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R Stark, William H.
578 Letter, 1912.
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This is a letter from William H. Stark of Stark Nursery Co. at Chester, Newton County, Missouri, to C. E. Stoddard, Washington, D.C. The letter concerns the introduction of a new variety of peach and its potential for profitable cultivation.

William Stark established a large nursery in Newton County about 1907. His letterhead bears the legend "Orchard Experts and General Nurserymen," and the notation that the firm was not connected with any other company of a similar name. The letter to C. E. Stoddard, a cousin of the grandfather of the donor, dates from the period when southern Missouri was touted as a prime location for the cultivation of fruit. The community received its mail at Chester, west of Newtonia, until 1912. Thereafter the area became identified with the efforts of its primary grower, and the community of Stark City was established a few miles from Chester.

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Mrs. Gerald R. DeWitt, Sr.

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