

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**ACCESSION CA4111**  
**STARK BROTHERS NURSERIES AND ORCHARDS COMPANY RECORDS**

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**Dates:** 1890s-1960s

**Creator:** Stark Brothers Nurseries and Orchards Company

**Collection Size:** 105.8 cubic feet, 12 oversize volumes

**Introduction**

Business records of a Louisiana, MO, company include correspondence, reports, catalogs, printed materials, photographs, and miscellaneous material, 1890s-1960s. Also included is material pertaining to varieties of fruits and plants developed by Luther Burbank.

**Box List**

**Burbank Series (Boxes B1-B21)**

**Box B1**

Invoices, April-May 1929

Burbank varieties sent out under restriction for testing, 1929 (4 folders)

Burbank inserts

Burbank color plates (2 folders)

Reports from tests planting

Plant experimenters

C. Bolles, McCook, Nebraska

Hardy Northern Varieties

Burbank testing

July Elberta Peach Test, 1935

Hunsaker—Experimental

Reports on Tested Varieties

Testing list—Spring 1935 & later

Jonared Agreement with Richey & Gilbert

Colchicine Experiments—Hormones

Propagation through phyto-hormones

Plant research results

Burbank Testing Association

**Box B2**

Vanderbilt Correspondence (4 folders)

Burbank Records of Original Orchards at Sebastopol, 1927-1932 (3 folders)

Burbank Shipping Tests, 1930

Burbank Louisiana Test Orchard Reports, 1927-1931 (2 folders)

Burbank Double No. Plum

Plum Miscellaneous

Plumcot

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**Box B3**

Plum Descriptions- By Burbank and Earl Allander  
Burbank Plum- Orchard Records (4 folders)  
Lists  
Elephant Heart Plum Testing, Spring 1933  
Burbank Notes on Plums (4 folders)

**Box B4**

Burbank Plum

**Box B5**

Burbank Peaches  
Burbank Nuts

**Boxes B6-7**

Burbank Plum

**Box B8**

Burbank Apple  
Burbank Cherry

**Boxes B9-11**

Burbank Plum

**Boxes B12-13**

Photographs

**Boxes B14**

Burbank Quince  
Burbank Roses

**Boxes B15**

Burbank Plums

**Boxes B16-17** [Vacant - Contained books donated to Ellis Library.]

**Boxes B18-21**

Photographs

**Stark Brothers Nursery General Material (Boxes 1-58)**

**Box 1**

Production & Collection Correspondence, c. 1912-1921

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**Box 2**

Correspondence, 1901-1920

Reed-Farrell Reports on Orchards. Some indication that correspondence may have been alphabetically in subject files, i.e., one correspondence file box to subject.

**Box 3**

Correspondence, 1901-1920

Production & Collection. Folders of files labeled "Variety File, Pear" etc. If possible, identity of these files should be maintained for horticultural research and any other variety files reconstructed if possible. Reed files.

**Box 4**            Production & Collection & Variety Correspondence, 1900-1923

**Box 4A**          Correspondence, 1918-1920

**Box 5**            Collection Correspondence, 1900-1923 (May really be about collecting money; some is at least.)

**Box 6**            Order & Collection (of money)

**Boxes 7-9**        Collection, Property Correspondence

**Boxes 10-11**    Collection of Bills and Correspondence, 1900-1920

**Box 12**

Controversy over Ben Davis or Gano Apple, 1904

Freight Received Records, c. 1900-1910

Fayetteville, 1904-1905

Mahin Advertising Company

**Box 13**

Grapes

Advertising

Other nursery trade lists and correspondence

Envelopes labeled:

    Lawrence Stark

    Lawrence Reese

    William P. Stark propagation records

    Propagation Records, 1890s

Loose William P. Stark propagation records

Sales and Propagation Records, 1910-1920

**Box 14**

Sales and Propagation Records, 1910-1920

"East Miscellaneous Spring, 1920"

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**Box 15**

“East Miscellaneous Spring, 1920”

One folder of material found in Oversize Ledgers

Production Correspondence, 1890s-1910s

Miscellaneous Labor (1 folder)

Material from box labeled:

Stock Department, 1 June 1935-1 June 1936

Misc. A-L

Budding Records, 1936

**Box 16**

Material from box labeled:

Stock Department, 1 June 1935-1 June 1936

Misc. A-L

Budding Records, 1936

**Box 17**

Pictures apparently from other files as well as ledger

Stock Department, 1 June 1935-1 June 1936

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1935-1936 [RANDOM SAMPLE]

Letters about accounts (financial)

Sick employee

Advice on how to plant fruit trees

Howell County Nursery – regarding peach bud contract

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1935-1936

**Box 18**

Folders containing orders, notes, payment records, correspondence

**Boxes 19-25** Telegrams, early 1920s, miscellaneous (mainly re: business transactions)

**Box 26**

Telegrams, early 1920s, miscellaneous (mainly re: business transactions)

Edwin J. Stark Correspondence, 1940s

**Box 27**

Edwin J. Stark Correspondence, 1940s

Victory Garden materials, 1940s

**Box 28**

Spray File, 1915-1916

Trade, 1914-1915

Louisiana Budding Record, 1942

Atlas Budding Record, 1940

Field Inventory Records, 1947

Miscellaneous

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Price Ceilings, 1940s  
Price Controls, 1940s  
Price Fixing, 1940s  
Sugar Rationing  
Statements from Authorities  
Clippings  
Decisions, Rulings, Statements  
Correspondence with other nurserymen re: rationing  
Gas & Rubber  
Gas Ration Mailing OPA  
Mailings – Gas & Tires  
Engleson – Gas & Tires  
Letters to Salesman

**Box 29**

Neosho Nurseries  
Jackson & Perkins  
Aggregate Field Books, 1889-1890  
Plant Prints  
Trade, 1910-1911 (Invoices)  
Stark, Lloyd, C., Test Orchard Notes, 1920s-1930s  
Variety Book Notes  
Stark, Lloyd, C., Test Orchard Notes  
Apple Pollination & Breeding Records, 1930  
Stark, Lloyd, C., Test Orchard Notes, 1919-1928  
Apple Testimonial Book, 1910  
Nursery Catalogs, 1917-1918 (not Stark Bros.)

**Box 30**

Nursery Catalogs, 1917-1918 (not Stark Bros.)  
Nursery Catalogs, 1953 (not Stark Bros.)  
Nursery Catalog material, mostly 1953-1954 (not Stark Bros.)  
Sales Managers letters, 1939  
Form letters, 1941  
Film – “They Shall Not Perish” – American Red Cross

**Box 31**

Form letters, 1941  
Naples contract, 1948  
Production Records, Marionville, 1947-1966

**Box 32**

Fuel and Fuel Tax Records, 1945-1968  
Chauffeur’s licenses, 1961-1964  
Turfgrass Farm, Arizona, 1966-1967  
Annual Report, Stark Bros. Nursery, May 31, 1955

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Barnes, Loy J., 1964-1965  
Planting Records, 1949-1953  
Atlas Budding Records, 1946-1960  
Plant Records, 1957-1962  
Stark Nursery Printed Materials, 1880s to early 1900s (catalogs, etc.)

**Box 33**

Stark Nursery Printed Materials, 1908-1912 (catalogs, etc.)  
Leases, Expired, 1942-1949  
Salesman's Contracts, 1942, A-H

**Box 34**

Salesman's Contracts, 1942, I-Z  
Sales Campaign & Mailings, 1930-1931  
Recruiting Reports, 1925-1927  
Advertising and Salesman's Campaign, 1925-1928  
Advertising, 1934-1941  
Advertising & Salesman's Campaign, 1926-1930  
Salesmen's Contracts, 1938  
Advertising & Salesman's Campaign, c. 1932-1934

**Box 35** Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, A-Mo, c. 1930s

**Box 36**

Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, Mp-Z, c. 1930s  
Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, A-Ca, c. 1920s

**Box 37** Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, Ca-Ha, c. 1920s

**Box 38** Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, Ha-N, c. 1920s

**Box 39** Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, O-Sm, c. 1920s

**Box 40** Infringement file, Stark & Golden Delicious, So-Z, c. 1920s

**Box 41**

Catalog and Dealership Requests, 1940s  
Form letters, 1941

**Box 42**

Catalog and Dealership Requests, 1940s  
Form letters, 1939

**Box 43**

Inventory & Sales Records, 1934-1936  
Planting Records, 1928-1936  
Invoices, 1936

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Catalog & Dealership Requests, 1940s

**Box 44**

Catalog & Dealership Requests, 1940s

Apple Research Correspondence, 1910-1936, M (New varieties)

**Box 45**          Apple Research Correspondence, 1910-1936, N (New varieties)

**Boxes 46-54** [VACANT – See Oversize Volumes]

**Box 55**          Photos - Large fruits, miscellaneous fruit varieties, Ornamentals, 1900s-1950s

**Boxes 56-58**    Victory Gardens Correspondence

**PHOTOGRAPHS (Boxes 59-96)**

**Box 59**          Shade trees, landscaped homes, 1915-1950s

**Box 60**          Roses and evergreens, 1915-1950s

**Box 61**          Pear trees (varieties and digging), orchard scenes, 1890-1960s

**Box 62**          Landscaped homes, 1915-1950s

**Box 63**          Shrubs and shade trees, 1915-1950s or 1960s

**Box 64**          Ornamental shrubs, roses, 1915-1950s

**Box 65**          Peach trees, growing blocks; specimen starts of varieties, n.d.

**Box 66**          Roses, shrubs, shade trees, landscaped homes, 1920s

**Box 67**          Landscaped homes, ornamentals, shade trees, roses, n.d.

**Box 68**          Cherry trees, branches of varieties, individual specimens, 1915-1950s and later

**Box 69**          Landscaped homes, 1915-1920s

**Box 70**          Starking Delicious, 1925-1950s

**Box 71**          Delicious Apple, 1900s-1930s, later

**Box 72**          Trees in bloom, Golden Delicious, Fruit in baskets, Miscellaneous apple varieties, 1900-1950s

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- Box 73** Dwarf Apple, Dwarf Peach, Dwarf Pear, 1900s-1950s
- Box 74** Mist bed operations, planting, budding, cultivation, fruit spurs and buds, grades of stock, grafting, espaliered trees, 1920s
- Box 75** Golden Delicious, 1922-1960s
- Box 76** Part time sales people, 1915-1950s
- Box 77** Orchard scenes, blocks of trees, 1915-1960s
- Box 78** Peach varieties, delicious apple, red gold apple, 1900-1950s
- Box 79** Orchard scenes, individual trees, etc., 1900-1950s
- Box 80** Miscellaneous apples, general orchard scenes, miscellaneous photos, 1920s -
- Box 81** Delicious apple, Starking Delicious, miscellaneous apple, cherry, 1920s-
- Box 82** Blackberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, grapes, himalaya berry, 1900s-1950s
- Box 83** Plum varieties, 1900s-1950s
- Box 84** Starkrimson Delicious, 1958, Starkspur Golden Delicious, 1963
- Box 85** Red Delicious and Starking Delicious Apple, 1900s-1960
- Box 86** Layering shrubs, pruning, old picking and packing scenes, trees boxed for shipping, spraying, 1920s-1960s
- Box 87** Part time sales people, 1915-1950s
- Box 88** Golden Delicious apple, n.d.
- Box 89** Peach varieties, 1920s-1950s
- Box 90** Peach, apricot, quince, 1920s-1960s; Cover crops; Diseases & pests
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- Box 92** Starking Delicious, 1925-1950s; Starking Celebration, 1925
- Box 93** Delicious Apple, 1900s-1925+



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- Box 94**      Cherry grades, miscellaneous grades of stock, roses, wrapping trees, rodent control, blocks of apples, nuts, trees in bloom, apple varieties, crabapple, n.d.
- Box 95**      Peach varieties, n.d.
- Box 96**      Starking Delicious, Wilson Red June, Red Rome beauty, Winesap, Stayman Winesap apples, 1920s-1940s

**OVERSIZE VOLUMES**

[NOTE: Volumes were removed from the box list. The box number has been changed to a volume number.]

- v. 45**      State tags, 1926-1927 [removed from box 45]
- v. 46**      Contracts with growers, 1891
- v. 47**      Note Register, 1907-1920
- v. 48**      Note Register, 1894-1905
- v. 49**      Orchard Records, 1893-1916
- v. 50**      Orchard Records, 1891-1893
- v. 51**      Orchard Records, 1894-1913
- v. 52**      Note Register, 1902-1912
- v. 53**      Orchards, County Record, 1889-1890s
- v. 54**      Nursery Stock Received, 1923
- v. 97-98**      Advertising Materials, 1936-1937, 1951-1952. [Two volumes given to Dr. Brownlee by Stark Bros.]