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Dear Mr Williams,

We puzzled for twenty years over the identity of a distinctive daffodil Kate was given when collaborating on research at Cotehele with John Lanyon in 2001. Its strong resemblance to *N. × medioluteus*, distinctive scent and occasional tendency to produce two flowers per stem had us searching fruitlessly for a long time in the Tazetta and Poet Divisions. At last, this spring, the penny dropped when Kate discovered images of it from *The Garden* (1909 & 1910) and from Cartwright & Goodwin's 1913 catalogue: see the enclosed.

We are now entirely confident that this plant is J.C. Williams' 'White Star' – a Division 3 (small-cupped) daffodil offered commercially by Cartwright & Goodwin between 1913 and 1930, as well as briefly by Barr & Sons from 1920 to 1923.

Having built up a reasonable stock of it over the past twenty years, we have now started to sell it via our website: <https://croft16daffodils.co.uk/product/white-star-j-c-williams/>. However, this charming, scented cultivar rightfully belongs at Caerhays. We should be delighted therefore if you would accept this small parcel of bulbs as our gift – in case it is no longer growing (or is doing so incognito) in the Castle grounds.

With kind regards,
Duncan Donald

Duncan & Kate Donald
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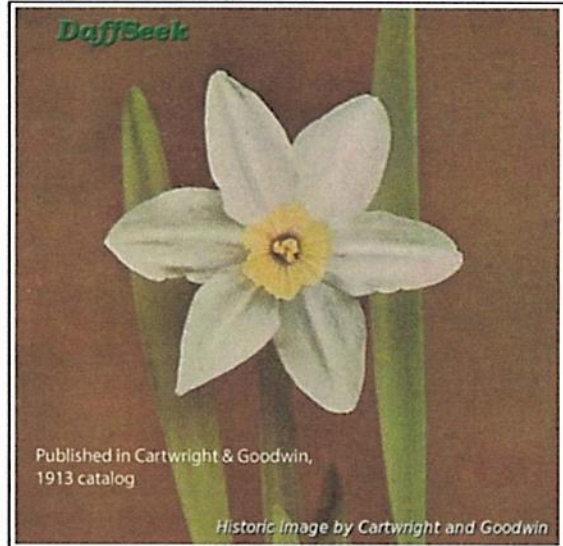


Photo from Cartwright & Goodwin 1913 catalogue



Photo from *The Garden* v.73, p.287, 12/6/1909



Photo from *The Garden* v.74, p.243, 14/5/1910