



## A MEMORABLE PAST— A GRACIOUS PRESENT

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Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pratt, formerly of Glen Cove, Long Island, the fertile soil of Little England is producing Daffodil bulbs and blooms of such high quality that they have attained national recognition.

## OUR EXHIBITION GARDEN

If you happen to be in the vicinity of Little England during the blooming season, please consider this a cordial invitation to visit our exhibition garden. Here you will see several hundred varieties of Daffodils, many of them prize winners, at peak bloom. The name of each variety is plainly shown and you will be given one of our catalogs so that you can determine which ones you prefer and the price of the bulbs.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERY SPRING

Daffodil bulbs make exciting and different Christmas presents for home gardeners. We ship them in September for fall planting with your card enclosed, and their lovely blooms serve as pleasant reminders for many years.

## AN ORDER FROM KOREA

An order from a doughboy in Korea provided a thrill and a disappointment this Spring. His letter included a check for \$55. and a request that we send boxes of blooms to 11 of his friends and relatives. Unfortunately the blooming season had ended before his letter reached us. We wrote to all the people for whom the flowers had been ordered, explained why the wishes of the young infantryman could not be complied with, and returned his check with our regrets for not being able to fill his order.

## AN UNUSUAL OFFER

May we share our good fortune with you?

Salty mists from the York River, warm Tidewater sunshine and generous rainfall have combined to produce the largest crop of high quality Daffodil bulbs in the history of our farm.

Thus, for the first time we are happy to be able to include, at no extra cost, at least one variety of prize winners with each shipment of bulb collections.

Our \$5. Collection — 30 bulbs — six varieties of Daffodils, five bulbs of each variety including five prize winners of one variety.

The \$10. Collection — 70 bulbs — ten varieties with seven bulbs of each variety including 14 prize winners of two varieties.

The \$25. Collection — 200 bulbs — twenty varieties with ten bulbs of each variety including 50 prize winners of five varieties.

Shipments, including uninvolved planting instructions, will begin September 15th, and each variety, including the prize winners, will be plainly labeled for group planting.

Please use the enclosed order blank and envelope, and we know you will be delighted with the beautiful and brave blooms which are the very first harbingers of Spring.

## OUR BUSINESS REMAINS A HOBBY

It started as a hobby and as a means of providing picking flowers for Little England. From the very beginning results were so satisfactory that we called in soil experts who told us certain fields are unusually well suited for raising daffodils. Then one year we exhibited 18 varieties of our blooms in a show and won 17 first prizes. Since that time we have been operating a business-hobby, trying to treat our customers as we would wish to be treated.

## PERHAPS WE CAN HELP YOU

After you have decided where you are going to plant your garden, its approximate shape and size and the predominant colors you desire, we shall be glad to suggest the number and varieties of bulbs you should plant. Inquiries are promptly answered.

## WE HAVE 216 PRIZE WINNERS

Of the more than 400 different varieties of bulbs now ready for shipment, 216 have produced blooms which have won one or more awards of the Royal Horticultural Society or other Shows. These prize winners range in price from as little as 20 cents each to \$15.

## SILVER CHIMES WON TWO BIG SHOWS

Flowers produced by Silver Chimes bulbs grown by us won Best in Show at the Garden Club of Virginia show and Best of Variety at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Show this year. These bulbs cost only 50 cents each.

## COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

It is our good fortune that Little England is only about 16 miles from Colonial Williamsburg which, every year, is visited by thousands of people from every state in the Union and many foreign countries. We are proud to be able to report that our exhibition garden attracts many Williamsburg visitors during blooming season.

## NO WHOLESALE BUSINESS WANTED!

We steadfastly refuse to sell bulbs to wholesalers or middlemen. Thus we exercise complete control over the shipment of Little England bulbs and can assure our customers they will receive exactly the varieties ordered at the advertised price.

## WE SENT SPRINGTIME TO ALASKA

Each year during the blooming season (March and April) we ship hundreds of boxes of Daffodils - 144 blooms in each box for only \$5. to all parts of the United States. This year we received an order from Alaska, sent it air mail; it arrived in good condition though the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero.

The formal garden at Little England Daffodil Farm, located on the York River near Bena, Va., is one of Virginia's newest and most unusual tourist attractions. Open to the public for the first time last March, it attracted more than 10,000 visitors during the five-week blooming season.

Rectangular in shape, bisected by broad, flagged paths and bordered with box, magnolias and ligustrum, the garden displays more than 700 different varieties of daffodils of all solid colors and color combinations, ranging in size from the smallest miniatures to the largest trumpets.

There is no admission fee, but orders for bulbs for fall delivery may be given. To aid the home gardeners in making their selections, each visitor to the garden is provided with a printed price list, which contains, in alphabetical order, the names and prices per bulb of all varieties. Varieties are planted in rows fronting the flagged paths, and at the head of each row is a stake about three feet high, topped by a clear plastic bottle which contains the name and price of the variety.

Flower Garden magazine has aptly remarked that Little England garden 'makes it possible for daffodil lovers to walk through a catalog'. Prices are pleasing to every purse, since they range from 10¢ to \$125. per bulb. Each ensuing year finds new varieties imported from Ireland and Holland blooming in this country for the first time. Next Spring a new flower which won all major shows on the continent this year will be featured. It is called Salmon Trout and will retail at \$125. per bulb.

The historical background of Little England is also of great interest to visitors. The plantation was established in 1651 through a grant of the British crown. The original clapboard house, now used as a kitchen wing, was built prior to 1680, and the main house, with its thick brick walls laid in Flemish bond, was completed in 1715.

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