

Information Sheet

R **Coleman, W. S.**
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These are labels for cans of “Rosan” blackberries and “Pal-O’-Mine” green beans, packed by W. S. Coleman at his cannery at Willow Springs in Howell County, Missouri.

Howell County was one of several counties in southern Missouri promoted as fruit and vegetable growing areas in the early twentieth century. The St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company was a prime mover in the effort, interested not only in freight revenues from agricultural exports along its Memphis line (the former Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railway), but also in land sales for small farms along its route. Brandsville, Pomona, West Plains, and Willow Springs in Howell County, and neighboring Koshkonong in Oregon County were all promoted by the railroad company as fruit and vegetable growing centers.

The labels from W. S. Coleman’s cannery in Willow Springs are for cans of blackberries (1 lb., 4 oz.), and green beans (1 lb., 3 oz.).

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