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Well, that's absurd, because people have been tinkering with plants ever since they first knew them and besides, plants hybridize in the wild by themselves. But, 1900--you could make an argument for it. Or you could say it was later. Bernard Jackson is the curator of the Newfoundland Botanical Garden at Memorial University. I spent some time with him--he's a wonderful person, a wonderful gardener. And he has a little corner in his botanical garden set aside for what he calls heritage plants of Newfoundland. He's collected them all over Newfoundland, and he's put them there. He says--and this is a very good point-- (that) these aren't descendants of the original plants. These are the original plants. Because they're all grown from a piece of the original plant. They're clones. They are the plant. They're not a descendant, not like a seed.... See, a plant could grow up and form a seed and spill to the ground, and it's another generation. No. These are perennials. These are all grown from a piece of the original plant. And he's traced some of them back 120 years. Bernard Jackson's cutoff date is 1940. And his justification is that this was the era -ao- SUPERIOR """" LIMITED COMPLETE OPTICAL SERVICE Owned & Operated JAMES DEAN Optician W' jr Shirley Sparling Optician and Pair FREE ' ""dir | Mon,"??Tu'. -' Sat. 10 am - 6 pm; Wed. ~ Thurs> ' fil 10 am - & pm | 564-8486

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