Spalding seedlings with an S prefix. He did not register any. Harold Harris, by contrast, registered one under the name FORTUNATA. Oscie used it and converted it.

Of course, it's possible that all the crosses in the first section involve tet conversions. But in row 8, the use of diploid 1511 with 2021 confirms that 2021 is a diploid YESTERDAY MEMORIES kid. Here is 2021:



Using 1511 with WH1 confirms that this is the unconverted diploid version of WH1. Here's WH1 in 1981:



In row 12, D2206 carries the D prefix for diploid, and that number is later registered as UNDULATION. It is the product of a seedling Oscie received from Hawaiian hybridizer, Ted Okubo, years earlier.

Row 25 is the last row in that section, and it ushers in the tetraploid crosses with a set of seedlings from YUMA. Then tetraploids fill all the next section of the bed, and these are mostly organized by color.

The puzzling abbreviation HLW in row 4 of the next section may be Martha McLeod's HIGHLAND WATER (1979) a 6" dormant greenish cream yellow tet, if "HL" in this notebook is shorthand for "Highland." That guess is contradicted by a note Oscie made a year or more later on the facing page of his 1981 selects, where he says it is Trudy Petree's ATLANTA ANTIQUE SATIN, A 4½" near white registered in **1982**. I know ATLANTA ANTIQUE SATIN was a favorite "stud pollen" because Oscie told me about it. However, for this note to be correct, he had to have a guest seedling from Trudy Petree several years before she registered it. The "79" prefix on the seedling number of ATLANTA ANTIQUE SATIN indicates it was selected in 1979, the same year Oscie made the cross with "HLW." I think it's impossible he had that seedling the same year it was selected. Moreover, I don't see the sense in crossing LAHAINA with a

4½" white mate. LAHAINA didn't need "stud pollen" to set seed. It makes more sense to cross a 6" greenish yellow dormant onto LAHAINA, and that's HIGHLAND WATER.

The abbreviation DS in row ten is puzzling until you look at the list of selects and see "T-DS," meaning it's Tet. DRIVEN SNOW.

What is 1611? There is no 1611 in the 1600 series of selections. Within that series, Oscie used a 15 prefix for diploids. Seedling 1511 is a diploid. But he converted it, according to his pedigree of his white line amidst the 1981 selects. On that pedigree he indicates which diploids in that line were "treated." Thus, I think it's safe to assume that 1611 is the treated form of 1511.

In Row 19 comes a set of MASADA crosses involving, presumably, tet conversions of the diploids that were used in the first section of the bed. In Row 20 there's a cross of 2222 X 2214. It's the only cross in this time frame for which there are surviving pictures:

2222



2214



Then in Row 27 there's a seedling from someone else, 77-86. That's not Oscie's numbering system.

HLL in Row 51 is most likely Virginia Peck's HIGHLAND LASS (1971) HM 1977. L-27 in Row 56 is one of Oscie's first generation of induced tetraploids, but on his list of these plants he marked 27 a diploid. It is used here with tets, so it's possible that L-27 has both dip and tet pollen.

Row 59 is related to Rows 1-3 in the first section of the bed. In rows 1-3, the pollen parent is Harold Harris's DEMETRIUS, without a question mark. In rows 59-62 DEMETRIUS has a question mark. I suspect these are Harold Harris's seeds and that he took DEMETRIUS to every yellow tet in his garden and threw the seeds in one bag. I doubt that "Yellow tet" refers to a single plant. However, these DEMETRIUS seeds could very well be Oscie's, because the circled "H" in front of the rest of the crosses in the last nine rows tells me those seeds came from Harold Harris. I don't know if Harris was phasing himself out of hybridizing when Oscie got these seeds in 1978 or 1979, but it's likely, as Harris's had ceased hybridizing in 1984. In that year John Benz bought Harris's program and registered the best of the remaining selects.

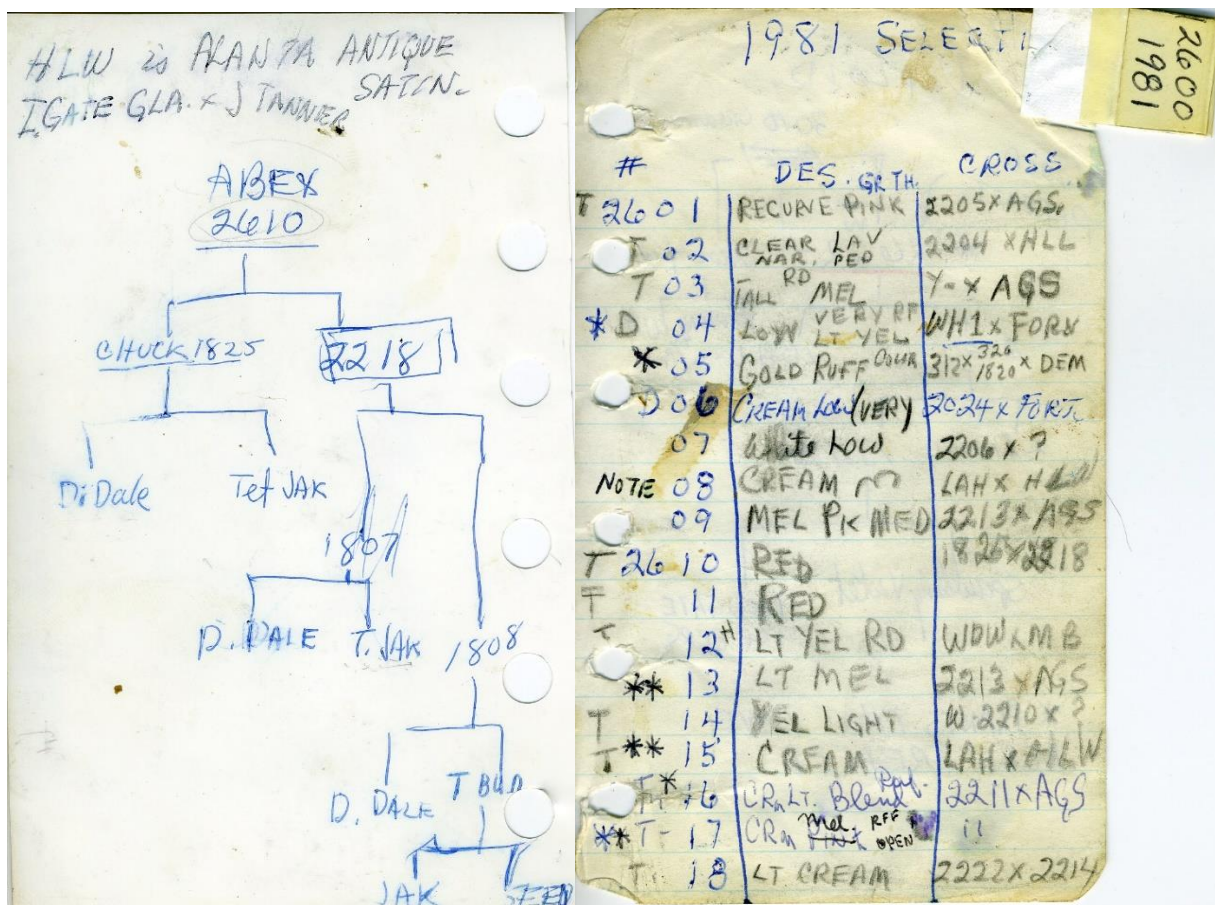
56	1	1615x HLL	63	4	(H) "
56	2	1615x ?	63	1	(H) CYRUSXCF.
56	8	1216x L-27	63	3	(H) MIGS
57	1	1843x L-27	64	4	(H) " P-2
57	4	? x SM	64	1	(H) WZWI-MB-P
57	1	2204 x HLL	64	3	(H) SUDE-CFS.
57	2	? x C Barwell	65	6	(H) "
57	1	2204 x ?	66	6	(H) "
57	?	1216 x L-27	66	6	(H) MFH-Y 1
58	5	"	67	10	"
59	12	T. Yellow x Dem?	68	12	"
60	11	"	69	7	1561 x 2021
61	11	"	69	4	(H) x SUDE
62	1	"	70	4	?
62	2	(H) x LAH			
62	2	(H) Rose Red x Jac 13			
62	4	(H) ? x SWHD-1			

I have decoded the crosses to the extent possible in a PDF of Whatley's 1981 Seedling Map.

The 1981 selects that follow are packed with supplemental notations on the facing pages. A variety of pens and pencils indicate multiple dates of writing. The notation about HLW being ATLANTA ANTIQUE SATIN looks like it was written last, to explain "NOTE" at 2608. I am persuaded that this NOTE is a mistake.

The drawing of the ABEX pedigree is a beautiful example of "gumbo breeding," where the hybridizer stacks the deck in favor of the reliable color of Peck's DOUGLAS DALE and the reliable form of Tet. JAKARTA, with a dose of Tet. BUDDHA thrown in.

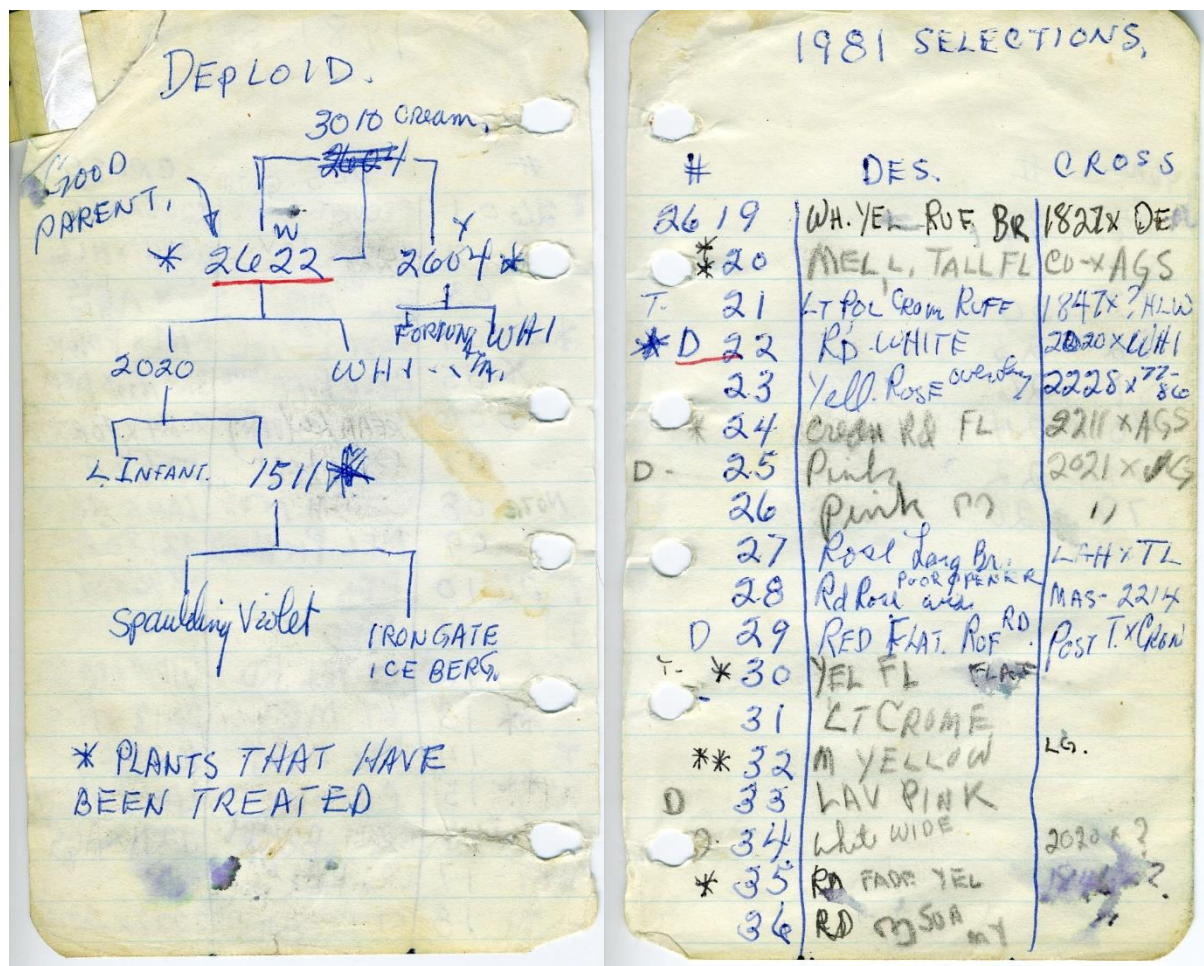
The list of selects survives an "audit" comparison with the map pretty well. There are a few instances where Oscie has made a guess about what "?" means on the map. No 2648 lists "AGS" (AGGIE SELLERS) as the pod parent, and the map doesn't show anything to confirm that. No 2647, "LAH x DEM," also gives a cross that doesn't appear on the map.



The note above the ABEX pedigree appears to pose an answer to a puzzle: “what the heck is HLW?” It would have been easy to write “AAS” on the map, but the plastic tag obviously said “HLW.” The key question I face is, “when did Oscie write the map?” Mapping would be easiest immediately after planting the small seedlings, when the small green pieces of plastic would be undamaged by UV radiation or the work of squirrels. But “Bloom” suggests that the map is made at least a year after planting and possibly two, when the plastic tags would be almost impossible to read any time after early March. The map could have been made in the second year of bloom, when final selections would have to be removed and the remainder composted. Initial selection would have begun in the year of first bloom, which I assume to be 1981, meaning the seeds were harvested in 1979, when Oscie had a firm idea of what “HLW” meant. If he used HIGHLAND WATER sparingly and didn’t remember it vividly, it’s easy to imagine him wondering what the abbreviation meant two or three years later.

Guesswork is part of hybridizing life. There’s ample evidence that Oscie encountered puzzles in the garden and made guesses. It’s possible that he persuaded himself incorrectly years after he wrote (and possibly lost) a cross tag.

I’ve made a guess that “HL” in this year’s codes means “Highland” with respect to a Virginia Peck cultivar, HIGHLAND LASS, which it is plausible to imagine Oscie using in his rose and pink line. That conjecture led me to imagine HLW begins with “Highland” and concludes with a second word beginning with W.



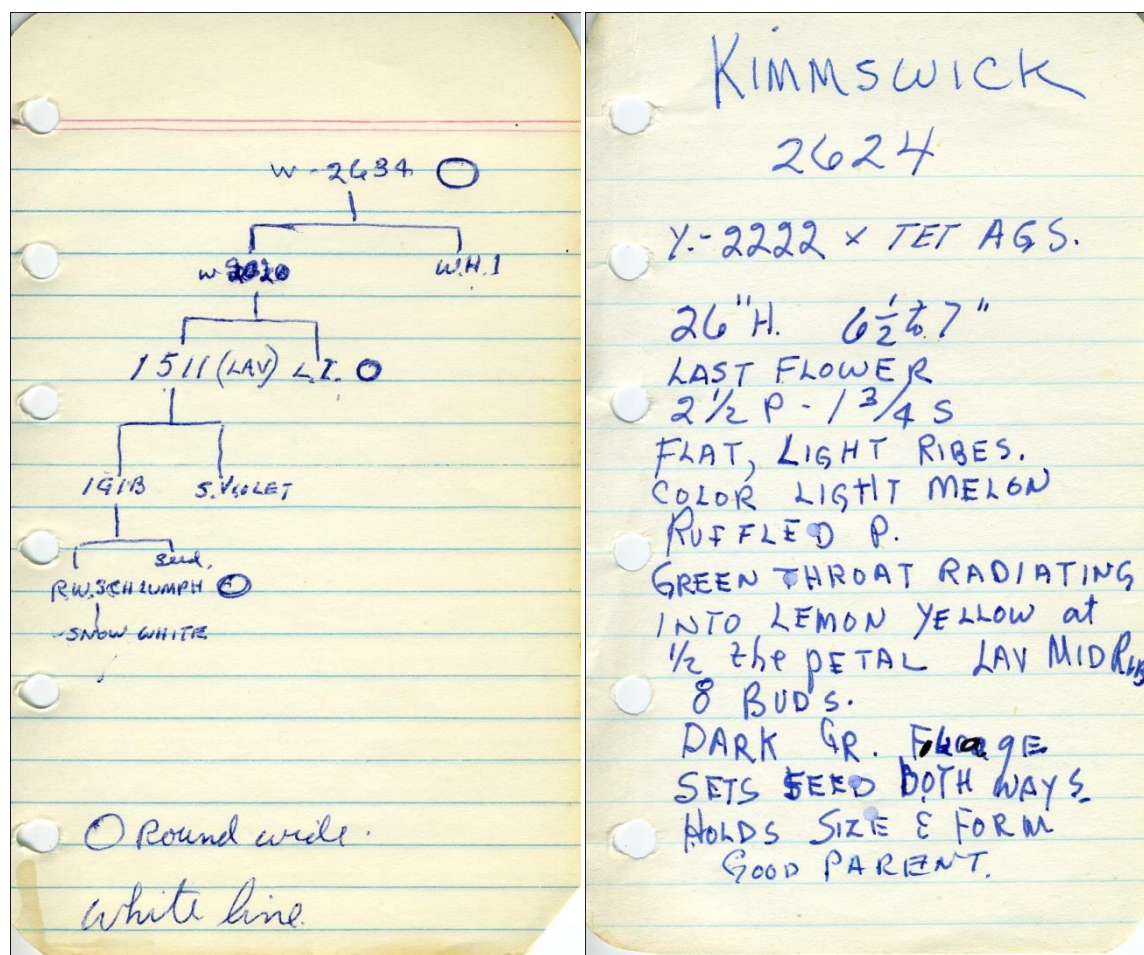
The pedigree of his diploid white line is valuable for identifying which diploids were treated to become tetraploid breeders. No 1511 became 1611 in its tetraploid form. Nos 2604 and 2622 were used as diploids and then converted. The pedigree dates from 1983 or later because the 3010 number (later named YEBIT) at the top is Oscie's 3000 series from 1983. Oscie has carefully marked diploid selects with a D in front of the number. No 2626 contains a symbol that resembles an uppercase M. I think it's Oscie's symbol for a recurved blossom.

No 2630 presents a puzzle in later years. He clearly writes "Yel Flat" in the description field, but in using it later and in marking his slides, it is a rose pink with a "RO" prefix to the number. Possibly, he assigned the number to a better seedling and didn't update the original notebook entry. Who knows?

1981 SELECTIONS			
#	DES	POD.	CROSS
* 2637	RD. GOLD RUFF		1846x?
38	VERY RUF GOLD		
39	WHITE		2020x?
* 2640	POD. LIGHT PINK	COLOR. 2214	2214x2214
41	SS RD	COLOR. 2000	MELXAS
* 42	Ruffedged Bunt.	Pod. parent	
43	Pink P.		2021x19
44	MED PINK		2021x19
45	LT. Yellow		(61x?)222
D- 46	White Infrared		2020xWH
* 47	LT YEL BR		LAH x DEM
48	MELON		AGS x
** 49	Deep Paley	COLOR.	LAH x ?
D. 2650	MAL @ edge.		MAL x 19
51	White edge. Green till.		WH x 1842
T 52	Rose overlay		2211x2214
53	Pink Blend		? x 77-8
54	Pink Good.		216 x 22

1981			
T 2655	Rose Pink BL		2211x2214
56	Sal Pink		? x AGS?
57	Cream, Pink Pg.		Harold.
58	Same as		2955
D 59	Rd. SMALL Low PINK		2020xS-7
* 60	LT. Yellow	FTER	LAH x TDS.
* 61	"	"	"
* 2662	Pink.		Very good Pod.
T. 63	Rose Pink		Very Good Pod.
T** 64	GR & ROSE BLEND		?
T** 65	TALL BRANCH good form		Yel Blend?
66			
67			
68			
69			
T-70	Wide Tall Ruff		Chuck?
71			
75	Low Ruff		

No 2647 contains guesswork that I think is years later. The penmanship is unique. It's written by a man who has bought a calligraphy pen and is studying its use in the mid-80s. There are several LAHAINA pod parent crosses in the 1981 map, but none with DEMETRIUS as the pollen parent, so this is guesswork, and it is probably right, because he used DEMETRIUS liberally. "Chuck" in 2670 is CHUCALISSA. No 2657 says only "Harold" in the parent column. I take this to mean it came out of the bloc of seedlings at the end of the map, where a circled capital H precedes the row numbers.

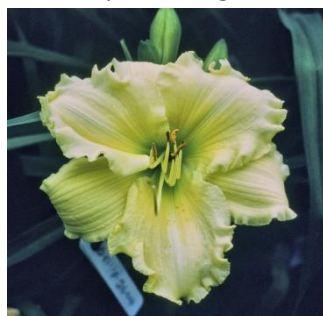


The 2600 series yielded the following Whatley registrations:

2604 ZENAR (1986) WH1 McKinney sdlg X FORTUNATA HM 91

The AHS database says: Zenar (Whatley, 1986) height 20 in. (51 cm), bloom 5 in. (13 cm), season EM, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, Fragrant. Light yellow self with green throat. (sdlg × Fortunata)

Introduced by John Allgood's Meadowlake Gardens



2610 ABEX (1983) CUCALISSA X seedling

The AHS database says: Abex (Whatley, 1983) height 20 in. (51 cm), bloom 5.5 in. (14 cm), season M, Dormant, Tetraploid. Dark red self with yellow green throat. (Chucalissa × sdlg)

Oscie's registration form says, "Very low Tet, super flat flower with good ruffles." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1985.



2613 NEBO (1986) seedling X Tet. AGGIE SELLERS

The AHS database says: Nebo (Whatley, 1986) height 24 in. (61 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season EM, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Medium melon self with green throat. (sdlg × Tet. Aggie Sellers)

Oscie's registration form indicates 18 buds, heavy texture, sun resistant, vigorous, fast increase, "Very fertile with almost any other tet." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens.



2617 FEMME OSAGE (1985) seedling X Tet. AGGIE SELLERS

HM 89

The AHS database says: Femme Osage (Whatley, 1985) height 25 in. (64 cm), bloom 6.5 in. (17 cm), season M, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Deep melon self with green throat. (sdlg × Tet. Aggie Sellers)

Oscie's registration form indicates 20 buds, extended bloom, heavy substance, diamond dusting, scant branching, and "very good opener even under adverse conditions." Introduced by

Meadowlake Gardens in 1986.



2624 KIMMSWICK (1982) seedling X Tet. AGGIE SELLERS HM 89

AHS database says: Kimmswick (Whatley, 1982) height 25 in. (64 cm), bloom 6.5 in. (17 cm), season M, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Light melon cream with lavender midribs and green throat. (sdlg × Tet. Aggie Sellers)

Oscie's registration form indicates 15 buds, extended bloom, diamond dusting, high and wide branching, and "Color and form attractive, very good opener. Good spacing of flower timing which accounts for flower size good to end." Introduced by John Mason Allgood (Meadowlake Gardens) in 1984.



2632 VELDA (1986) seedling X (sdlg X Tet. JAKARTA)

The AHS database says: Velda (Whatley, 1986) height 26 in. (66 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season M, Dormant, Tetraploid. Medium gold self with green throat. (sdlg × (sdlg × Tet. Jakarta))

The map doesn't show a pollen parent that equates with "sdlg x Tet. JAKARTA." The list of selects is blank in the parentage column for 2632, so the parentage on the registration form is a guess Oscie made in 1986 when he filled in the form. The guess may be correct, but the notation may be wrong. In Row 15 of the second section of the beds there are 14 plants from 1847 as the **pod** parent, which is "sdlg x Tet. JAKARTA," and the pollen parent in that group is unknown.

Oscie's registration form indicates 20 buds, "rich color, vigorous grower." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1988.



2637 CALEDONIA (1983) (COMMANDMENT x Tet JAKARTA) x ? HM 91

The AHS database says: Caledonia (Whatley, 1983) height 22 in. (56 cm), bloom 7 in. (18 cm), season M, Dormant, Tetraploid. Medium gold self with green throat. ((Commandment x Tet. Jakarta) x sdlg)

Oscie's registration form indicates 20 buds and a "Large well faced flower, low grower." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1985.



2647 SACO (1986) LAHAINA X DEMETRIUS HM 91

The AHS database says: Saco (Whatley, 1986) height 27 in. (69 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season M, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Light yellow self with green throat. (Lahaina x Demetrius)

Oscie's registration form indicates 30 buds and exciting attributes: "Very fertile pod parent, having excellent characteristics that are passed on to its seedlings such as ruffles, open flower, bud count, branching." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens.



2649 TUSCAN (1987) LAHAINA X (sdlg x Tet. HOPE DIAMOND)

The AHS database says: Tuscan (Whatley, 1987) height 26 in. (66 cm), bloom 5.5 in. (14 cm), season MLa, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Pink and yellow polychrome with green throat. (Lahaina x (sdlg x Tet. Hope Diamond))

Oscie's registration form identifies a pollen parent selected in 1978. His 1978 selects 2002 and 2009 are from "sdlg x HD." Assuming Oscie knew what he was working with in that period, the HD may be Tet. HOPE DIAMOND (W.B. MacMillian, 1968). It won the AM in 1974 and was among the most celebrated diploids of its time.

Neither 2002 nor 2009 appear on the 1981 map. Either of those could be the unknown pollen parent in the LAHAINA cross in Row 6 of the second section. Oscie could have remembered that when he wrote the registration form eight years after he made the cross. He had all that time to get to know the plant and think about what the pollen parent could have been. It is clear he had no idea when he wrote his list of selects in the notebook. He never went back to update the list of selects. That's not hard to understand. By 1988 he had moved on.

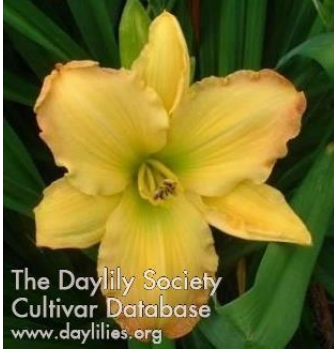
He wrote on the registration form, "the color is unusually rich and glowing, attractive to visitors. Consistent performer and holds color well in sun." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1988.



2650 OZORA (1986) MALAYSIA X JANET GAYLE

The AHS database says: Ozora (Whatley, 1986) height 24 in. (61 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season MLa, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid. Rose and gold blend with green throat. (Malaysia × Janet Gayle)

I can imagine Oscie's delight when he first saw this new diploid. It is a glowing gold with a rose edge. Oscie's registration form indicates extended bloom, 20 buds and "rich blend of deep colors, somewhat edged." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1988.



2660 CHAFFEE (1986) LAHAINA X Tet. DRIVEN SNOW

The AHS database says: Chaffee (Whatley, 1986) height 24 in. (61 cm), bloom 7 in. (18 cm), season MLa, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Cream yellow with green throat. (Lahaina × Tet. Driven Snow)

LAHAINA is proving itself as an excellent parent! Oscie wrote on the registration form, "color is clear and rich, large flowers with vigorous garden habit." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1988.



There were five award-winners in the eleven registrations that came from the 1981 crop!

1982

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A Book on Hybridizing

I don't know what moved Oscie to draft a small booklet on hybridizing, but due to the length of what later appeared in the form of seven articles, I think he was prompted to write about what he had learned after the unexpected loss of Jim McKinney. One can imagine that he drafted the book because

he was by nature a guide and mentor, or one can imagine that the Editor of *The Daylily Journal* asked him to write “something about hybridizing” and it evolved into a booklet. The narrative style is remarkably true to Oscie’s mode of speaking, and it has the sort of clarity that is achieved only through the labors of drafting, letting it sit, looking at it again, and redrafting until there are no wasted words and no foggy concepts. I imagine he worked on this book during his free time throughout the 1980s.

You can read the articles in the online archives of *The Daylily Journal*, Spring 1988 through the Fall of 1989. The American Hemerocallis Society compiled the articles into a booklet in 1990, but that booklet went out of publication. I transcribed it and posted the transcription on my web site and on the AHS Membership Portal in the Region 11 section.

1982 Seedling Map and List of Selects

There are only about 200 seedlings in the 1982 map, and I don’t think there are more than 21 tetraploids. This looks like a year of investing in diploid assets in the hope of future material to convert.

I think the first two rows of the map are tetraploid seedlings. There are leaps of imagination to get to that point, to be sure. Seedling 1842 is the “Okubo” diploid. It’s crossed with tet 1846 from COMMANDMENT X Tet. JAKARTA. Therefore, I imagine 1842 has been converted. This is all based on the supposition that “COMM” is Reckamp’s COMMANDMENT, which makes the most sense to me, and that a cross of “COMM” with “JAK” requires that JAKARTA be a conversion of the diploid.

In the next line 1842, the “Okubo” seedling is crossed with tet 312, driving the deduction that 1842 has been converted.

No 1219 is a tet, so “AS-1842” probably means “Tet. AMY STEWART or 1842.” No 1614 is a tet and it’s crossed with a FIREDRAKE seedling, also tet. Everything from row 3 on down is diploid.

The interested student of this material is welcome to make alternate guesses. Mind-reading has its limits, and in the fog of this material, I’m not sure where they are!

1982 BLOOM

read E. to W

Row	CROSS	PLANTS
1	?	4
1	1842 x 1846	1
1	18312 x 1842	3
1	1219 x AS-1842	1
2	1614 x FDX ^{Sub}	2
2	1844 x HSMS.	10
3	LI x S-12	1
3	S-7 x S-12	1
3	S-14 x Car ^{OL}	3
3	J-16 x S-12	4
3	S-16 x Car ^{OL}	4
4	J.S. x S-10	7
4	JAK x AL	5
5	" "	4
5	2410 x S-10	5
5	2410 x S-12	2
6	" "	12
7	S-7 x S-12	3

1982 BLOOM

West Bed

read east to west

Row	CROSS	PLANTS
7	L-I x S-12	7
7	2410 x S-12	2
8	S-7 x S-12	5
8	S-5 x S-12	7
9	S-7 x S-12	12
10	S-7 x J-1	8
10	L-I x S-12	2
11	S-7 x J-5	8
11	PEB x J-2	3
12	JG x J-5	5
12	2020 x S-10	1
12	MC x S-12	6
13	2021 x S-12	8
13	2410 x S-12	2
14	WHI x S-12	8
14	MC x S-12	
14	S-2 x S-12	
15	WHI ^{and} PEB x S-12	

1982 Bloom
read E 20 w.

Row	Cross	Plants.
16	"	12
17	"	12
18	"	12
18	White Mae x S-12	4

1982
SELECT'S.

#	disruption cross
D-2801	ROSE PINK / 15 x 7?
	LG. 3 1/2 P
D-2801	RD-LT. PINK 7x

There are only two selects in 1982, possibly three, as there is a surviving slide for 2803 with "Delmar" written on it and parents S12 X S7. Oscie's AHS Registration sheet for DELMAR gives a seedling number of 2802 and the parents as "white seedling x pink seedling." The registration form is dated 1986, so he had four years to consider what the parents might be for 2802. I think 2803 is a sibling.

2802 DELMAR (1982) seedling 7 (S-7?) x blank

HM 92

The AHS database says: Delmar (Whatley, 1986) height 20 in. (51 cm), bloom 5 in. (13 cm), season EM, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid. Medium pink self with green throat.

DELMAR (2802)



2803



1983

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1983 Bloom			1983 Bloom		
Row	Cross	Plants	Row	Cross	Pl
1	TET Mix	9	7	Pink x 2214x?	6
1	" "	9	8	" "	3
2	" "	6	8	W2 x 511 x 2210 x 2603	8
2	" "	4	8	MAS x ?	7
2	2652 x ?	4	8	1810 x 2610	2
3	1403 x 2205 x AGS	1	8	Br Red x Jo	1
3	1216 x 2214 x ?	7	9	51B 2403 x PT 2610	13
4	Row 24 (1981)	1	9	Red x Jo	3
4	" 30 "	9	9	1821 x PT?	1
5	" " "	3	10	1841 x Jo	4
5	Ro 2604 x 5.7?	8	10	1841 x Jo	1
5	" x ?	5	10	CF x PT	1
5	2216 x ?	2	10	1821 x PT?	2
6	2608 x ?	10	10	CF x Yu-CH-2600	5
6	1848 x 2214 x ?	8	10	1810 x PT	4
7	1848 x "	3	11	1810 x PT	2
7	2640 x ?	6	11	2209 x Jo	9
7	2604 R-x?	3	11	CF x 112610	2

If the 1982 map was almost entirely diploid, the 1983 map is the opposite. There are nearly 500 seedlings in the bed, and they represent so much tetraploid work that there is no need to indicate conversions with "T" or (T) next to the names.

The abbreviation "CHAR" is ambiguous. I took it to mean CHARVEL, but revised that when I saw the registration papers for O'FALLON listed the parents as CHAFFEE X Tet. CHARBONIER. If he was using both CHARVEL and Tet. CHARBONIER, he surely would have found a way to distinguish one from another on his map. I have taken "CHAR" to mean Tet. CHARBONIER throughout the map.

Row 4 and part of Row 5, with indications of Row numbers in the 1981 bed suggest that he saved a group of unnumbered seedlings to have another look at them.

The notation in Row 5 "Ro2604" is baffling. Ordinarily, "Ro" would mean "rose," but 2604 is light yellow, the future ZENAR. I have corrected the number to 2004. Oscie caught the mistake when he wrote his list of selects, realized that 2604 was not rose, and changed 2604 to 2004. I have applied this to cases where R or Ro are connected with 2604, but have left any plain 2604 notation stand.

I'm struck by the low number of seeds in many of the crosses. This suggests that Oscie didn't persist with a particular cross, day after day, but took whatever Lady Luck gave him. I'm not surprised by the high number of unknown pollen parents in the bed. I have used the same kind of push-on tag for crosses, so I know how easily they blow off before the pod gains enough size to hold them in place. I don't know if Oscie tagged "bee pods" after they formed, but I suspect he did on the chance that the seeds were of his making.

His outcrosses in red now include Tet. POST TIME (Wild), CHICAGO FIRECRACKER (Marsh) and JOG ON (Peck.)

His outcrosses in lavender focus on Peck's QUINN BUCK, and his copper/orange outcrosses involve MAUNA LOA (Earl Roberts).

The diploid work is segregated to Rows 20-30 with the exception of Tet. DRIVEN SNOW in Row 25.

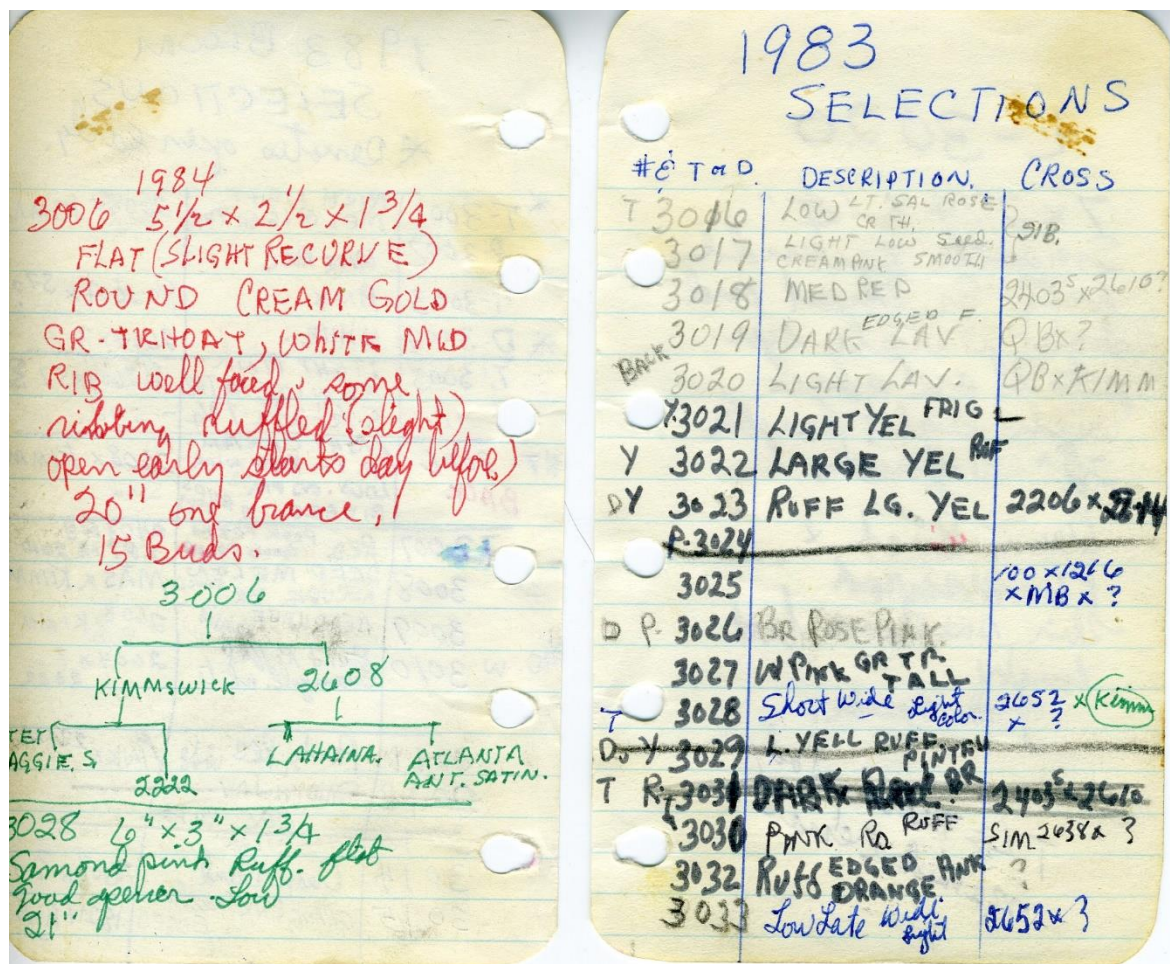
1983 Selects

Here's a challenging list! On the last page of the list, the abbreviation "TL" is used as a pod parent. This was a garden nickname, "Teasing Lady." Oscie wrote a note on the facing page to decode it: "TL=Teasing Lady. Named Zenar." ZENAR was registered in 1986 as the name for 2604, light yellow. Why did he use the number except on the last line, perhaps written a year later, where he used the abbreviation for its nickname? Note at 3003 he has corrected RO-2604 to read RO-2004. Since 2004 is a tet, I doubt that diploid S-7 was the pollen parent. He indicates the seedling is a tetraploid there and at 3005. Selection 3010 is a diploid from 2604, the future ZENAR, a diploid.

1983 BLOOM SELECTIONS

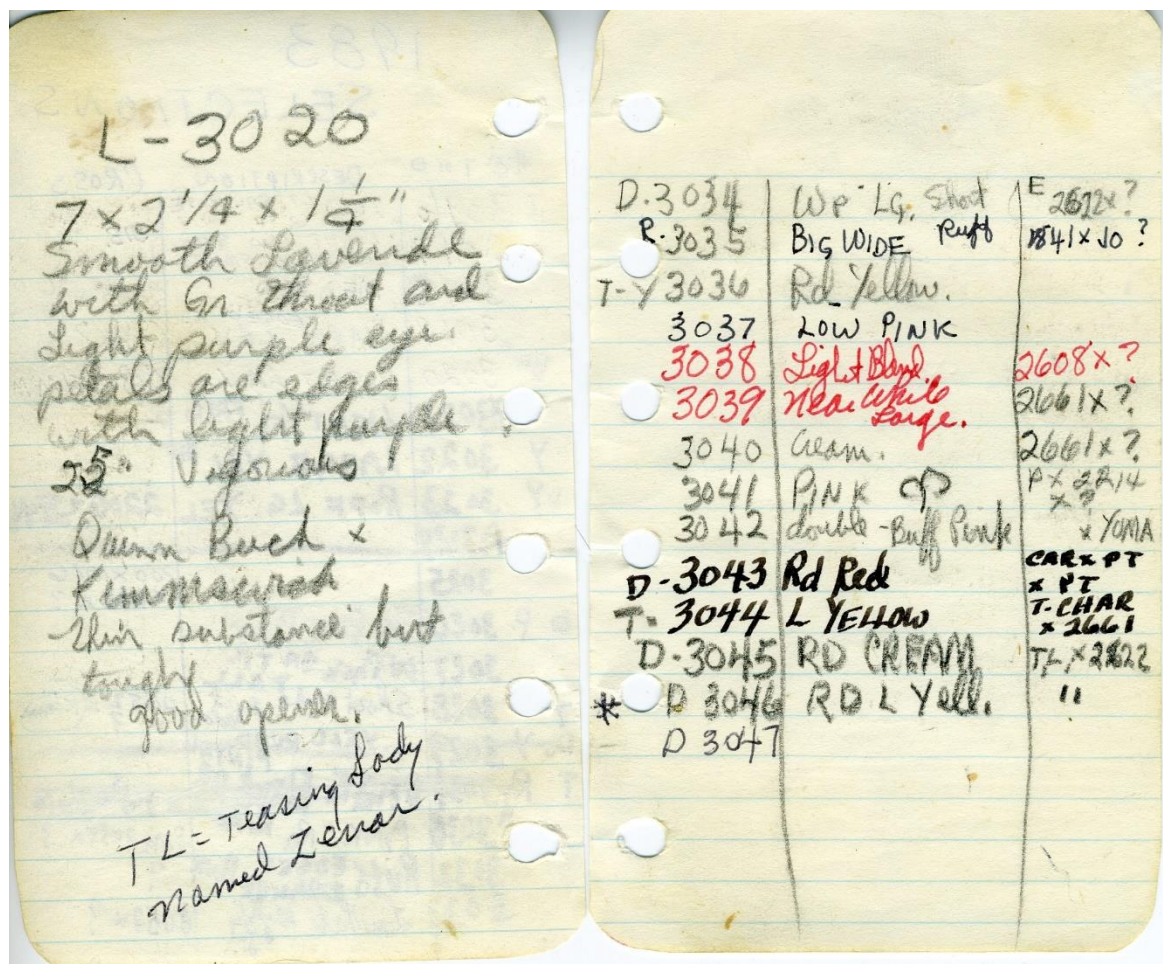
* Denotes open early.

* T-3001	RICH LIGHT MEL @ LG GR THRO	2608x KIMM
D-3002	WIDE MEL	
T-3003	PINK	PO 2604x 57?
* D-3004	WHITE.	2604x?
T-3005	LIGHT PINK RD WIDE GR THRO	PO 2604x 57?
11	5 1/2" - 2 3/4" - 1 3/4"	- Seed
* T-3006	LIGHT CREAM CR. TH. ROFF W. AR LOW. C. W. PM RIDGE. 2 PUPS	2608x KIMM Seed
BACK		
T-3007	RED. POOR FORM GOOD COLOR	2403 SIG x PT OR 2610
3008	DEEP MEL RECURVE BR	MAS x KIMM
3009	NEAR WHITE PLAIN	2608x KIMM
* D.W. 3010	Round Ruffled Creamy yell. white	2604x? 2622
3011	Pink Rec. wide	PINKx 2214
3012	SMOOTH LAV	
3013	FALL MEL RUFF	
3014	Cream Blend	2608x?
3015	ORANG PINK FATH EDGED	1521x AGS.



Selection 3006 is the future SPRING FLING. The selection list makes several references to crosses that don't appear on the map of 1983 Bloom. Selection 3025 is one such example. I have added these phantom crosses to the bottom of my transcription of the seedling map. Of particular interest is 3044, involving Tet. CHARBONIER. Also of interest is 3020, which was never registered, but which Oscie kept in the garden a long time.

Selections 3043 and 3044 are written with Oscie's new calligraphy pen. He either taught himself or took a class in calligraphy, though there are scant examples of his using the pen in the notebooks.

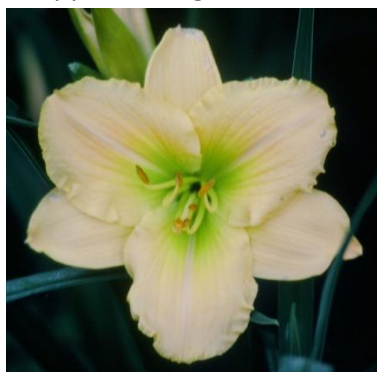


The 3000 series yielded the following Whatley registrations:

3006 SPRING FLING (1984) seedling 2608 X KIMMSWICK

The AHS database says: Spring Fling (Whatley, 1984) height 20 in. (51 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season E, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Cream and gold with light green throat. ((Lahaina x Atlanta Antique Satin) x Kimmswick)

A copy of the registration form is not in Oscie's file



3008 CANARD (1988) MASADA X KIMMSWICK

The AHS database says: Canard (Whatley, 1988) height 28 in. (71 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season M, Dormant, Tetraploid. Deep melon self with light green throat. (Masada × Kimmswick)

Oscie's registration form is written in calligraphy pen. "Bold, clear color flower," it says. Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1989.



3010 YEBIT (1986) ZENAR X seedling 2622

Registration form says, "Form is flat, round, and full, with very deep ruffles. Cream color is deep and rich." To be introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1989. Oscie told me the name is a soundalike for "Yeh, but."

Oscie's 1991 price list describes it this way: YEBIT (Whatley 1990) Diploid. EM Re Noc Ext V Fr. SE. 22, 5"--2¾"--1½". (ZENAR x White seedling). A very ruffled, finger-waved smooth light yellow. Form is wide, full and rounded. Lovely green throat. Excellent opener. An excellent parent for breeding wide, flat, ruffled near-whites. General performance is very good. Ruffles are ½" and stand up. Velvety, very heavy substance. Flat. Three-way branching, 20-22 buds. Good grower, medium-sized plants.....\$25.00



3028 ALVIN LEBEGUE MEMORIAL (1985) seedling 2652 X KIMMSWICK?

HM 92

The AHS database says: Alvin Lebegue Memorial (Whatley, 1985) height 20 in. (51 cm), bloom 6.5 in. (17 cm), season MLa, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Orange pink self with green throat. (sdlg × Kimmswick)

Oscie's registration form says, "Very flat, unusual orange pink color, large green throat." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1987.



3044 O'FALLON (1986) Tet CHARBONIER X seedling 2661 [or CHAFFEE 2660 x Tet. CHARBONIER]

The AHS database says: O'Fallon (Whatley, 1986) height 25 in. (64 cm), bloom 5.5 in. (14 cm), season M, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid. Cream self with green throat. (Tet. Charbonier × sdlg)

A copy of a registration form dated November 30, 1983 says the parents are CHAFFEE X Tet. CHARBONIER. The official AHS registration, dated 1986, says the parents are "Tet. CHARBONIER X seedling." The seedling number, 2661, is a sibling of CHAFFEE. One could suppose with foggy certainty that the copy Oscie saved in his file was never sent. When he filled out the 1983 registration form, Oscie probably wondered why the cross he noted in his list of selects couldn't be found on his 1983 map. Initially, he decided to trust his map. He supposed he became confused and wrote the cross backwards, with the wrong seedling number, when he noted the selection of 3044. Due to the element of confusion, he decided not to submit it. After all, he was allowing six years for Meadowlake Gardens to propagate it before a planned introduction in 1989.

One may suppose that, after another season or two of studying the flower, he considered the possibility that he had made omissions when he mapped the seedling bed and that his selection note was more likely correct. He completed another registration form in 1986 and sent that one in. This supposition explains the lack of correspondence about a change in the registered parents. It does not explain why he saved a copy of the wrong registration form from 1983.

He says on the form, "Heavy, ruffled petals of very light cream to light yellow." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1989.



3046 KEWANEE (1986) ZENAR X seedling

KEWANEE is a flower so beautiful that Dorothy Whatley insisted Oscie keep it permanently in the garden adjoining their patio. The registration form describes "block like petals with very deep ruffles. Good form and consistent performer." Planned introduction by Meadowlake Gardens in 1989. Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1991.

Oscie's 1992 price list says: KEWANEE (Whatley 1991) Diploid. ML EXT SE. 28", 5" --2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "--1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (ZENAR x White Seedling). In my quest for wider near whites, this unusual flat, block formed cream yellow appeared. Its ruffles are so deep you could call them waves. Bred from several seedlings and cultivars of the Spalding line, KEWANEE performs equally well in the North and the South. Consistently vigorous and fertile both ways..... \$50.00



Here are the slides of unregistered seedlings from that crop:

3005



3014



3020



3021



3022



3027



3032



3033



3042

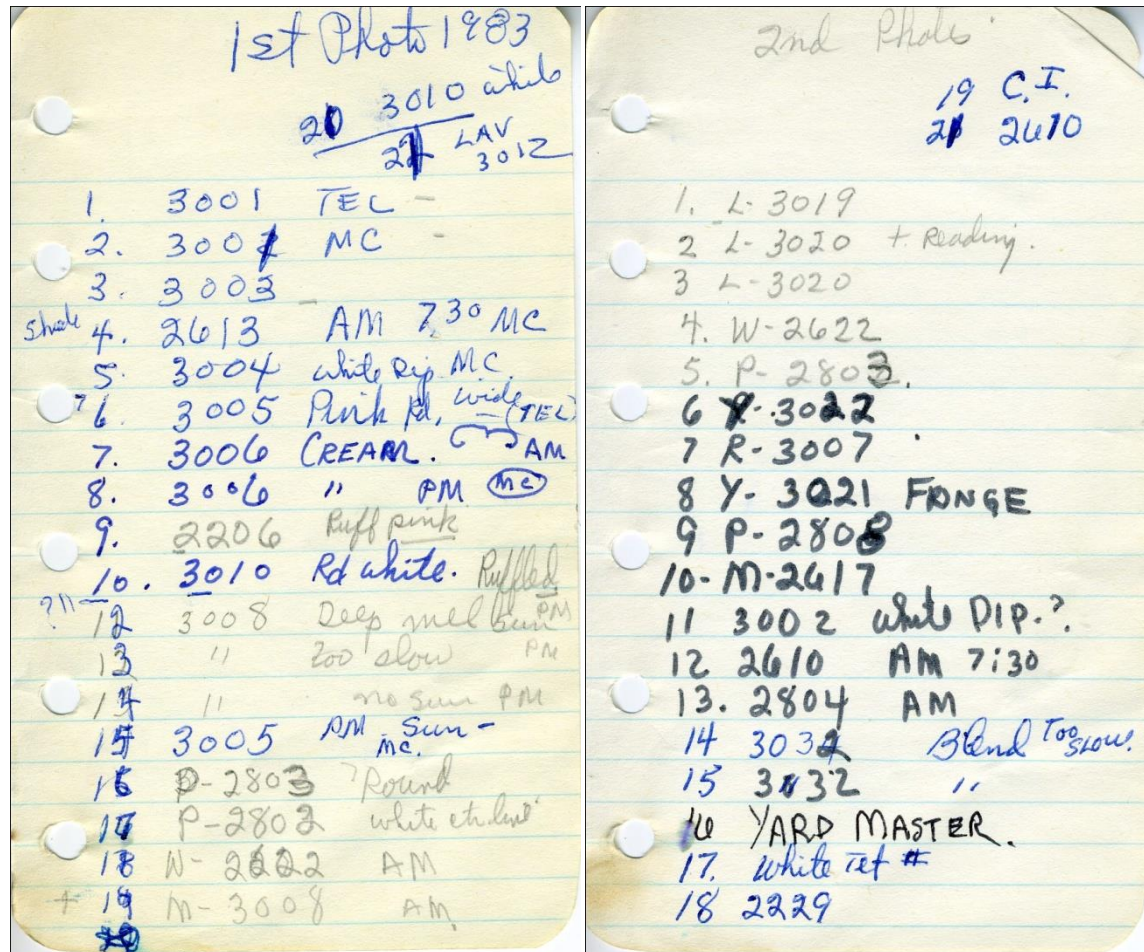


3043 from POST TIME



Oscie kept notes of the slides he took in the garden. He saved relatively few slides over the years, but the lists are helpful in determining what was in the garden and when. The 19th picture on the list below

is Clarke Yancey's CHRISTMAS IS, a red diploid that would jump-start another line of Whatley red tetraploids.



1984

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Even without a date on the page, it's clear from seedling numbers in the 3200 series that the pictures could not have been taken later than 1984. These lists help solve puzzles in the maps and lists of selects.

The second page numbering may have been revised when Oscie got the slides back from the lab. The green ink numbers are revisions. Nos 31 and 32 are plants from George Pettus ("Pet."). One is seedling 79-114 and the other is his BUTTERSCOTCH BOUNCE (1981). Nos 33-35 are tet conversions of GENTLE SHEPHERD, VENETIAN LACE, and McKinney's white breeder, WH1.

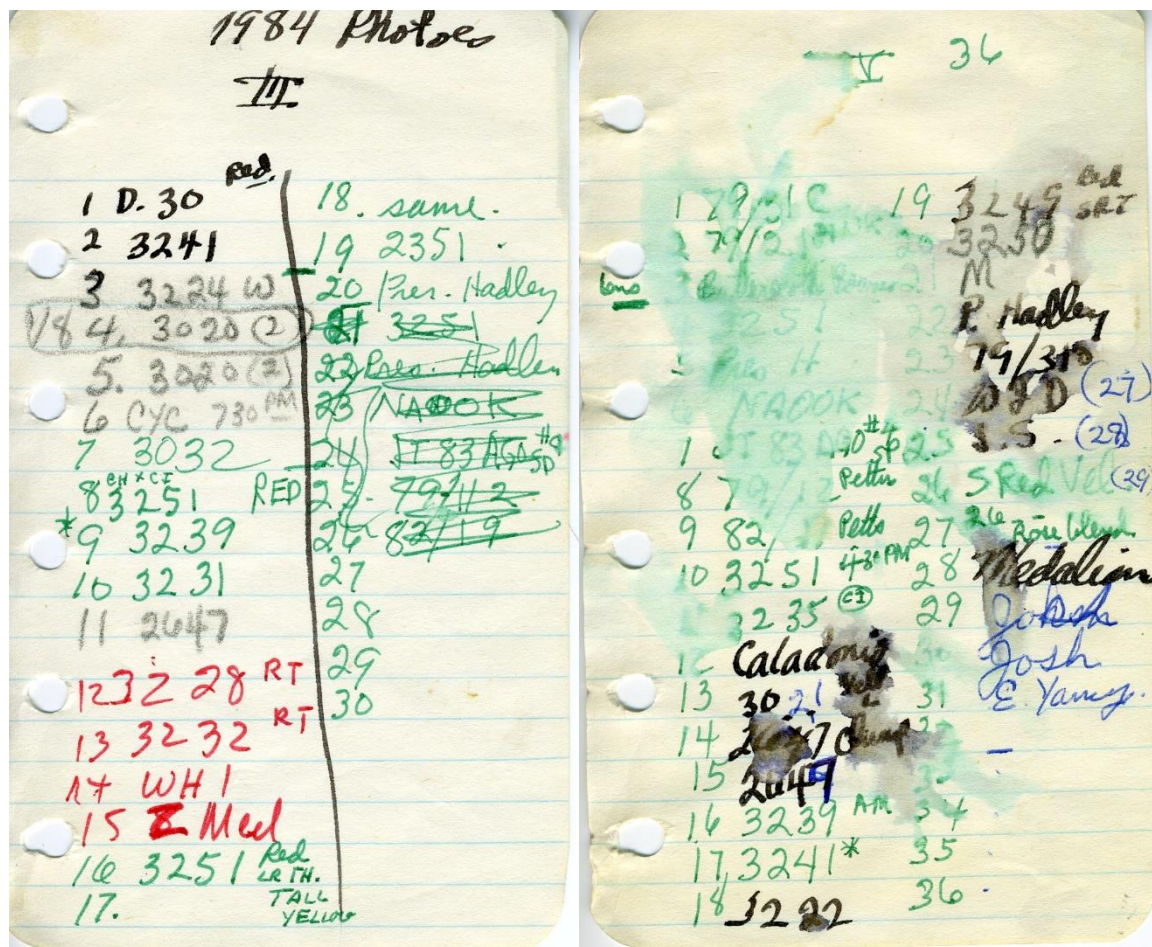
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3214

1 19-3014
 2 20 3203 Boyd Blen
 3 21 2612 ?
 4 22 2651 white
 5 23 3213 LPM
 6 24 3219
 7 3201 25 3020 LAV
 8 3001- 26 2608
 9 2622 27 3224
 10 3006 AM 28 3224
 11 3006 PM 29 3222 AM
 12 3207 Dark AM 30 3222 PM
 13 3204 31 3223
 14 3207 P 32 3224
 15 3205 33 3030
 16 ROSE PINK 34 3222 P
 17 3206 35 Cyclone
 18 3209 36 3020

2nd photos

1 3232 19 Kimm PM
 2 3230 20 Ad. 26 3234 purple
 3 3217 21 22
 4 3240 22 3027
 5 M.S. PINK 23 3222 P
 6 3202 24 3239 R
 7 3215 25 3217 R
 8 Cyclone 26 3243
 9 3018 27 3214
 10 Kimm. 28 79/114 wife
 11 Kimm. 29 329 Ad. BUTTER RAN
 12 2604 Tel. 30 Tel. S. Bounce.
 13 Kimm. 31 Venetian Lace
 14 Kimm. 32 Tel. WHI
 15 3239 33 3021
 16 Postcard 34 3033
 17 3028 35
 18 3028 36



On the third page, the crossed-out entries for Nos 21-26 give evidence that Oscie has (or has seen in a garden visit) PRESIDENT HADLEY (Pettus, 1981), and (one is tempted to imagine) a pre-release plant of NANUQ (Jinkerson, 1986), a white diploid from St. Louis. He also has ZEN MEDITATION (Kirchhoff, 1979) for conversion. The fourth page gives evidence of SILOAM MEDALLION (Henry, 1982) SILOAM RED VELVET (Henry, 1975), ELIZABETH YANCEY (Yancey-Harrison, 1973), and (wild guess) JOSHUA SUNSET (Vena Belk, 1975).

ZEN MEDITATION



NANUQ



SILOAM MEDALLION



ELIZABETH YANCEY



1984 Seedling Map

1984 BLOOM 1 EAST BED.			1984 Bloom 2		
Row	CROSS	PLANTS	Row	CROSS	PLANTS
1	1821 x ?	4	9	1810 x 76-62	1
1	1821 x ?	4	9	2642 x C.I.	1
1	CHUCK x PT.	1	9	C. RED x 2610	4
2	" x ?	8	10	2403 x SRT?	1/4
3	1821 x C.I.	8	11	CHUCK x ?	3
3	1821 x SRT.	1	11	"	10
4	1810. INCROSS	12	12	RED #2 INCROSS x C.I.?	4
5	T. RER 2610B	12	12	SRT x ?	2
6	2642 x ²⁶¹⁰ C.I. or SRT.	13	12	2403 x 2610	4
7	1841 x C.I.-SRT	3	12	SRT x CFC	2
7	1821 x C.I.	2	12	CFC x SRT	1
7	CHUCK x C.I.	2	12	C.I. x CFC	1
7	1810 x ?	1	13	RED x 2610	3
8	T. RED x SRT	9	13	CHUCK x ?	3
8	C. RED x C.I.	1	13	RED x 2610	1
8	1813 x ?	6	13	2403 x SRT	1
9	1813 x ?	2	13	1841 x C.I.	1
9	1219 x C.I.	7	14	C. RED x ?	3

The first big section of the bed involves the rejuvenation of the red tet line with Tet. CHRISTMAS IS and Tet. SILOAM RED TOY. There are puzzles throughout: is "T. RER" in Row 5 a miswriting of "T. RED" in Row 8? If not, this may be a conversion of McKinney's RED ROGUE. What is "C. RED" in Row 8? "PT" is Tet POST TIME, as these are all tetraploid crosses and "CHUCK" is CHUCALISSA. I think "CFC" and "CF" are both CHICAGO FIRECRACKER.

What is pod parent “R?” It could stand for Steve Moldovan’s RAHOTEP, although that cultivar is a difficult pod parent. It was one of the best red tets at the time, however, and although there are a lot of red tets beginning with “R,” Oscie gravitated toward the best available.

I think it’s remarkable that he avoided consolidating seeds, even from crosses with an unknown parent. I think he wanted to see results pod-by-pod, even if tags were lost.

“ML” crossed with (probably Tet) WH1 invites a thought that MAUNA LOA is involved, since he used it in 1983. However, there are a lot of other “ML” possibilities in diploids and tetraploids.

Rows 30-39 leave red behind and take up pastel cream and blend flowers. Decoding:

T. WH 1	conversion of McKinney’s best white breeder
H. WHITE	Possibly “Harold’s white,” possibly a nickname for seedling 2657
C.R.	CRACKLING ROSIE (John Allgood, 1978)? Allgood was intro’ing for Oscie
QB	QUINN BUCK (Virginia Peck, 1976) AM 83
MAS	MASADA
TH.M	Tet. THOMAS MARK (Carolyn Taylor, 1979)?
MS	Tet. MAVIS SMITH
TL	Tet. THOMAS LEE more likely than “Teasing Lady,” the nickname for ZENAR
TS-12	Converted Spalding seedling
J-37 and TJ-37	A converted Jim McKinney seedling Oscie got after McKinney’s death in 1979

This is Tet. J-37, a McKinney seedling that became a foundation plant for Whatley pinks



Selections from the 3200 series

1984 SELECTIONS			1984 SEL.		
Bloom			LOST TAG,		
No	DESC.	CROSS	No	DESC	CROSS
* 3201	L. PINK MEL EDG. X OPEN	2662 x 26512	3219	Leg. H. down FINE	2640 x S-37
* 02	Star Pink Lat Round	2663 x 26512	3220	LAV BLEND	2665 x S-12
Dip. 03	7 1/2" Cream Pink Long Ga. Tr.	Dip. Parent?	* 3221	LIGHT LAV	1615 x ?
04	CREAM WHITE	H. WHITE x T LOH	* 22	Tall big dark light pink	2640 x S-12
* 3205	RUF ROSE	QB x (T) 26512	23	light pink	2640 x M.S.
06	LAV GOLD SELF FULL RUFF	MIS RED ?	24	near white	2675 x WHI
07	M. PINK RD. 5" GR. J.	2640 x 26512	3225	deep bronze self	ML x ?
08	TALL FULL BRANCH RED	1821 x T RED TY & COLOR OF RUFF	26	wide cream gold	6? x 6H1
09	HOT PINK RD	2663 x ?	27		
1/20 3210	Near white		28		
11	Rd. Rd.	2610 x ?	29	low small Red	SRT x 2619
12	LAV.	1615 x ? 1415	3230	3" Red	
* 13	ROSE LAV NO EYE	QB x 1511	31	Long yell. tall TALL with	Proy. 2640 x S-37
white edge. * 14	L.G. PURPLE	T. L-1511 x VICHY 2664	32	5" M SLIGHT	2640 x 2670
3215	Rich L Gold. Self. FLAT ROSE	Y ?	33	4" Red.	x SRT
LOST TAG 16	3" C LOW RED	LOST TAG	34		
* 17	Low CORN RED D. F.	2219 x SRT	+ 3235	Red Mix TALL	
LOST TAG 18	Red	R. x SRT	36		

Oscie used his calligraphy pen to lay out the first two pages. Then the challenge of scant space and plentiful data overwhelms these notes. There are only half a dozen selects that can't be matched with the seedling map and there is only one transposition, at selection 3224, where 2675 should read 2657. No 3229 is recorded backwards and No 3214 may be backwards or may be an indication of an omission from the seedling map. The PDF transcription of the 1984 map provides all the decoding I could manage, and I have reconciled this audit of the 3200 series with the PDF of Oscie's Selects compiled from all the notebooks. Note No. 3240. Oscie kept this in the garden until at least 2000, but there is scant evidence that he used it. It figures in the story of RAM's parentage.

Low repeating yellow >

1984 Bloom select.

3237	Rd. Bud open.	2203x M.S.
3238	Low Pink Fr.	increase 2
***39 ^{POD}	Bright Red color	Red C.I.
40	Low Large Light Yellow	Caladonia x Grandale.
*41.	Gr. Red. Bud open.	19x CI
42	4. Low open.	Rx SRT.
*43	TALL. Green TH.	Rx SRT
44	LG GR TH	1219x CI
*45	M. wide color	
46	LA V ROSE	QB-27/73
47	NO EYE RIB	? x SRT.
48	Low Red Red	2219x SRT
49	TALL FULL GR TH	R. x CI
3250	DARK LOW.	L X J-37
*51.	LG GR TH PINK	CHUCK x CI
52	FLAT TALL	*SRT
*53	GR TH 5" RED	*CI
54	Long Red GR TH.	? CI

1984 Cont.			Select. 1984 Bloom		
No	Desc.	Cross	No	Desc.	Cross
3213	Orange Pink Yel	?	55	Dark red	
3214	Large Mel $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$?	56	Rd Lg. Light Pink	$\times S-12$
			57	4 1/2"	? $\times SRT$
			58	Rd Pink pod.	$\times M.S.$
			59	1985 + sel.	
			60	Yel Cream Large	2657 \times ?
			61	Rd Lg. GRTH	$\times CI?$
			62	Nar. Rd. White	A. WH \times ? WH
			* 63	Wide Mel. Low	Kanna \times Kim
			64	Low Red	1219 \times CI
			65	Low Large Low	
			66	Low Yel Blank Ruth.	? 2011 \times K
			67	Clear Large	$\times S12$
			68	Low M Yellow	?
			69	Full Dark GR	$\times SRT$
			70	Rd Ruff red med	$\times SRT$
			71	Pink color	? $\times S12$
			72	Little Red 3"	? $\times SRT$

It's interesting that Oscie saved this bed another year and made fourteen more selections from it in 1985. This suggests that Oscie was intent on distinguishing which crop of seedlings any selection came from.

The 3200 series yielded the following Whatley registrations:

3214 TEAL (1986) seedling \times seedling

Registration form says, "The violet color is much purer than is usually found in this shade. An obvious white edge is on the petals. Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1988



3222 SEDALIA (1986) seedling X T S-12 Spalding seedling

HM 93

Registration form says, "color is exceptionally bright and shows over a distance." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens.

Oscie's 1991 price list describes it this way: SEDALIA (Whatley 1990) Tetraploid. EM Re Ext SE. 27-30", 6 ½"--3"—2". (Seedling x TET MY BELLE X converted Spalding pink). This bright rose pink has the color-carrying power that I have so long sought. One you can spot across the garden without fail. The same clear color, inherited from the Spaulding line, is showing up in SEDALIA's offspring, too. The green throat is very persistent and accents the lightly ruffled pink segments. In late afternoon, a dark rose edge appears on the segments. Four-way branching, 20+ buds. Vigorous, medium-sized plants. I am getting excellent pinks from SEDALIA and KIMMSWICK. \$80.00



3239 KUAN YIN (1988) incross of "Red #2" X Tet. CHRISTMAS IS

HM 94

Registration form filled out 8-8-88 in broad black calligraphy pen. Description says, "Very bright colors, red, yellow, and green. Sun resistant." Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1991.

Oscie's 1992 price list says: KUAN YIN (Whatley 1991) Tetraploid. M Ext SE, 24", 6"--2½"--1½" (FIREDRAKE x Seedling x TET CHRISTMAS IS). The brightness of this medium red and its far above average sun resistance are KUAN YIN's main features. Large green throat bordered with a clear yellow sunburst. Good branching and bud count. Very fertile both ways. We believe KUAN YIN is the first red that will pass the color carrying power. KUAN YIN's seedlings display its color with even more clarity.....\$100.00



[3240 NOTHING VENTURED (2000)] CALEDONIA X CARONDELET Listed in 2000, not reg.

Pre-registered in 1999. Included in the 2000 Whatley Gardens price list, with parents listed in error as "Tet. Siloam Medallion seedling X Tet. Homeward Bound." Pre-registration of the name withdrawn late in 2001. SILOAM MEDALLION was registered in 1982, having won a J.C. award that summer as a seedling under number. I don't believe Oscie would have had a plant before 1983. His first picture of it is dated 1984, the year 3240 was selected. If Oscie got the plant in 1983 and converted it that year, he would have first used it in 1984, so there could have been no seedlings of Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION in his garden in the year he selected 3240. (He may have confused 3240 with 3250, a slide of which says, "Tet Homeward Bound line X J-37." But 3250 is a pink and could not be NOTHING VENTURED.



3244 SLIGO (1988) seedling X Tet. CHRISTMAS IS HM 93

Registered on the same day as KUAN YIN, with the same calligraphy pen. Oscie first thought to name it "Chippewa" but crossed it out and wrote "SLIGO" above it in pencil. Registration form says it is distinguished by a "very large green throat that holds very well." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1989.

This is Oscie's description from his first price list in 1991: SLIGO (Whatley 1990) Tetraploid. M-ML Ext D. 26"--2 3/4"--1 7/8". (Seedling x TET BUDDHA X TET CHRISTMAS IS). Its color is dark rose red with a large green throat that holds. SLIGO, like its siblings and offspring, appears red at a distance. A good performer in widely different regions. Three-way branching, 18+ buds. Light ruffled. Triangular, but full-form.....\$90.00



3251 THREE DIAMONDS (1986) CHUCALISSA X Tet. CHRISTMAS IS

HM 94

Registration form says, "Flower color pattern produced three diamond shapes due to large throat and petal overlapping sepals. Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1992.

Oscie's 1992 price list says: THREE DIAMONDS (Whatley 1992) Tetraploid. M-ML Ext D. 27", 6" -- 2 3/4" -- 1 1/2" (CHUCALISSA X TET CHRISTMAS IS). Of the first three reds introduced from TET CHRISTMAS IS breeding, THREE DIAMONDS is most noted for its vigor, wide form, and throat pattern that displays (3) diamond shapes where petals overlap the sepals. A darker red than SLIGO or KUAN YIN, THREE DIAMONDS has a larger green throat. Small ruffles on blooms which open consistently well. Fertile both ways, 20 buds..... \$75.00



3273 KHORASSAN (1988) parents unknown

HM 94

Registered on the same day as KUAN YIN, with the same calligraphy pen. Oscie was set to name this ITALIA, but decided to save the name. He crossed it out and wrote KHORASSAN in pencil above it. Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens in 1990.

Here is Oscie's description from his 1991 price list: KHORASSAN (Whatley 1990) Tetraploid. M Fr. SE. 30', 6' -- 2 3/4" -- 1 3/4". (Seedling X YUMA). An entrancing rose pink and yellow blend with a bright light yellow border on all segments. Three-way branching, 20+ buds. Fertile both ways. My first introduction from YUMA. Petal edges are intensely ruffled with some lacing. Color pattern is unique and has created much comment. Opens well and performs well in several regions. Excellent substance. Triangular, full, overlapped form. Most appealing. Vigorous..... \$90.00



Six registrations from this crop, five Honorable Mention awards. It was a very good year.

That summer at the AHS National Convention, Oscie received the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in recognition of his outstanding results in the field of hybridizing. There was still so much more to come.

Profile of the St. Louis Tetraploid Hybridizers

The winter 1984 issue of *The Daylily Journal* carried a lengthy article on the St. Louis tetraploid hybridizers George and Jane Pettus, Harold Harris, and Oscie Whatley. "Meet Me in St. Louis...For Tetraploids" was written by St. Louis hybridizer Ron Jinkerson. The article is a fascinating overview of the evolution of tetraploid daylilies, the state of the art in 1984, and predictions about future developments. The **Journal Archives** are downloadable from the AHS Membership Portal.

1985

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The map of 1985 bloom represents Oscie's hybridizing in 1983. Most of the work exploits Tet. JANET GAYLE (Lucille Guidry, 1976) AM 82, Stout Medal, 86 and Tet. GENTLE SHEPHERD (Clarke Yancey, 1980) AM 87, the whitest daylily of its time. Oscie is trying JANET GAYLE with every color including red, bright orange, and gold. Decoding and comments:

3043 (2660 x CHAR) This is mistaken in two ways. No 3043 is a red seedling with a double dose of Tet. POST TIME. Next to that number he wrote the pedigree of 3044, but got it wrong. No 3044 is Tet. CHARBONIER X 2661 (a sib of 2660, which is CHAFFEE).

OB Possibly this is Steve Moldovan's ORCHID BALLET (1982) but it's also plausible that Oscie grew OUTER BANKS (1976) by his friend, Van Sellers. Since this is the first instance of "OB" in the notebook, I'd bet on the most recent pink from Moldovan.

2675E White Probably means "Early White"

H Larg W Probably "Harold's Large White," presumably a plant from Harold Harris, who had stopped hybridizing

Dip 1 Row 1 of the "Second bed" is a diploid cross, and so is Row 2

2604 ZENAR (1986) Row 3 may not be a diploid cross. There is a 1985 slide labeled "Tet. Zenar." Did he convert the seedling in 1982 and use it as soon as possible? He numbered it in 1981, so he could have converted it in 1982, but that would have risked the few available fans of that distinctive plant. Possibly, the 1985 picture is the picture of Tet. ZENAR in its first season of flowering as a tetraploid, meaning a conversion in the fall of 1984.

SFM This might be the only instance where "SFM" really means SILOAM FAIRY MIST (1978). There are several slides of Tet. SILOAM FAIRY MIST dating from 1985. I suspect those pictures document the first season of flowering of the conversion, meaning he converted the diploid in 1984. SILOAM FAIRY MIST is a natural choice of a mate for ZENAR. In subsequent years, Oscie used "SFM" to mean Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION. That is as mystifying as

his use of "HLW" to mean ATLANTA ANTIQUE SATIN. The slide of Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION dates from 1988

Row 2

Rows 1 and 2 in the second bed are all diploid crosses

R.

RAHOTEP (Steve Moldovan, 1976) HM 78? This was one of the best reds of the time, but there is no mention of it by name. This name would have posed a pronunciation problem for Oscie. Since "R." appears as a pollen parent in a red cross, I think it's RAHOTEP.

Within this garden map there's a contradictory notation made in 1986, when Oscie assigned number 3615 to one of the seedlings in the bed. He listed the seedling this way originally: 1216 x 2214 x ? x S-12. However, he rewrote this cross on the opposite page as 1848 x 2214 x S-12 or 3J [underlined, circled, and followed by a question mark sometime later.] The circle and question mark are in pen. I suspect "3J" is a hasty and dyslexic notation of "J-37" the converted McKinney seedling that was his rose pink foundation plant.

1985 Bloom

Row	Cross	Plant
5	? x S-12	3
	2617 x S-12	5
	100 x 1216 x ?	1
	1615 x M BTD.	6
6.	3011 x S-12	8
	Q13 x T.J.G?	6
	2613 x ?	3
7	1848 x 2216 x S-12	4
	11	1
	2403 x ?	2
	1848 x 2216 x S-12	5
	2658 x S-12	5
8	Chuck x J.G.	1
	EFC x T.J.G.	2
	2403 x G.O.	1
	2630 x S-12	2
3615	1216 x 2214 x ? x S-12	4
	3009 x S-12	1

Left page notes: 3615-7A6, 1848 x 2214, x S-12, My Bell, S-12, 3J?

1985 Selects

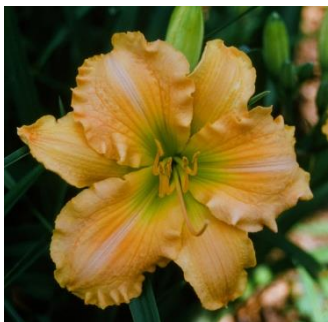
1985 SELECTIONS			
#	DES	GR	Cross.
T 3401	MED PINK TH		7 x 5-12
3402	H ¹ CRESSY Sady 30014		Yellow wide 18 1/2 x 22 1/2 x 5-12
03			
04			
05	Near white		26 1/2 x 23
06	Pink ^{sup} 5-12		x 5-12
07	Pink ^{sup} 6-12		58 x 95
08			
09			
3410			
11	melon eye		x JG
12	Bill ^{sup} 5-12		x ? - 5-12
13	PINK POINTED		26 1/2 x JG
14	PINK ROSE		26 1/2 x JG
D 3415	Clear Mel Pink		28 1/2 x 30 1/2
16	Melon ^{sup} 5-12		JG
Y 3417	Yellow ^{sup} 5-12		LAH x 26 1/2
W 3418	Cream ^{sup} 5-12		26 1/2 x 26 1/2

Despite the relatively low number of selects in 1985, there were two solid registrations:

3416 ITALIA (1993) (seedling x Tet. AGGIE SELLERS) x Tet. JANET GAYLE

Registration form says, "Very bright rich color." Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1994 and, according to Oscie, sold out at once.

Oscie's 1994 price list says: ITALIA (Whatley) Tet seedling #M-3416 EXT, M, DOR [(seedling x Tet. Aggie Sellers) X Tet. Janet Gayle] 25", 6" — 3". Italians pronounce this (ē tāl yă). One of the deepest and richest melons I have seen which makes its dark green throat very obvious. It is definitely an E.M.O. (early morning opener). The flower opens flat with a little recurve at the segment tips. Even if melons are common these days, Italia is still unique as a performer and very beautiful flower. Fertile both ways.....Fall Delivery \$135.00



3418 CANDOR (1988) seedling X Tet. GENTLE SHEPHERD

Registration form says, "Vigorous near white from closest to white parent." Introduced by Meadowlake Gardens.

Oscie's 1991 price list describes it this way: CANDOR (Whatley 1990) Tetraploid. M Ext SE. 28", 6-- 2 ¾"--2". (White seedling X TET GENTLE SHEPHERD). My first introduction from the TET GENTLE SHEPHERD line is a sparkling pale cream which competes very favorably with any other near-white tetraploid available today. Blooms are large, wide and rather triangular. Superb scapes in South Carolina with five-to-six-way branching and 25-40 buds; a bit less branching and bud count in St. Louis. Very green throat, ruffled edges. CANDOR ranks among the best in consistent, vigorous performance. Very strong grower, large fans. Pollen fertile but not pod fertile.....Fall Del. \$90.00



[Photo by Michael Bouman]

Here are the surviving pictures of the 3400 series:

3403



3405 CANDOR sib



3407



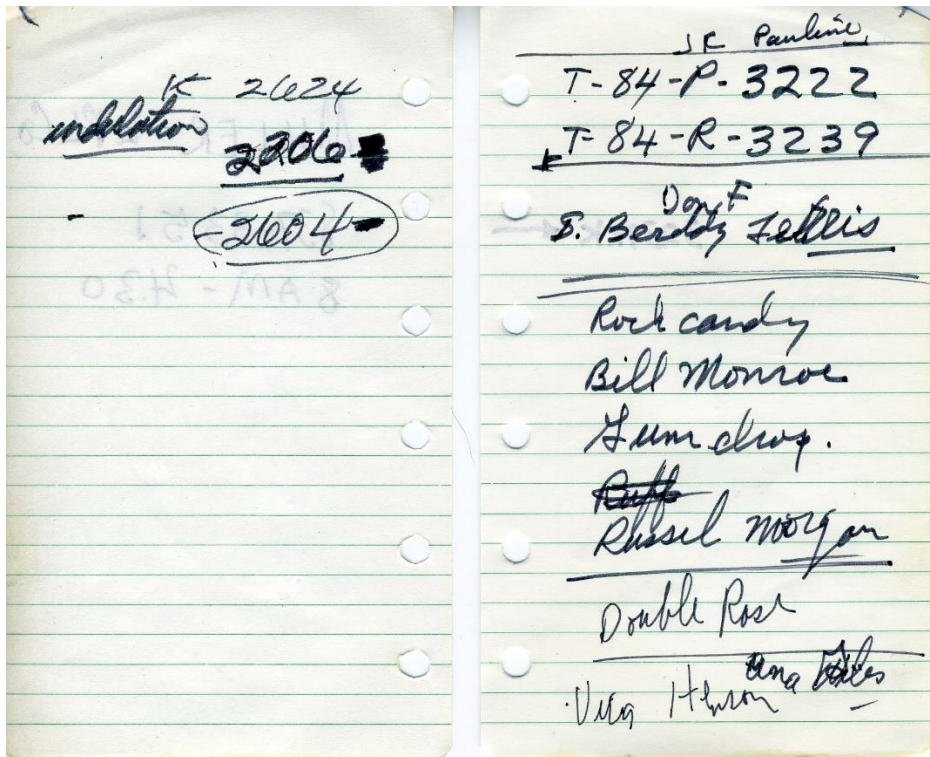
3412



3413



Finally, here's a page of 1985 notes from a visit to Pauline Henry in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



1986

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Seedling Map

The student of these notebooks may have noticed many pages ago that Oscie Whatley kept a large number of selects in a limited amount of space. He had several favorites that were in the garden longer than any others. He saved them because they charmed him. In a series of articles on hybridizing, he called himself a "romantic," with an artistic rather than scientific approach to his hobby. Nos 2204 and 3020 were beloved lavender seedlings. He grew masses of 3020 and wrote on one slide, "why do I like this one?"

Oscie developed general tactics during the winter months, as all hybridizers to. He considered the most important assets in his garden and used them "everywhere" to put their best genes into a varied group of offspring. Tet. GENTLE SHEPHERD was one such unique asset. It appears as a major player in his 1985 crop and again in 1986. I see in this map that he decided to intercross his yellows and golds. POTOSI X CALEDONIA is a cross of fine golds to try for the widened petals of POTOSI. The look of POTOSI brings to mind what lies ahead when Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION comes into the gene pool. Both of these go back to Tet. JAKARTA, his breakthrough yellow diploid that established symmetry in breeding large yellows.

1986 Bloom 93		
NE Bed S ←		
Row	Cross	Plants
1	2647 x TGS.	17
2	"	6
2	Pos x CAL	7
2	3231 x (T) 04?	4
3	2613 x M?	21
4	"	4
4	3008 x JG	8
4	2622 x 3020	5
4	3008 x M?	8
5	3008 x M?	7
5	LAH x 2637 Cal	1
5	LAH x (T) G.S.	17
6	No TAG.	14
6	2203 x (T) G.S.	9
7	2204 x ?	14
7	CAL x POT	2
7	CAL x POT	1
7	2203 x K	10

1986 Bloom 93		
NE Bed S ←		
Row	Cross	Plants
7	2204 x ?	1
8	2608 x T 2622	7
8	2658 x E. Yancy	9
8	3214 x K	6
10	H. White x 2622 (T)	8
10	3011 x 3222	8
10	2640 x 3222	6
11	2640 x 3222	5
11	? x (T) 2622	7
11	YARD M. x G.S?	3
11	? x 2622 (T)	3
9	3020 x 2622	5
9	3011 x 2622	9
9	3020 x 2622	3
9	2663 x M?	3
9	POT x CAL	X
12	D-30/D x 2622	12
12	R 3043 x CI	10

Oscie is also riding a wave of gorgeous ruffled creams and melons from Tet. AGGIE SELLERS. His KIMMSWICK and FEMME OSAGE figure in this map, as well as unnamed AGS kids. CHRISTMAS IS remains the breakthrough outcrossing red in his garden, and its (future) named kids, KUAN YIN, THREE DIAMONDS, and SLIGO are combined with rose pinks, pinks, and his previous reds, CHUCALISSA and ABEX.

1986 BLOOM ¹⁰⁷ NE BED		
ROW	CROSS	PLANTS
PIP 13	R-3043 x CI	6
DIP 13	R-3034? x CI	6
13	2622 x UNDULAT	9
DIP 14	146 white and by the	1
14	1822 x (T) GS	11
14	1822 x (T) GS	5
14	2640 x (T) EY	2
15	2675 x (T) GS	13
15	2675 x ?	1
15	2203 x 3239	1
15	2663 x K?	3
15	2663 x S. FLING	1
16	2663 x K	1
16	3001 x ?	7
16	2663 x ?	2
16	2663 x K ?	8
16	3209 x ?	2
17	VH. x ? DIP ?	1
17	2663 x ? K	14
17	2662 x S. FLING	3

1986 BLOOM ⁵⁸		
ROW	CROSS	PLTS.
18	2658 x (T) EY	12
18	2658 x 3020	8
18	VL	
18	2613 x BM	1
19	3020 x ?	5
19	2657 x ?	3
19	2675 x	4
19	Blank	1
19	Blank	2
19	3020 x ?	2
20	2665 x GS	6
20	3229 x ?	7
20	3232 x 3239	4
20	3017 x 3222	3

The "VH" in Row 17 might be SILOAM VIRGINIA HENSON (Pauline Henry, 1979). He would have known about its excellence from any other hybridizer, including Pauline Henry herself, and he notes it on the page of plants seen in her garden in 1985. If VH is SILOAM VIRGINIA HENSON, Oscie already had it a year earlier at least, in 1984, when he made the seeds in this bed.

The notation of "BM" in Row 18 is explained in his registration of registration of MINI CRAZE, selection 3632, as "seedling x Tet. SILOAM BRIDESMAID." The seedling is his future NEBO.

The 1986 map exists in two sections of the notebook. In Row 10 of the "South Bed" there's a notation of a seedling for which there is no record, 2442. In the notebook, the 2400 series only had 13 seedlings.

There is one puzzling code, SRTS, which is rendered SRT(S) in 1987. I take it to be shorthand for Tet SILOAM RED TOY *seedling*. Notations in the list of selects seem to contradict this, but I think those notations are hasty.

Then after a separator page comes his list of 1986 selects, his 3600 series.

1985 3400

3615
1848 x 2214 x ? x
S-12

with
Puff

1986 Selections
CROSS & Descip.

#	
3600	
BM 3601	3011 x 3222 L BLEND RD
P 3602	3001 x S-12 (?) 3222
W 3603	? x (T) 2622
color P 3604	3001 x 3222
L 3605	3080 x (T) G.S.
W 3606	2608 x (T) 2622
P 3607	2440 x T-E.Y. Blend
GT P 3608	3001 x 3222 Low
3609	3020 x (T) 2622
W 3610	3011 x (T) 2622
3611	3020 x (T) 2622
3612	3020 x (T) 2622
3613	3
3614	3205 x ? x 2622
* 3615	Vichy x (T) J.G. 1985
W 3616	3020 x T 2622
17	? x T-2422
18	
P 3619	3209 x ?
YL 3620	1822 x G.S. Puff

3

1986 Selects

R 3621	3225 x 3239
R 3622	3018 x 3239 Puff Tooth
23	
3624	Pink Rd 13008 x ?
3625	LAV Clean-Teal x Kimm
L 3626	2204 x ? T 2622
R 3627	3256 x 3239 GR PH
L 3628	2658 x G.S. 1985 WHI. Puff LIGHT LAV. Puff
29	Low flat red CT. Line.
W 3630	P x MB x G.S. Near W
W 3631	" " "
32	
DIP W 3633	Yelish x 2622 Puff
3634	GACO x (P.G.S. Wide Cream
35	
36	
L 3637	
38	
39	
3640	
Y 3641	1822 x G.S. Puff
Y* 3642	1822 x G.S. 7 Suspect (T) ZENAR.

1986 Selects

#	
W 3643	2608 x 2622
W 3644	RD CR.
W 45	2675 x G.S.
R 3646	ABE X x 3239
R 3647	" x 3239
Y 3648	1822 x (T) G.S.
50	
W 3651	3217 x ?
R 3652	Chuck x 3239
YL 3653	? x T-2622
R 3654	Red Toy x C.I. Blend
W 3655	Nelso x G.S. ?
56	
Y 3657	RD edge.
R 3658	Chuck x 3239
Y 3659	Ruf. H Yellow. 2622
L 3660	3020 x (T) 2622 RD
W 3661	SACO x G.S.
L 3662	TEAL x KIMM.
W 3663	2675 x G.S.
L 3664	Vichy x (T) G.S.
65	

1986

#	Des.	Cross
3666	1822x?	Rd Small Red
* R-3667	RED	x 376
3668	Rd Pink	Nelox 5-7
3669	wide small	Nelox 7-8?
3670	yellow cream	Same as 3668?
3671	Pod	
	5 Red light	5, Red Yona F Red
	GR THS	x 3239

In these pages from 1986 there are eight registrations:

3601 BISCAY BAY (1988) seedling X SEDALIA

Registration form says, "clear colors and bright." Planned introduction by Meadowlake Gardens in 1991.



3604 PINK FANFARE (1991) seedling X SEDALIA

HM 2000

Registration form says, "this clear bright pink shows itself at close or distant viewing." Planned introduction by Whatley's Gardens in 1992.

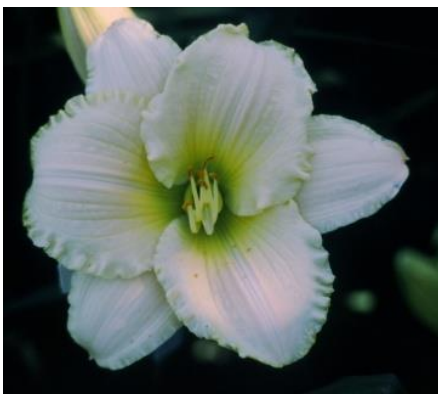
Oscie's 1992 price list says: PINK FANFARE* (Whatley 1992) TET EM Ext DOR. 27, 6" — 3" -- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (TET Pink Seedling x Sedalia). This exceptionally bright clear pink with large light green throat shows true pink at any distance. 17 buds that perform constantly both North and South. Top branched scapes are thin and graceful. Developed from converted Spaulding pinks. It competes for the best color saturation in pink and transmits this feature to its seedlings. Very fertile both ways..... Fall Del. \$150.00



3610 FROST AVENUE (1992) seedling 3011 x seedling (T)2622

This became an important white breeder for Oscie. No 3011 was a Tet. My Belle kid and 2622 was such a good white that he converted it. Its background includes McKinney's white breeder WH1, which Oscie converted, and Monette's LITTLE INFANT, also converted. Registration form says "diamond dusted, 14 buds, a very fertile parent for low, large whites. Good opener, ruffles." Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1993.

Oscie's 1993 price list says: FROST AVENUE (Whatley) Tet Seedling #T-86-W-3610 (Seedling x Converted Tet Seedling #L 8 22[misprint]), Semi EV, EM. 23", 6" -- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". A ruffled near white that has played an important role as the parent of ELAN, ROSA GRANDE and many more still under test. Not only an easy pod parent but a dream maker with its seedlings. I'm ashamed to tell how hard it's been used. Its garden value, both in the midwest and the Carolinas has been well received. Very fertile both ways.....\$90.00



FROST AVENUE was not a parent of ELAN. They share the same pollen parent, that's all. FROST AVENUE was the pollen parent of ROSA GRANDE and ELAN was its pollen parent.

3616 ELAN (1990) seedling 3020 X seedling (T)2622

No. 3020 was a favorite lavender blend out QUINN BUCK x KIMMSWICK, and 2622 is explained above. Registration form says, "very good parent, good form." Planned introduction by Meadowlake Gardens in 1991, but introduced by Whatley Gardens in 1992

Oscie's 1992 price list says: ELAN (Whatley 1992) TET M Ext Semi-EV. 20"--5½"--3--1½" (TET Little Infant Line x TET Aggie Sellers Line). A full form of near white to cream. Excellent parent, producing larger pastel colors with full form. See picture in 1990/1991 Fall Winter Journal (Vol. 45 #4, p.381). Pollen fertile..... \$100.00



3621 BRAVE ONE (1992) seedling 3229 X KUAN YIN [Tet CHRISTMAS IS line]

The pod parent of this bright red was misprinted as 3225. That would have been a Mauna Loa kid! Oscie realized the mistake during the six years before registration and gave the parents as "Tet [Siloam] Red Toy line X Tet Christmas Is line." Registration form says, "Very bright red, good color at a distance. Good sun resistance." Introduced in 1993 by Whatley's Garden.

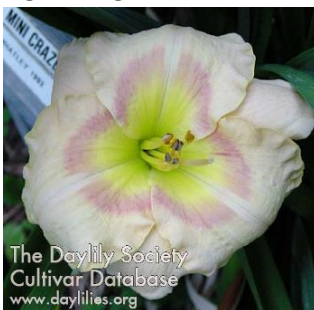
Oscie's 1993 price list says: BRAVE ONE (Whatley) Tet R-3621, MLa, DOR; - (Tet Christmas Is Line x Tet Siloam Red Toy line.) 25, 4½"--2½" -- Branched with 18 buds. I refrained from introducing seedlings from Tet S.R.T., (even though I was probably the first to use it) in hopes of clearer colors. B.O. does stand out with better than average sun resistance. Its seedlings reflect the vigor and habit of S.R.T. and the colors of C.I. This extra fertile pod parent has been used extensively and is still a long way from retirement. Reds are tough hybridizing but I believe B.O. is a step in the right direction.....\$60.00



3632 MINI CRAZE (1992) seedling [NEBO] X Tet. Siloam Bridesmaid

Were it not for this registration, no one might have guessed that “BM” on the seedling map was “Bridesmaid,” the typical short form in which Oscie left the “Siloam” prefix on the side of the road. Naturally, he knew he wasn’t using Tet. BARBARA MITCHELL yet, and the notebook was written only for his short-term use. Registration form says, “New Tet blood for the small flower breeding. Slow increaser but very consistent performer. Good show, round form.” Introduced by Whatley’s Gardens in 1993.

Oscie’s 1993 price list says: MINI CRAZE (Whatley) Tet #3632 M, DOR (Seedling x Tet Siloam Bridesmaid.) 18”, 3¾”--2¼”--Branched with 17 buds. Not a true miniature, but coming from miniature lines and conversion, the color is a cream pink with a rose ring eye. Judging from its seedlings, I believe M.C. can open some doors to pink and white in the Tet miniatures. Its full round form is passed on to its seedlings but not always the eye. A consistent performer, vigorous grower, but a moderate propagator.....Fall Del. \$100.00



3642 BONHOMIE (1990) seedling X Tet. ZENAR?

Selected from a row where the tag guessed the pollen was Tet GENTLE SHEPHERD. Oscie revised the notebook entry for the selection, writing, “suspect Tet ZENAR,” and that’s how he registered it. He loved BONHOMIE and grew it in his garden until his death in 2005. He told me it bloomed itself out within two weeks, but those were glorious days, and if he liked a seedling that much, it got a name. Registration form says, “clear light yellow, very low for such yellows.” Introduced by Whatley’s Gardens in 1992.

Oscie's 1992 price list says: BONHOMIE (Whatley 1992) TET M Ext DOR. 20", 6"--2¾"--2"
(Seedling x TET Zenar). A very low, clear light yellow, green throat with heavy ruffling. Derived
mostly from converted Spaulding yellows. Fertile both ways.....\$75



3656 PERSIMMON PUNCH (1992) seedling [2663] X KIMMSWICK

Rose pink pollen parent came from unknown parents. Registration form says, "Bright
persimmon orange, attractive. Easy pod parent, gives pink seedlings." Introduced by Whatley's
Gardens in 1993.

Oscie's 1993 price list says: PERSIMMON PUNCH (Whatley) Tet Seedling #T-84-P-3656 (seedling
x Kimmswick) EM, DOR, 21", 6"--2¾"--1¾". Perhaps I should have named this Persimmon
Magnet because the color will pull you right over to its side. There seems to be a smooth blend
of coral, orange and pink to show the color of a polished persimmon. Its strong green throat
adds a jewel to the center of this somewhat different color. Seedlings from this fertile pod
parent tend to go several directions on color: rich coral, pink and rose shades. Consistent
performer with loads of vigor.....\$65.00



[Photo by Michael Bouman]

Oscie's remaining slides included the following from the 3600 crop:

3602



3603



3605



3611



3612



3614



3615



3618



3620



3624



3625



3630



3634



3638



3648



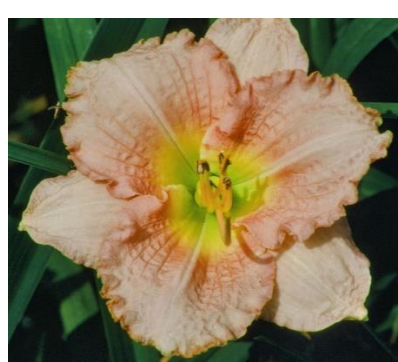
3666 4"



3667



3668



1987

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The bloom maps revive an old question of which year the crosses were made. Oscie originally wrote 1986 and later changed it to 1987. I see that "SRT(S)" now clarifies that the pod parent so designated is a *seedling* of Tet SILOAM RED TOY. This distinguishes a seedling cross with the (T)RT pod parent, Tet SILOAM RED TOY. It is typical of Oscie to drop the "Siloam" prefix and reduce the syllables he has to process. I take this to be symptomatic of his dyslexia.

There are several examples of registration forms on which he forgot to include the prefix. His original registration of SOLAR MUSIC gave the pollen parent as "TET MEDALLION." This was corrected posthumously.

Oscie is not rigorous in prefixing conversions with (T), either. Notice in Row 4 where "SRT(S)" is crossed with either "(T)SP or (T)CI," meaning Tet SUPER PURPLE or Tet CHRISTMAS IS. Those tet pollens imply that "SRT(S)" is also a tetraploid.

Row 8 contains the SOLAR MUSIC cross, CALEDONIA X Tet SILOAM MEDALLION, given the initials "SFM" appropriate to SILOAM FAIRY MIST. There is no doubt that Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION was the outcross of choice at that time. The only probable use of SILOAM FAIRY MIST was in a cross with ZENAR in 1986.

1987 BLOOM

SOUTH \leftarrow \rightarrow NORTH.
EAST LONG BED

ROW	CROSS	PLTS.
1	MAS x P3267	3
1	B.S. HOL x (T) RED	7
2	MAS x P-3267	10
3	" "	10
4	2663 x T-J-20 ¹²	2
4	SRT(S) x (TSP) CI	3
4	3205 x ?	4
5	2657 x ? (T) FORT	1
5	3401 x P3222	2
5	(T) RTS 3258 x INCROSS	7
6	(T) RT x C.I.	1
6	2663 x (T) 20	4
6	2613 x T FORT	1
6	3402 x	2
7	2613 x 3407	9
8	BS HOL x ?	2
8	P3222 x KIMM	5
8	CAL x (T) SFM	2
9	3001 x FORT	10
10	" " Blank TAG	1
10	2663 x J-20 x Kimm	5

1987 BLOOM

ROW	CROSS	PLANTS
10	2663 x 3267	4
11	2613 x ? T-20?	3
11	2658 x 3407 ³	2
12	3205 x 3222	3
12	" "	4
12	P3228 x TCI	4
12	L-2204 x (T) J37	2
13	3212 x (T) VL	6
13	2658 x (T) G.S.	3
13	Blank	0
14	2663 x (T) J-20	1
14	3222 x 3028	1
14	CAL x 3240	1
14	3020 x 3222	7
15	2613 x ? FORT or T-20	10
16	2663 x (T) H. Jubler	2
16	2613 x T FORT	1
16	R-3243 x (T) CI	6
16	" "	1
17	L-2204 x B. MARK	8
18	2663 x T-J-20	1

(T) FORT is Tet. FORTUNATA, a Harold Harris registration of a Spalding seedling he acquired.



The garden includes several new outcross plants and a deeper exploration of the potential in McKinney's seedling legacy. The online PDF of the seedling bed contains detailed decoding, so I'll just touch on some highlights here:

(T) RED	This is a puzzle. <i>Any</i> Tet red? Doesn't matter which one?
J-20	"Jim's" 20, a McKinney seedling, converted
?T-20?	Same thing as (T)J-20. Oscie experimented with varieties of shorthand
(T) H. JUBILEE	Conversion of Clarke Yancey's HAPPY JUBILEE
B. MARK	BENCHMARK (R.W. Munson, 1980) AM 87
T V.L.	Tet VENETIAN LACE (Clarke Yancey, 1979) HM 87
T.L. ZENAR	"Teasing Lady" garden name for ZENAR
CHCH	likely CHERRY CHAPEAU (R.W. Munson, 1983) HM 87
Y MAST	YARD MASTER
(T)DWM	Tet. DANCE WITH ME (Clarke Yancey, 1978) HM 82
(T)W.I.D.	Tet. WHEN I DREAM (Clarke Yancey, 1979) AM 86
B.M.	BENCHMARK (R.W. Munson, 1980) AM 87 [list of selects suggests this]
C. BARN	Tet. CLEO BARNWELL (William Stutson, 1972)
(T) SB PEEP	Tet. SILOAM BO PEEP (Pauline Henry, 1978) AM 84
2242?	There's no 2242. This must be an unreadable tag
JS	JOAN SENIOR (Ken Durio, 1977) AM 74
S SHOW G	SILOAM SHOW GIRL (Pauline Henry, 1981) HM 84
G. COIN	SILOAM GOLD COIN (Pauline Henry, 1981)
A. SELLERS	AGGIE SELLERS (W.B. MacMillan, 1974)

It is possible that "B.M." stands for Tet. SILOAM BRIDESMAID (Pauline Henry, 1980) HM 86 rather than BENCHMARK. It stood for that previously. It's also possible it means Tet. BARBARA MITCHELL, but Oscie's slide of that conversion is dated 1988. In his list of selects, No. 3827, he notes "2658 X B.M." when the map says "2658 X B. MARK."

303516 HAROLD'S
x NY Red Line.

1987 Bloom

Row	Cross	Plts.
27	?	2
28	LAH x TSFM	2
28	LAH x T.L. ^{ZENAX}	5
28	LAH TL II	1
28	3246 x 3407	7
28	LAH x T.L. ^{ZEN.}	1
28	LAH x (TSFM)	9
28	C. BARN x P3222	3
28	3020 x (TVL)	7
28	C. BARN x 3222	10
31	C. BARN x 3222	2
31	LAH x 5 FM	4
31	3035 x (TWID)	2
32	2647 x TL & TSFM	4
32	LAH x TSFM	1
32	3407 x 2214	1
32	2642 x TWID	1
32	VICHY x 3214	3
33	2658 x (TSB) ^{Key}	9
34	3244 x 3407	3
34	3 x LAV. ⁷²	7

1987 Bloom			1987		
Row	Cross	Plants			
35	No TAG	2	43	1810 X T CT	4
35	LAH X TSFM	4	42	320 X J-37	2
35	VICHY X 3414	2	43	LAH X TL	4
35	LAH X T.L. ^{ZENAP}	?	43	1810 X T CT	4
36	VICHY X (T) H.J.	3	43	22	1
36	3403 X T-J37	5	44	LAH X TSFM	4
36	VICHY X T V.L.	1	44	VICHY (T) V.L.	5
37	" x L-3407	8	45	2652 YU.	5
37	2658 X B MARK	2	45	2652 X Y U	4
38	Blank	6	46	2652 X Y U	3
38	C BARN X 3222	4	46	2658 X W 3400	4
39	Blank	1	46	2658 X T H.J.	1
39	VICHY X (T) H.J.	5	47	3205 X T H.J.	3
39	x " ² 3407	3	47	2658 X V L	4
40	3401 X 3407	6	47	3403 X 3407	2
40	2613 X (T) H.J. or J20	3	48	BLANK	
41	BM X 3222	5	48	3240 X 3222	1
41	VICHY X ? CT	5	48	Blank	2
42	VICHY X 3214	2	48	2675 X Ped	3
42	3242 X TCT	6	49	3018 X TCT	4
43	LAH X TL	4	49	BRT X ?	2

1987 Selects

These pages of selects reinforce the sense that the fragility and poor legibility of labels in the Whatley garden is a liability in record-keeping. However, it's what a hybridizer selects that matters, not his foibles in labeling and mapping. Most of the notated selects match the seedling map, with only two exceptions. No. 3804 (1804 X B.M.) is not on the map, nor is 3820 (2642 X Tet. CHRISTMAS IS).

Some of the notations suggest Oscie's confusion about the use of "SFM" to mean Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION (below right, from 1988). No. 3817 (Y MASTER X Med) is a straightforward abbreviation, but 3819 (Yard Master X SFM) could be construed to mean that he really did use Tet. SILOAM FAIRY MIST (below left, from 1985) in some of these crosses. Nos 3828 and 3829 raise a question of whether "SFM" means something distinct from "Medallion," which he has crossed out in preference to "SFM." The same crossing out affects 3832 (the future CRUMPLE), registered with pollen parent "TET MEDAL."



1987 SELECTS

NO	Discip.	Cross
3801	Short Blue Pink Smooth.	x J-20
3802		
3803	wide Tall Jar.	
3804	small clear Low.	1804 x B.M.
3805	wide light Low. flat early.	Nelbo x 3407
3806	Rose Gr THRo. long	3205 x Sed (S)
P. 3807	Narrow Pink	3205 x Sed.
P. 3808	Wide Tall Pink	2663 x J-20
3809	Orange Gr THRo	B.S.H. x T. Red.
3810	Near White coat.	Nelbo x 3407
3811	Light Low Pink	?
3812	Just Deep clear pink	3205 x Sed.
3813	Large Yellow	Sico TL & SFM
* 3814	Long flat Yellow	Cal x SFM
3815	Long Rose x J-20	3403 x S-37
3816	?	

* OPEN 1987 Sel.

* 3817	Gold Yellow	* master
* 3818	Round L.A.H. x?	* med.
y 3819	Round Yellow Tall Red	ward Master x SFM.
3820		2642 x CI?
- 21	Long Rose Dull Rose wide.	3403 x J-37
* 3822	LT LAY ROSE YEA (PR) GOLD	J-37 x ?
23	edged	YM
24		? x Du'M?
25	Salah	Light yell
26	LAN Rose	Coln. Ruff.
27	Short Pink 2056 x B.M.	3205 x
3828	Rd flat stg mid gold	2658 x B.M.
29	Long x 2056	Calod. x SFM.
30	Tall Pink Rose	LAN x SFM.
* 3831	various Gr THRo	3403 x J-37
* 3832	Rd Ruff dup for gold	LAN x SFM.

note: from is TYP of Parent SFM

Complete ->

1987 Sel.

*3833	Soft. Yell	
*3834	Blend Bright Yell edged	LAH x (T) ZENAR
35	LA Yell ruff nerve.	LAH x T
36		
37		
38	C. Barn x Sel.	deep rose,
39		
40		
41		* Sel 3818
42	edged.	LAH x Z
* 43		
44		
45		LAH x
46		
47		
48		

1987 Sel.

*3833	Soft. Yell	
*3834	Blend Bright Yell edged	LAH x (T) ZENAR
35	LA Yell ruff nerve.	LAH x T
36		
37		
38	C. Barn x Sel.	deep rose,
39		
40		
41		* Sel 3818
42	edged.	LAH x Z
* 43		
44		
45		LAH x
46		
47		
48		

49		
50	Brown Min 2 7/8 GRTH EYE Rose Ring	3248 x J) CI
51	Mix eye.	3248 x J) CI
52	" Red Tall	513R2656
53	" Red. short	3248 x CI
54		
55		
56	Speckled Rose	

SILOAM MEDALION is the dominant yellow parent in Whatley breeding after he sees the tetraploid conversion. He told me that the conversion strengthened the scape and corrected a leaning problem in the diploid version. He also said that when the first seedling crop came into bloom it was hard to decide what *not* to select. He would look at the bed and see exceptional quality everywhere. He never spoke of SILOAM FAIRY MIST. Then again, he never spoke of McKinney's or Allgood's distributing his intros.

He registered six cultivars from this 1987 crop.

3806 ADJURE (1990) seedling X SEDALIA

HM 2001

When Oscie registered ADJURE in 1990, he anticipated that John Allgood's Meadowlake Gardens would introduce the plant in 1991. However, by prior agreement with Allgood, Oscie assumed marketing responsibility upon his retirement in 1991 and introduced ADJURE from the Whatley Garden in 1992. He published his own price list, from which this is excerpted:

ADJUREI, (Whatley 1992) TET M Ext Re Semi-EV. 25", 6--2¾--1½" (TET Pink Seedling x Sedalia). Rose pink with very bright green throat. 20 buds, well branched and repeats both North and South. Showed well in Creveling's garden in PA (1990 Conv.) Fertile both ways, good parent.
Fall Del. \$100.00



3810 HORIZON LIGHT (1997) NEBO X seedling 3407 from Tet. GENTLE SHEPHERD

HORIZON LIGIIT (Whatley 1997) Tet #WL-3810 M. SEV 26" X 6" x 2¾." (Nebo X 3407 [Tet Gentle Shepherd Line]). The color is a near white with a very subtle violet cast which is more intense on the borders. The form is slightly recurved with ruffling. Very easy pod parent and many lavender edged seedlings have resulted. Above average vigor which transmits to its seedlings.
Fall del. \$85.00



3814 SOLAR MUSIC (1993) CALEDONIA X Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION

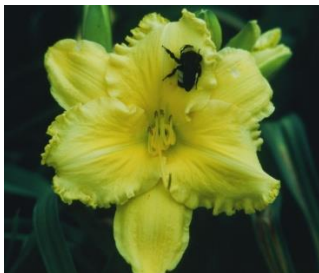
HM 2002

Oscie's 1994 price list says: SOLAR MUSIC (Whatley) Tet. Seedling #Y-3814, EXT, ML, DOR (Caledonia X Tet Siloam Medallion), 36", 8"--3¼" —2". The very flat flowers of Solar Music face horizontally which is appropriate for its height. Some branching with up to 27 buds and a bud building characteristic. The apple green of the throat streaks out onto segments one third of their length. The flower is not as full as either of its parents but much larger. It stands in the garden like a bold sentry and encourages me to pursue more of its type. See color picture in the *Spring Journal* ad. Fertile both ways.....Fall Delivery \$150.00



3824 GLIBBER MANNER (1994) LAHAINA X Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION

GLIBBER MANNER was never listed in Oscie's price lists. I recall seeing it in John Shooter's Marietta Gardens catalogue, and I received two plants of it from Oscie and lost them both after Fall planting. The AHS database says: Glibber Manner (Whatley, 1994) height 26 in. (66 cm), bloom 6 in. (15 cm), season EM, Dormant, Tetraploid. Gold self with green throat. (Lahaina x Tet. Siloam Medallion)



3829 ISOSCELES (1988) LAHAINA X Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION

Registration form says, "triangular but full, spade shape petals." Introduced by Whatley's Gardens in 1992.

Oscie's 1992 price list says: ISOSCELES, (Whatley 1992) TET ML Ext DOR. 28", 6½"—3"—1½" (Lahaina x Tet Siloam Medallion). A bright deep yellow with super flat opening characteristics. Noteworthy in both the northern and southern gardens. Well branched with 20 buds. Vigorous,

Fertile both ways..... \$100.00



3932 CRUMPLE (1992) LAHAINA X Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION

Registration form says "unique cluster of ruffling on petal edge. Deep pure color."

Oscie's 1993 price list says: CRUMPLE (Whatley) Tet Seedling #T-88-Y-3832, M, DOR, (Lahaina x Tet Siloam Medallion) 24" height, Flower 6" dia. - 3" petals - 1¾" sepals. Deep pure gold with a rounder form than its sister seedling ISOSCELES. The intensity of the ruffling is reminiscent of gold foil crumpled (thus the name). It is a shade lighter than its sister Y-3824 which showed well at the 1990 convention in Minneapolis. (See 1992/1993 Winter Journal color picture; p.381.)

.....Fall Del. \$100.00



There are no slides of unregistered seedlings in the 3900 series.

Harold Daum

The 1987 notebook material includes a list of daylilies sent to Oscie by Harold Daum, a radiologist who lived in a heavily wooded area outside of Sedalia in southwest central Missouri. Daum was Oscie's contemporary and a fellow veteran of World War II. His large collection of the latest cultivars was grown in a clearing and protected by a tall deer fence. He dabbled in hybridizing, but I think collecting daylilies, for Hal Daum, was something like collecting works of fine art, which he also did. After he retired, he donated his extensive art collection to State Fair Community College in Sedalia along with funds to help build a museum of contemporary art. The Daum Museum opened in 2002. When Hal Daum died in 2015 at the age of 92, he left his home and real estate, valued at \$837,000 to the college's endowment fund.

1988

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The Daylily Journal began publication of Oscie's little book on hybridizing in the Spring of 1988 and continued through the fall of 1989. The articles were compiled into an AHS booklet in 1990. In 2007 I

scanned "The Art of Hybridizing," which had gone out of print, and transcribed it into a PDF file that I posted on my web site, daylilylay.com/library, and on the AHS Membership Portal.

The 1998 map poses challenges that affect previous interpretations concerning the use of Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION and Tet. SILOAM FAIRY MIST. The codes "T-SFM," "(S)MED," "(T)M," "SFM," and "SM2" give reason to believe that "SFM" really means SILOAM FAIRY MIST in this map and "MED" or "M" mean SILOAM MEDALLION. The Row 3 notation leads me to believe T-SFM is Tet. SILOAM FAIRY MIST because the other possible pollen parent in that cross is FROST AVENUE (3610). That's an approach to pastel breeding. The cross on Row 27 involving BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY and "SFM" is also credible as a SILOAM FAIRY MIST deployment. The slide of Tet. SILOAM FAIRY MIST dates from 1985, and the slide of Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION dates from 1988, suggesting these dates were the first opportunity to get pictures.

The planting appears to be in random order, one pod at a time, with no grouping by color family. There are three notes about lost tags, and several entries without data.

① 1988 Bloom South Bed		
Row	Cross	Plants
1	3258 x 3604	1
↓	3205 x 3615	2
↓	3607 x 3604	10
2	3254 x (T) SRT	4
↓	3601 x ³⁶⁰⁴ 3610	5
↓	(T) J-20 x ?	1
↓	3619 x ?	1
↓	3255 x 3254	3
↓	3609 x ?	1
3	3620 x ³⁶¹⁰ T-SFM	8
↓	3201 x 3250	7
↓	" "	3
↓	3210 x 3603	2
↓	3255 x 3254	8
4	" "	4

1988 Bloom		
* Lost Tag ³⁶¹⁰ cycloid x 3603		
Row	Cross	Plants
* 5	3205 x 3602	11
* 6	" " "	9
* 6	3607 x ³⁶⁰⁴ 3602	5
* 7	" " "	8
* 7	3601 x 3604	10
* 8	" " "	2
* 8	3605 x (T) GE	3
* 8	SRT (T) x (T) JC	8
* 9	" " "	5
* 9	ABEX 3254	7
* 9	3244 x 3254	2
10	3255 x "	5
10	3614 x 3266	4
10	3817 x (T) JC	3
11	" " "	

Row	Cross	Plants
* 11	3267 x Self	15
* 11	3604 x 3602	3
* 11	3033 x 3610	3
* 11	Hebo x Yuma (F)	1
* 11	3604 x 3254	1
12	Vichy x (T) GE	2
* 12	3620 x 3630	9
* 12	320 x x J-20	2
13	3402 x ?	6
13	3041 x 3604	6
13	3041 x 3604	3
14	3205 x 3615	7
14	LAV Seed x (T) GE	4
14	Vichy x (T) GE	2
15	3205 x 3415 ³⁶	8
15	3602 x 3603	5

Oscie's use of Tet. SILOAM RED TOY seedlings continues, as he believed it would lead to the best red color and he thought no one else was using it. I'll refer you to my PDF transcription of this map for the gritty details.

Tet. GRACEFUL EYE makes its debut here along with Tet JACK CARPENTER and SECOND GLANCE.

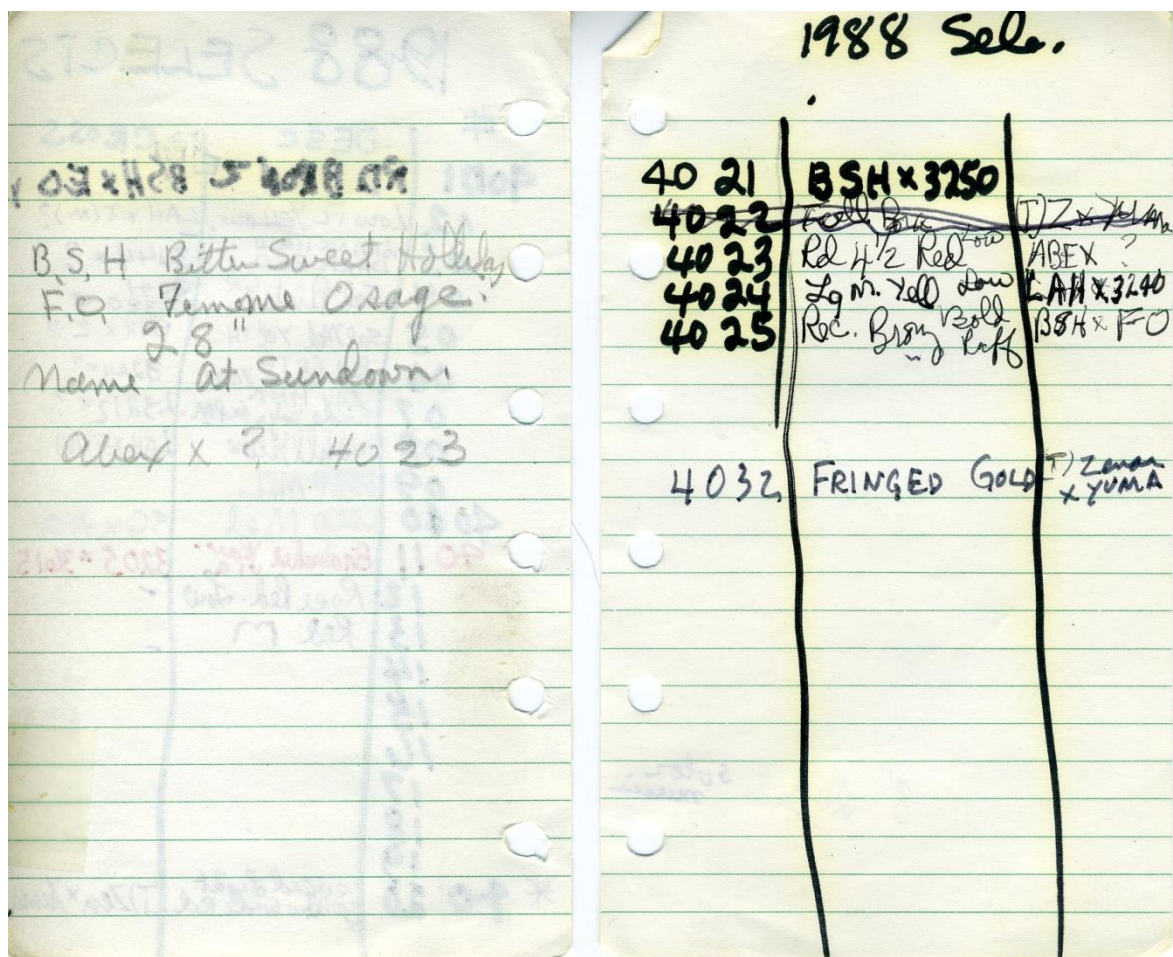
In row 11, the (F) following YUMA may indicate that the point of this cross is *fringe*. In row 15, the circled number 36 may mean that 3415 should be corrected to 3615. It doesn't mean 3436 because there is no select numbered 3436.

In Row 12, I think "320" should be read as "3620." ETZKORN is 320, and he would have written ETZ. In addition to the three missing tags he notes, he omitted 3041 X 3204 and (T)ZENAR X YUMA.

1988 Selects

I have enlarged the image of this page to aid readability.

1988 SELECTS		
#	DESC	CROSS
4001	RD BRONZ	BSH x EO
02	Low FL YELLOW	LAH x T(M)?
03	BRANCHED DARK RED	3244 x ?
04	Sal Pink GR TH.	3041 x 3204
05	Sal Mel xel TH.	BSH x Z?
06	Red GR TH	3244 x ?
07	LAV PINK wide edge in PM.	3212 x ?
08	mod tall yellow	LAH x (T)M
09	DEEP MEL	
4010	Deep Mel	SG x A.O.
4011	Branched Lav.	3205 x 3615
12	Rose Red - Low	-
13	Red M	-
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
* 4020	edged Light yellow wide Rd	(T)Zen x Yuma



Oscie registered two of these selects.

4025 AT SUNSET (1993) BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY X FEMME OSAGE

HM 2005

Registration form says, "Very bright color. Opens at night and stays open until next night."

Oscie's 1994 price list says: AT SUNSET (Whatley) Tet Seedling #T-89-B-4025, DIU, EXT, M, Semi-Ev, (Bitter Sweet Holiday X Femme Osage) 25" height, flower 6" – 2 5/8" petals – 1 5/8" sepals. Named for its extended bloom characteristic by starting to open at sunset and extending past the next sunset. Consistently wide open flowers of very bright colors from a green throat to yellow to rose amber at the segment tips. Weather resistant, surviving rain when most of the garden has melted and holding its color very well on hot, sunny days. See color picture in Spring *Journal* ad. Fertile both ways.....Fall Delivery \$95.00



4032 PERMA FRINGE (1994) Tet. ZENAR X YUMA

Oscie's 1994 price list says: PERMA FRINGE (Whatley) Tet Seedling #Y-4032, MLA, RE, EXT, DOR. 32", - 6", - 2 7/8", - 1 1/2" (Yuma X TET Zenar) Sister to Jumble Edge with Yuma as the pod parent. A pleasing smooth yellow with 1/4" fringing on the petals. Reliable performer, dressing up a fading garden with late blooms and repeats. Pod sterile but pollen fertile.....Fall Del \$90.00



[Photo by Michael Bouman]

Slides of unregistered seedlings from the 4000 series:

4001



4007



4011



4020



4021



Seedling Maps

Oscie evidently valued the ability to reduce data sets to a minimum required for a great memory to carry the load. This is vivid in the earliest notebooks, where he seems to have memorized a number corresponding to each cultivar in his breeding stock. It's also evident that his memory is imperfect within that system. The numbers he assigned to seedlings, as well as the parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of those seedlings populated his mind throughout his hybridizing career. If his memory played tricks on him once in a while, it was still a superb tool.

His garden foibles involved his borderline legible cross tags and seedling bed labels, and the difficulty of making them out when writing maps or "save tags." The frequent instances of revision in his list of selections bear witness to problems he had learned to live with.

In these maps there are increasing "audit problems" stemming from incomplete records or misreads of the tags in the garden. The need for conjecture is on the rise because there are multiple good options for breaking his codes.

1989 Bloom		
West bed. Next to fence. read N to S - and E to W		
Row	Cross	Plants
1	3607 x 3603 or 3205 x ?	15
2	3201 x 3604	9
11	Nelco x ?	3
3	3642 x ?	13
4	3205 x JG.	11
5	S.P. x ?	2
5	3001 x (3616) 3604	5
5	3603 x 3418	3
5	3654 x 3043	3
5	3210 x	1
5	3205 x 3603	3
4	3601 x 3603	43
	3604 x ?	1

1989 Bloom		
Row	Cross	Plants
6	3642	3
7	3043 x 3201	5
7	3280 x JG.	1
7	3825 x ?	3
7	NEBO x ?	8
8	BSH x JG.	4
8	J-37 x 3225	2
8	3822 x ?	2
8	Dip Rey x 1511	2
2nd Bed same structure.		
1.	BSH x ? or 3607 x 3225	2
1	3210 x Tet S.C.	3
1	T-J20 x 3604	4
2.	BSH x Red x Red.	1

1989 Bloom
N. Bed. Free.
read w to east.

1	3632 x 3621	6
1	ML x JG	6
1	3664 x ?	2
2	3404 x 386?	12
2	3656 x JG	5
3	3650 x ?	8
3	Cal x SG	3
3	3043 x 3244	1
3	SP x Chuck	1
4	3616 x Cal	13
5	3205 x Tini or SPink	11
6	3205 " "	2
6	3225 x 3043	9
7	J. MARBH x 21?	6
7	3642 x NEBO	6

He has used a green highlighter, probably to indicate crosses of special interest. The writing is hasty enough to make me wonder if "JG" in rows 1 and 2 immediately above is also "JG" in row 3, or if the code in row 3 is a lazy "SG" for SECOND GLANCE. The abbreviation "ML" is especially puzzling. It had meant MAULA LOA previously; does it still mean MAUNA LOA? The issue is whether he would have crossed lavender pinks with a bright orange. It's not silly to try that, because the genes for violet color give fiery orange their fiery quality. In row 8 of the first page, he crossed BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY with Tet JANET GAYLE, and in the same row planted a cross of McKinney's rose pink Tet J-37 with a deep bronze MAUNA LOA kid.

The best reason for admitting MAUNA LOA in crosses with lavenders and pinks is a supposition that Oscie has received a tip about intensifying colors by such means. The crosses with BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY and the bronze MAUNA LOA kid argue powerfully for accepting ML as MAUNA LOA throughout this map.

You can check my transcription PDF of 1989 Bloom for full decoding. I'll summarize the extraordinary number of main features here:

SP Tet SUPER PURPLE
3654 (Siloam Red Toy x Christmas Is), probably (T)SRT X (T)CI

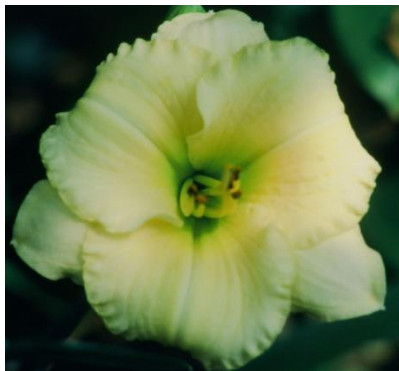
3043 converted version of a diploid POST TIME kid
 3043 X 3201 Red crossed with lavender pink
 3280 X JG There's no 3280 in the list of selects. I suspect this was an impromptu assignment of a number to a lavender pink seedling when the notebook wasn't handy
 BSH X JG BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY X Tet. JANET GAYLE, a strategy to intensify color
 J-37 X 3225 Tet conversion of McKinney seedling X deep bronze MAUNA LOA kid.



X



3609 X 3225 clear lavender X deep bronze
 Tet S.C. Tet SUGAR COOKIE



T-J20 X 3604 Converted McKinney sdlg X PINK FANFARE



X



2856 X 3407 There's no 2856. I suspect a misread of 2656, which is a salmon pink Tet. AGGIE SELLERS kid X a Tet. GENTLE SHEPHERD kid
 BA x SRT x ? I suspect this is BIG APPLE X SILOAM RED TOY, and there's no notebook evidence of BIG APPLE before its appearance in this list. I think this is a Tet. conversion or a product of two conversions, because later it's crossed with 3621 (BRAVE ONE).
 RE possibly Tet ROSE EMILY
 L3610 3610 is not lavender, it's white FROST AVENUE. I think this is a misread of 3810 which is HORIZON LIGHT

3632 x 3621 MINI CRAZE X BRAVE ONE. Eyed white x red? Exciting? I am puzzled.
 3656 X JG PERSIMMON PUNCH X Tet. JANET GAYLE. Orange x violet gambit for intensity.
 SP x Chuck Tet. SUPER PURPLE X CHUCALISSA
 S. Pink Tet. SURPRISINGLY PINK
 J. Marsh X 21? JAMES MARSH X BRAVE ONE (3621)
 3043 X BHxSPF Converted POST TIME kid X (BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY x puzzle)
 N. LAYMAX NAN LEHMANN
 3034 X 3621 Diploid white X BRAVE ONE? 3034 has to be a misread of something else.
 EY? Tet. ELIZABETH YANCEY
 D. ROSE Tet. SILOAM DOUBLE ROSE
 SFM The abbreviation, usually, for Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION rather than SILOAM FAIRY MIST
 B.M. Is he still using BENCHMARK, or is this Tet. BARBARA MITCHELL?
 3239 X RJ KUAN YIN X RED JOY
 Carp x 3274 KATE CARPENTER X a large melon seedling
 Amadus X 3042 AMADEUS X converted POST TIME kid
 SED SFM LINE Seedling of the Tet. SILOAM MEDALLION line
 Y3221 3221 is lavender, not yellow. Is this a misread of 3227, which is not described?
 (T)ZEN X KIMMSWICK Likely Tet ZENAR rather than Tet ZEN MEDITATION



It was ordinary in the Whatley garden to have a hard time reading #2 pencil on medium green plastic labels. The number of obviously questionable seedling numbers is about par for the course. In a couple of instances Oscie included a prefix to designate color, and when the color prefix doesn't agree with his earlier selection notes, it's safe to conclude that he made an error. Notice just above: "Y3221." The notated prefix for 3221 is L for lavender, so one may suspect with foggy confidence that the tag said 3227. When you look up 3227 in the list of selects you find no description. Maybe it was yellow, who knows?

I've been troubled by seedling 3280 because the 3200 series in the notebook stops at 3274. Rather than assert that 3280 didn't exist, I am comfortable imagining that Oscie made an impromptu assignment of number 3280 while removing his selects. He saw a superior plant, decided to keep it, and (not having his notebook handy) gave it a number higher than he remembered using. I do the same thing every year after bloom season.

It's fascinating to look at the evolution of his red program. Seedling 3043 was a diploid with POST TIME on both sides of the cross. In this map it has become a tetraploid through conversion, never notated with a (T) prefix, but used only with tet parents. The cross of BA X SRT is a sudden appearance of BIG APPLE in the garden. It's not in any previous map, and here it's always connected with SILOAM RED TOY. Also, it's converted! The questions are whether he crossed conversions of BA and SRT or whether he had a BA x SRT diploid seedling that he converted. I wonder if the seedling was a trade from his friend, Van Sellers. The evidence for this is a slide from 1985 labeled "Sellers seedling #4 Trade."



The slides Oscie saved include a gorgeous pink seedling called "Rexroad X Green Puff." There is no trace of this cross in the maps or lists of selects, but I'll bet this seedling is the "Dip Rex" in Row 8.



1989 Selections

"Garden Intelligence" is a phrase that comes to mind when assessing Oscie's guesswork. He learned to see the difference between the offspring of various parents, and he had a vivid memory (mostly) for what he had intended and used. Thus, the indication of Tet TANI as the pollen parent in 4204 is a guess based on the appearance of the many Tet TANI seedlings under review.

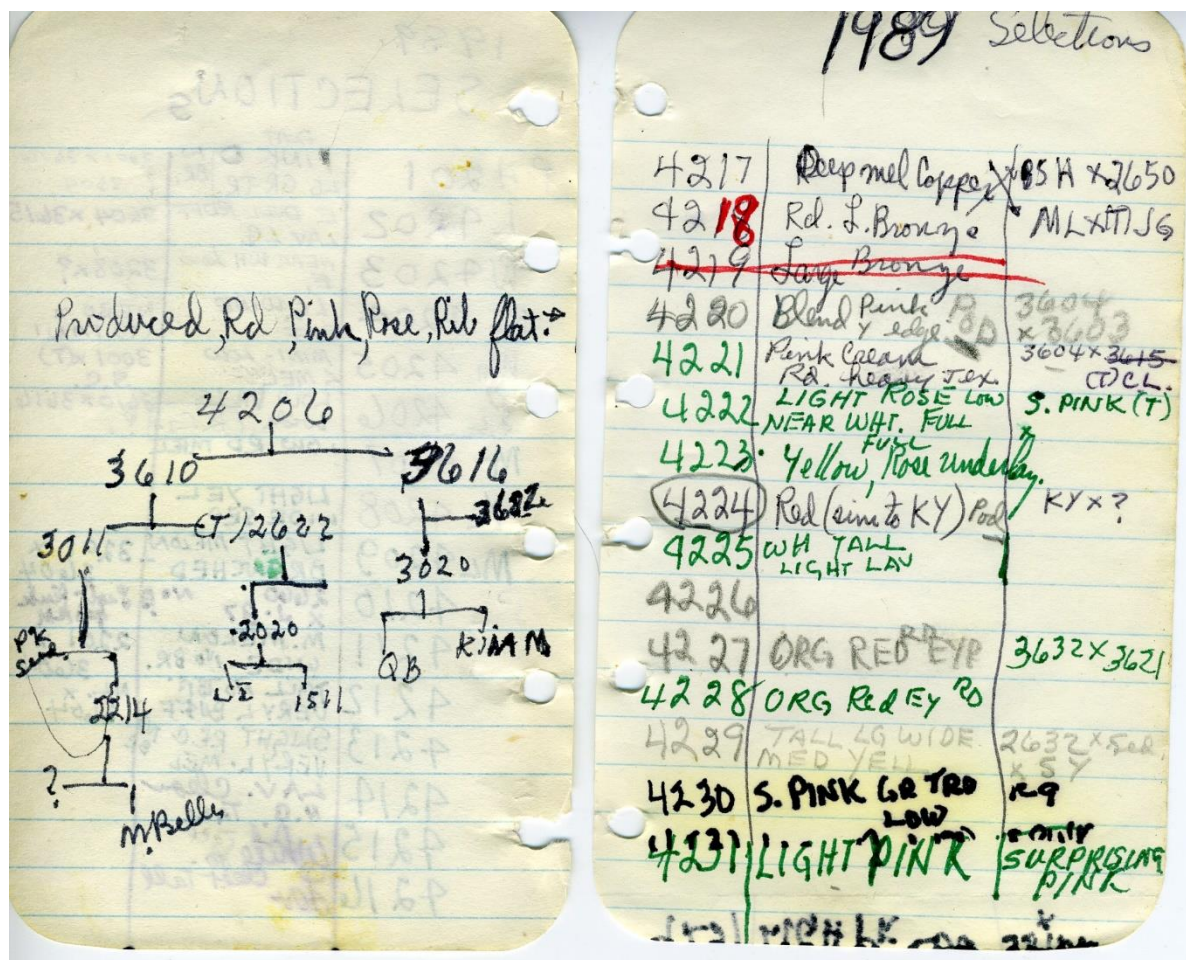
The cross noted at #4211 isn't on the map. He shows the pod parent as 2201. The map shows this cross with pod parent 3201. Seedling 2201 is a yellow out of YARD MASTER. Seedling 3201 is out of either Tet JANET GAYLE or converted Spalding seedling S-12. The pollen is PINK FANFARE. I think 2201 has to be a misread of 3201.

Tet CHUBBY LAD makes its first appearance as a correction. Seedling 4221 in the map is 3604 X 3615. Oscie crossed out 3615 and wrote T CL.

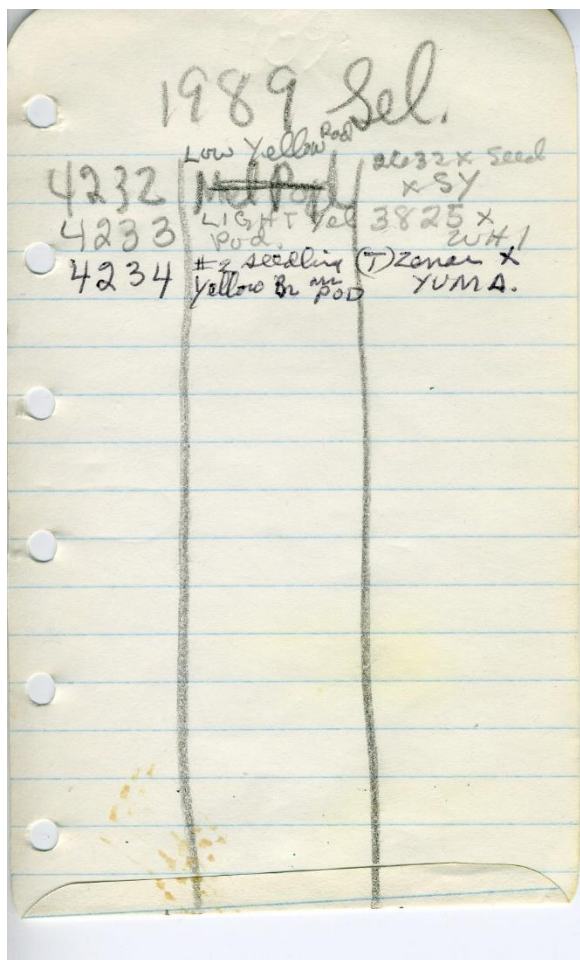
Seedlings 4229 and 4232 come from a cross that isn't on any map. The pod parent is given as 2632 (VELDA) x seedling. There is no positive evidence in the previous selects that VELDA was ever used, but there are a lot of selects with no information. Regarding 4232, pollen parent SY is a puzzle. SNAPPY YELLOW (Klehm, 1988) couldn't have been used in a bed that's blooming in 1989, and the pictures of other 42xx selects are dated 1989.

The last selection, Tet ZENAR X YUMA isn't in the 1989 bed. It's pulled from the 1988 bed.

1989 SELECTIONS			
P 4201	FLAT PINK D LG. GR-TR.	No BR.	3001 x 3616 ? 3604
L 4202	E DULL ROFF LAV LG.		3604 x 3615
W 4203	NEAR WH LOW E,		3208 x ?
R 4204	LG. WIDE ROFF		NEBO x (T) TAN
WM 4205	MINI- LOW K MEL		3001 x (T) S.C.
P 4206	LOW V. LG wide (R.G.)		3610 x 3616 ?
M 4207	LOW RD MEL		
YL 4208	LIGHT YEL WIDE SEP		
ML 4209	LIGHT MELON BRANCHED		3201 x 3604
PL 4210	2660 x J. 37	No BR.	Soft Pink form
4211	M. MELON WIDE No BR.		2201 x 3604
4212	TALL No BR. VERY L. BUFF		NL. x 3604
4213	SLIGHT RED VERY L. MEL	No BR.	
4214	LAV. Clear N.B. TALL		
4215	White Tall		
4216	Low Short Tall		



The pedigree of ROSA GRANDE is on the left page.



ROSA GRANDE stood in Oscie's memory as one of his signal achievements. He made reference to it often, and I didn't let on that I had never seen it. I'll break down the pedigree below.

3610 is FROST AVENUE and 3616 is ELAN.

There's an odd thing in Oscie's numbering here and elsewhere in connection with seedling "1511" in the FROST AVENUE lineage. There was never a 1500 series, and this number is an anomaly. He also lists a "1512" on the same page with 1511. Both are the offspring of a Spalding violet seedling X either Iron Gate Glacier or Iron Gate Iceberg. There are no 1611 or 1612 in the 1600 series, so I have surmised that 1511 and 1512 are "diploid exceptions." The picture below is a row of "1511," which he noted on one slide was "a good garden lavender." The picture to the right is the "Spalding violet" seedling.



The pollen parent of FROST AVENUE was a converted seedling 2622, the pollen parent of which Oscie didn't copy down here but wrote elsewhere as "WH1." This signifies a white diploid seedling of Jim McKinney's. Oscie later converted and used WH1 in his white breeding.

The parents of 2020 are Little Infant and 1511 (a lavender from a Spalding violet seeding x Iron Gate Glacier or Iron Gate Iceberg).

The parents of 3011 were "pink sdlg" x 2214. Parents of 2214 were "?" x MY BELLE.

The parents of 3616 (ELAN) were 3020 x 2622 (see above). 3020 was a light lavender from Virginia Peck's QUINN BUCK x Oscie's KIMMSWICK.

Oscie told me he had learned from Edna Spalding that the lavenders were the source of good green throats and that good whites came from lavenders. What strikes me about this pedigree is the depth of Oscie's involvement with Louisiana hybridizers -- Spalding, McKinney, Durio, Monette.

The 4200 series yielded the following Whatley registrations:

4206 ROSA GRANDE (1992) FROST AVENUE X ELAN

Registration form says, "Uniform performer. Large, full, open flowers. Excellent parent for large pinks."

Oscie's 1993 price list says: ROSA GRANDE (Whatley) Tet Seedling #T-89-P-4206 (Frost Ave x Elan) M, Semi Ev., 22", 7"-3¼"—2. A subtle light rose with a very large green throat and reliable flat opener. The very large full flower form is passed along to its seedlings in various shades of pink and rose shades with a number of clear bright colors. R.G. is a heavy vigorous plant and you

wonder what produced this size and color from the incross of two little infant lines. Fertile both ways. (Sec Spring Journal for color picture.)..... Fall Del. \$100.00



4221 GREEN GAGE (1991) PINK FANFARE X Tet. CHUBBY LAD

Registration form says: Very heavy substance, petal edges green on first flowers. Large green throat. Fertile both ways.

Oscie's 1995 price list says: GREEN GAGE (Whatley 1995) TET #W-4221, EM, DOR, EXT, RE. 27", 5½", 3", 2". (Pink Fanfare X TET Chubby Lad) Full, laid back, light ruffling, near white with an overlay of pink. Green is very present in the throat color and frequently with a subtle green border. One readily notes the green casts, diamond dusting, and very heavy substance from its converted parent. An easy pod parent passing on Chubby Lad's features in its seedlings.

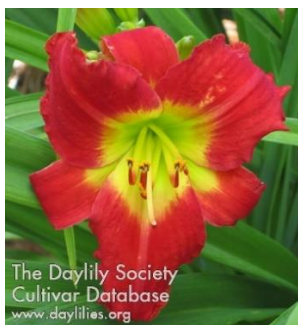
.....Fall Del. \$90.00



4224 PEPE (1997) KUAN YIN X seedling from Tet. Siloam Red Toy

Oscie's 1997 price list says: PEPE (Whatley. 1997) Tet #R-4224 M, DOR, 26" x 5½" x 2½" (Kuan Yin x Tet S Red Toy Line). This almost scarlet color is the clearest and brightest I have ever produced from the Tet Christmas Is Line. The throat is a crystal clear green. Form is flat with moderate ruffling. its sun resistance has encouraged me to work more with this color instead of depending on orange and brown reds for this feature. Long bloom season and fertile both ways.

.....Fall del. \$80.00



4226 JULIETTE WHATLEY MEMORIAL (1995) PINK FANFARE X ?

Oscie's 1996 price list says: JULIETTE WHATLEY MEMORIAL (Whatley 1996) Tet #P4226 M SEASON, EXT, SEV. 24", 6", 2¾" (Pink Fanfare x unknown). A clean rose pink with a very conspicuous large green throat, ruffle, flat form. Multi-region performance and a very easy parent are its main features. It has been a workhorse here, and after observing it in the South, I felt it should have a name. Very fertile both ways.....(Sold out for 1996) \$75.00



[Photo by Michael Bouman]

Unregistered seedlings from the 4200 series:

4201



4204 NEBO X Tet TANI



4207



4208



4209



4210



4214



4215



4216



4218 MAUNA LOA X
Tet. JANET GAYLE



4219



4222



4225



4227



4229



4234



4273 [not in notebook]



By the close of 1989 Oscie's *Daylily Journal* articles on The Art of Hybridizing had been compiled by AHS into a small booklet that remained in print for the next fifteen years. Oscie's hybridizing still had major achievements ahead.