

Florence

*Accession Number:*

*Parentage:*  
unknown

Released by:  
P. Gideon, Excelsior Fruit Breeding Farm, U of Minn. St. Paul MN.

*Date:*  
1886

*Notes:*  
Fruit 3.5cm. yellow-white covered with bright pink. Skin thin and tough. Flesh yellow with red markings. Ripens late August. good yield. Jelly and canning. Manchester notes •• "An excellent large crab. but lacks dependable hardiness at Jarvie." H2-3.

"Was a good crab in the 1930s" says Coutts 1991

-Edible Apples in Prairie Canada

Tree spreading, moderate grower, healthy, hardy, heavy annual bearer. Fruit medium size, oblate, skin thin, tough, yellowish white overspread with bright pinkish red; flesh yellow with red markings, crisp, juicy, briskly sub-acid, core small; quality medium to good; season late August to mid-September.

-Tree Fruits Grown in Prairie Orchards, Leslie, 1946

Originated at Excelsior, Minnesota by Peter M. Gideon, and introduced about 1885. The tree is vigorous, wide spreading, and is annually productive. It is hardy to Zone b, and moderately resistant to fire blight. The fruit is medium size, oblate and matures in late August to mid September. The skin is thin but tough, yellowish white and overlaid with a bright pinkish red. The flesh is yellow, tinged with red, crisp, juicy, briskly subacid but pleasant, and has a small compact core. It is fair to good for fresh eating and jelly, and excellent for canning. *Note: This cultivar is no longer readily available.*

-Prairie Apple Cultivars, Peters