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INTRODUCTION

Personal and business papers of a prominent Louisiana, Missouri, nurseryman and former Democratic governor of Missouri, 1937-1941. These materials include personal correspondence, nursery and agricultural business papers, family correspondence, and miscellaneous photographs.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Stark Brothers Nurseries & Orchards Company on 14 October 1977 (Accession No. 4114).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lloyd Crow Stark was born 23 November 1886, in Louisiana, Missouri, to Clarence McDowell and Lillie Crow Stark. In 1908 he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and married Margaret Pearson Stickney of Baltimore, Maryland. Margaret died in 1930 leaving two sons, Lloyd Stickney and John Wingate Stark. In 1931 Stark married Katherine Lemoine Perkins of St. Louis, and they had two daughters, Mary Murray Spottswood and Katherine Lemoine Stark.

Lloyd Stark served in the U.S. Navy from 1908 until 1912, when he returned to Louisiana, Missouri, and was elected vice-president and general manager of Stark Brothers Nurseries. His business career was interrupted by World War I. He volunteered for the army and served in the United States and France, taking part in the 1918 Meuse-Argonne offensive. Stark returned to his business position following the war and advanced to chairman of the board in 1934.

Stark served in numerous business and civic organizations throughout his life. He first entered politics in 1928 as general chairman of Missouri's \$75,000,000 State Highway Bond Campaign. He was elected governor of Missouri in 1936 and served one term, 1937-1941. During his term as governor he served as chairman of the Governor's Conference of the United States and chairman of the Council of State Governments. Some notable accomplishments of his administration include balancing the state budget, establishing the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital in Columbia, establishing a merit system for selection of state employees, passage of a police reorganization bill, and the abolition of interstate trade barriers. In addition Stark is credited with the breakup of the Pendergast political machine in Kansas City.

In 1940 Stark declared for the U.S. Senate but was narrowly defeated for the Democratic nomination by Harry S Truman. This defeat signaled the end of Stark's own political career, and he thereafter devoted himself to the management of Stark Brothers Nurseries and his several large farms in northeast Missouri. He was, however, influential in the political careers of Clarence Cannon and Stuart Symington, and he remained actively interested in the welfare of his state and nation until his death on 17 September 1972.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Lloyd C. Stark have been arranged into three series:

Correspondence and Business, Photographs, and Miscellaneous Correspondence.

The collection primarily consists of correspondence with various personal, business, and political acquaintances. The majority of the collection pertains to the 1950s and early 1960s. Major topics and correspondents include Missouri agriculture, state and national politics, the Stark Brothers Nurseries & Orchard Company, the Missouri Constitutional Convention of 1943-1944, wildlife conservation, highway legislation, national defense, Congressman Clarence Cannon, Senator Stuart Symington, Presidents Harry S Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Kansas City political boss Thomas J. Pendergast, and several members of Stark's U.S. Naval Academy class of 1908. Also included is extensive biographical material on Stark as well as genealogical information about the Stark, Pharr, Gourley, Chase, Crow, LeBaron, and Perkins families. The collection also contains a small amount of family correspondence and two folders of photographs relating to Stark's public and personal lives and his Pike County, Missouri, farm, Aberdeen.

The Stark collection has been left in its original alphabetical arrangement with two exceptions: items within each alphabetical division have been arranged chronologically, and photographs have been separated from the remainder of the collection and arranged chronologically.

Additional collections pertaining to Lloyd C. Stark and the Stark Brothers Nurseries are maintained by the Western Historical Manuscript Collection. Most notable is **Lloyd Crow Stark (1886-1972), Papers, 1931-1941 (C0004)**, which includes Stark's gubernatorial papers.

FOLDER LIST

Correspondence and Business Series

- f. 1-4 A Miscellaneous, 1946-1967. Much of this correspondence is with various representatives of the Automobile Club of Missouri. Topics include state and federal highway legislation and taxation and travel itineraries. Also included are financial statements and correspondence relating to the establishment of the Antioch Cemetery Association of Pike County, Missouri. Correspondents include Senator Edward V. Long.
- f. 5-15 Aberdeen Farm, 1943-1967. These folders contain materials related to Stark's thousand acre Aberdeen Farm, located near Rolla in Pike County. Included is correspondence about farm and home supplies, farm management agreements, and wildlife and conservation information from the Missouri Conservation Commission. Agents of Doane Agricultural Service of St. Louis are primary correspondents. Correspondence with a former owner, Sallie Carr Block, in folders 5, 6, and 9 also reveal some of the history of Aberdeen Farm.
- f. 13 Correspondence about the management of Brookhill farm which was controlled by Washington University of St. Louis. Stark was a member of the Brookhill Farm Committee.
- f. 16-19 American Association of Nurserymen, 1953-1969. Lloyd Stark was an honorary life member of the American Association of Nurserymen and served as president from 1917 to 1919. Included are correspondence with various members and associational newsletters. Printed legislative reports and merchandising and sales bulletins have been discarded. Information about plant quarantine legislation is included in newsletters and correspondence with Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont.
- f. 18 Correspondence with Frederic P. Lee, chairman of the National Arboretum Advisory Council, of which Stark was a member.
- f. 20-22 American Saddle Horse Breeders Association, 1948-1960. Primarily personal correspondence between Stark and C.J. "June" Cronan, Jr. Stark was a director and Cronan served as secretary of the American Saddle Horse Breeders Association headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. Included are copies of the minutes of several directors' meetings, membership lists, and general information about horses and horse breeding.
- f. 23 Arkansas Hunting, 1941-1952. Papers and correspondence relating to Stark's membership in the Lost Island Hunting Club and hunting excursions to Stuttgart, Arkansas. Included are a Hunting Club membership list, 1941, and correspondence with Paul R. McCoy of the Lost Island Reservoir Company of Stuttgart.
- f. 24 Atomic Energy Commission, 1961. Correspondence between Willard F. Libby of the University of California, Los Angeles, and Stark concerning research and congressional appropriations for the commission. Includes

- information about Clarence Cannon, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.
- f. 25-26 Automobile and Truck, 1948-1959. Papers and correspondence relating to Stark's personal and farm motor vehicles. Includes information about insurance, registration, licensure, repairs, and traffic accidents.
- f. 27-33 B Miscellaneous, 1945-1969. Major correspondents include Frank Bane, William H. and Davis Biggs, Wallace O. Bassford, William D. Brereton, and William B. Belknap. Correspondence and financial records of the Baldwin Land Company of Missouri and information about Washington University's Brookhill Farm are also included.
- f. 27 Letter to Bruce Brossat outlining the work of Frank Bane and Stark's views on the principles of constitutional government.
- f. 31 Letter of 10 August 1956 containing history of development of the "Peace" rose.
- f. 33 Biographical sketch of Richard S. Bull, the father of Stark's son-in-law.
- f. 34 Betts, Curtis A., 1954-1966. Personal correspondence of Stark and Betts, longtime St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaperman. Includes family news, reminiscences about Stark's political career, information about Betts' retirement and move to San Mateo, California, and records of numerous fishing excursions Stark and Betts made to Minnesota
- f. 35-38 Biographical Data, 1941-1962. Primarily correspondence with various biographical directory companies and authors of published sketches of Stark's career. Includes rough copies of various biographical sketches. Correspondence with Clarence Cannon, Dewey Short, and White House aide Sherman Adams relating to the attempted appointment of Stark to Eisenhower's Federal and State Relations Commission is also included.
- f. 39 Brown, Donald M., 1950-1960. Correspondence, telegrams, and newspaper clippings of Stark and Brown of New Rochelle, New York. Items pertain to Stark Brothers Nurseries advertising and business.
- f. 40-41 Buffalo Farmhouse, 1941-1953. Correspondence and papers relating to Stark's Pike County, Missouri, Buffalo Creek Farm. Included are information on farm operations, house rental agreements, and a copy of the floor plans of the farmhouse.
- f. 42-45 C Miscellaneous, 1941-1968. Primary correspondents include William W. Crapo of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, various Missouri officials of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, Henry Chase of Chase Nursery in Chase, Alabama, members of the Crow family, and officials of various state and national conservation organizations including the Council of Conservationists, Inc. and the Conservation Federation of Missouri. Other papers relate to the Council of State Governments and the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.
- f. 42 Letter of 18 January 1954 to Henry S. Caulfield.
- f. 43 Personal correspondence with Italian ambassador to the United States, Aubrey Casardi, and his wife, Virginia.

- f. 46 California, 1955-1959. Correspondence with the Automobile Club of Southern California relating to a trip itinerary with Minette Crow of Palo Alto, California.
- f. 47-50 Cannon, Clarence, 1944-1963. Personal correspondence between Stark and Missouri Congressman Clarence Cannon. Major topics include the Missouri highway system, minimum wage laws, agriculture, national defense, communism, the U.S. National Arboretum, conservation, and Cannon's reelection campaigns. Family news, letters of recommendation, reminiscences of World War II, information about the Champ Clark Bridge at Louisiana, Missouri, and mention of Admirals Joseph K. Taussig and William R. Purnell are also included.
- f. 51 Chicago Middle West Chamber of Commerce, 1957. Papers and correspondence relating to the formation of the organization and the nomination of Stark to serve on the board of governors. Includes correspondence with the affiliate National Association of Direct Selling Companies.
- f. 52 Constitutional Amendment No. 1, 1956. Correspondence and printed materials relating to the proposed Missouri Constitutional Amendment No. 1, submitted as Senate Joint Resolution No. 10, of the 68th General Assembly, 1956. Includes correspondence with Edward Staples of the Missouri public Expenditure Survey and a copy of Stark's statement opposing the amendment.
- f. 53-56 Constitutional Convention, 1943-1945. Correspondence and printed materials relating to the convention and the subsequent campaign for passage of the new constitution. Includes correspondence with Curtis Betts of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, copies of constitutional proposals 1-16, newspaper clippings, Stark's analysis of the benefits of the new constitution, correspondence with Robert E. Blake, president of the Constitutional Convention, and a copy of Stark's statement urging passage of the new constitution.
- f. 55 Letter of 6 March 1944 to Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Also correspondence with Dave W. Gramling, chairman of the Missouri State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, concerning state politics and the unions.
- f. 57-58 D Miscellaneous, 1944-1966. Correspondence relating to Stark's endorsements of Phil M. Donnelly and John M. Dalton for governor of Missouri. Includes correspondence with the Democratic State Committee chairman, Sam M. Wear.
- f. 57 Includes correspondence with Chester C. Davis, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and a copy of Davis' seminar address, "Land Use and Conservation," presented to the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., in 1947.
- f. 59 Dalton, John M., 1961-1962. Correspondence concerning letters of recommendation for state positions, highway legislation, gasoline tax elections, the National Guard, the constitutional right to bear arms, and Stark's election to membership in the Missouri Academy of Squires.

- f. 60-61 Dogs, 1941-1962. Correspondence relating to the breeding, training, and keeping of livestock and hunting dogs owned by Stark. Contains correspondence with various kennel owners and hunting partners including Frederick Middlebush, president of the University of Missouri.
- f. 62-64 E Miscellaneous, 1946-1968. Primary correspondents include Admiral Robert R.M. Emmer, Clarence Evans of the Missouri State Tax Commission, Elmer Ellis, president of the University of Missouri, and the St. Louis offices of Eastman-Kodak Company. Stark's correspondence with Admiral Emmet and Commissioner Evans contains information hostile to Harry S Truman and favorable to Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- f. 64 Letter of 30 June 1959 to Stark from Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University, relating to President Eisenhower.
- f. 65 F Miscellaneous, 1953-1963. Includes correspondence with Horace Frierson, attorney, of Columbia, Tennessee; correspondence, minutes, and financial statement of the Fruit Tree Growers Association; correspondence relating to the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital; and correspondence with Wallace E. Campbell of the Fuller Brush Company.
- f. 66 Fishing and Hunting, 1958-1966. Miscellaneous correspondence concerning hunting and fishing trips made by Stark and acquaintances. Much of the correspondence refers to a 1959 deer hunting trip with Dr. H.M. Henrickson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.
- f. 67-68 G Miscellaneous, 1949-1967. Most correspondence relates to George P. and Mary Lyon Gamble of St. Louis, Clarence Cannon, Allen P. Green of Mexico, Missouri, the National Geographic Society, and Admiral Jules James.
- f. 67 Letter of 5 April 1954 from Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society. Also, an autobiographical sketch of George Peterkin Gamble dated 22 November 1954.
- f. 69-72 H Miscellaneous, 1949-1967. Primary correspondents include R. Waldo Holt of Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, Kansas City; Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr.; Congressmen William L. Hungate and Clarence Cannon; Governor Warren E. Hearnes; Jerome C. Hunsaker of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Methodist Bishop Ivan Lee Holt. Commentary on Presidents Harry S Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower and correspondence and newspaper clippings about Thomas J. Pendergast are also included.
- f. 70 Biographical sketch of Peter Betts Hubbell of St. Louis.
- f. 71 Correspondence and printed material relating to Civil War Battle of Franklin, 1864.
- f. 73 I Miscellaneous, 1959, 1968. One letter written to Richard H. Ichord and correspondence with George W. Irving, Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Includes copy of a 1968 speech delivered by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson to the convention of the American Institute of Architects.
- f. 74-75 J Miscellaneous, 1949-1961. Includes correspondence with officials of and information about the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

- Association of St. Louis, James E. Jasper, J.D. James of the Missouri Power and Light Company, Victor Judson of Judson Nursery Company in Bristol, Indiana, and W. Edward Jameson of the Missouri Department of Public Health and Welfare.
- f. 76-78 James, Jules, 1950-1956. Personal correspondence between Stark and U.S. Naval Academy classmate, Vice Admiral Jules James. Includes information about the Stark and James families, landscape gardening, and President Truman.
- f. 79-80 K Miscellaneous, 1951-1967. Includes correspondence between Stark and Missouri State Senator Michael Kinney about highway legislation. Also contains correspondence with Frederic P. Lee, chairman of the National Arboretum Advisory Council, and Richard H. Amberg, publisher of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. Some Kinney and Amberg correspondence relates to the Missouri Legislative Commission on Conflicts of Interest.
- f. 81-82 L Miscellaneous, 1953-1968. Primary correspondents include Martin Lammert, III of the Baldwin Land Company, Frederic P. Lee of the National Arboretum Advisory Council, Clarence Cannon, Stuart Symington, Edward V. Long, St. Louis attorney Samuel H. Liberman, and Governor Phil M. Donnelly. Biographical sketch of Samuel Liberman. Letter to Senator Edward V. Long, 1960, opposing a bilateral nuclear test ban.
- f. 83 Mc Miscellaneous, 1951-1959. Includes correspondence with Leonard C. MacCarthy, William H. Biggs, and Thomas B. Curtis. Much of the correspondence refers to recommendations for William Lansing MacCarthy for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and for a Rhodes Scholarship.
- f. 84-88 M Miscellaneous, 1951-1967. Includes correspondence with Howard P. Moore about Stark family genealogy, Laurence Mallinckrodt relating to wildlife conservation, Lewis M. Means, the Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission, Edward Staples, Elmer Ellis, and Floyd Shoemaker. A typescript copy of "The Early Stark Families of America, Notes Supplementing a Chart Showing Four Generations," and information relating to the Pershing Park Memorial Association are also included.
- f. 89-90 Military Trip, 1954-1958. Correspondence, printed material, and newspaper clippings relating to Stark's participation in the 19th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference of 1954 and the Defense Orientation Conference Association.
- f. 91 Missouri Academy of Squires, 1963-1968. Correspondence and papers relating to Stark's membership in the Missouri Academy of Squires. Includes membership lists, minutes, and lists and descriptions of membership nominees.
- f. 92-93 Missouri Good Roads Association, 1954-1964. Correspondence, bylaws, meeting announcements, and membership and committee lists. Executive Secretary Wendell Locke is the principal correspondent.

- f. 94-95 N Miscellaneous, 1945-1968. Correspondence relative to Stark Brothers Nurseries and Orchard Company's inclusion in a 1945 *National Geographic* article. Also correspondence with Anne and Chapin S. Newhard of St. Louis and a 1968 statement by Stark endorsing Richard M. Nixon for president.
- f. 96 National Better Business Bureau, 1954. Service and news bulletins and correspondence. Items relate to the National Wildlife Federation, the nursery industry, U.S. foreign policy, and a copy of the U.S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.
- f. 97 National Council of Community Improvement, 1954-1956. Two items including a letter from Lloyd Stark to J. Edgar Hoover and a letter copy from James C. Penney to Paul C. Stark.
- f. 98 Naval Academy Athletic and Alumni Association, 1957-1958. Four items pertaining to football games and the alumni of the U.S. Naval Academy.
- f. 99 O Miscellaneous, 1947-1966. Correspondents include Preston G. Orwig of the American Youth Foundation, Isaac H. Orr of Punta Gorda, Florida, and Olin Industries of East Alton, Illinois.
- f. 100 Orientation, J.C.O.C. Trip, 1954. Includes four postcards of various scenes from Fort Benning, Georgia, and a list of participants in the 19th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference of 1954 sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- f. 101 Ozark Rivers Association, 1961-1964. Correspondence of Stark and Davis Biggs pertaining to meetings of the association and conservation issues.
- f. 102-104 P Miscellaneous, 1950-1968. Major correspondents and topics include James Cash Penney, the National Association of Direct Selling Companies, the Pershing Park Memorial Association, William R. Hull, Jr., Clarence Cannon, Michael Kinney, Admiral William R. Purnell, and Dale Purcell, executive director of the Cancer Research Center, Columbia, Missouri.
- f. 105 Q Miscellaneous, 1952-1953. Includes correspondence with Edgar Monsanto Queeny of St. Louis.
- f. 106 Quarantine #37, 1954. Correspondence and telegrams of George D. Aiken, Clarence Cannon, Ezra Taft Benson, and Stark pertaining to agricultural legislation and particularly plant quarantines and protection.
- f. 107-110 R Miscellaneous, 1947-1967. Includes information about Harry S Truman, Thomas J. Pendergast, the 19th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, the Roanridge Rural Training Foundation of Parkville, Missouri, and the Louisiana, Missouri, Rotary Club. Correspondents include Boyd R. Richards of Melbourne, Florida; Clifton Rodes of Louisville, Kentucky; Elzey Roberts of St. Louis; and Major Paul C. Rapp of Washington, D.C..
- f. 111-116 S Miscellaneous, 1950-1967. Includes correspondence with Ethan A.H. Shepley, chancellor of Washington University of St. Louis, Tom K. Smith of the Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis, the St. Louis chapter of Missouri's Sons of the American Revolution, Floyd Shoemaker, the *St.*

- Louis Post-Dispatch*, and the St. Louis Union Trust Company relating to Stark's will and business affairs.
- f. 114 Typed copy of an address by Weldon Gibson, associate director of Stanford Research Institute, entitled "The Western Market's Next Twenty Years." The address was delivered at Sunset magazine's Western Market Conference on 26 October 1956.
- f. 117 Scarlett, William, 1949-1961. Correspondence and newspaper clippings related to Bishop Scarlett of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis. Pertains to church business, John Oliver Scarlett, and Bishop Scarlett's retirement.
- f. 118 Schick, Eduardo J., 1959. Congressmen Thomas B. Curtis and Clarence Cannon, Senator Stuart Symington, and St. Louis attorney Robert T. Hensley, pertaining to the immigration and medical licensure of Dr. Eduardo J. Schick.
- f. 119 W.A. Shaffer Pen Company, 1950-1959.
- f. 120-121 Stark Family, 1948-1961. Notes and correspondence of Lloyd Stark, Katherine Perkins Stark, Paul Clarence Stark, and Edwin Jackson Stark. Much of the correspondence is with Lloyd Stark's secretary, Hallie C. Peabody, and relates to the Stark family, vacation travels, and nursery business.
- f. 122 C.W. Stuart and Company, 1950-1960. Correspondence with officials of the C.W. Stuart Company of Newark, New York. Pertains mostly to nursery industry business and organizational conflicts between Stuart and Stark Brothers over salesmen.
- f. 123-125 Symington, Stuart, 1952-1968. Items pertain to Symington's election campaigns and various legislative issues. Information about President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Symington-for-President movement is included. Symington campaign literature and a copy of a Stark endorsement speech. Copy of Symington's Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner speech delivered in Detroit, Michigan, on 1 May 1954.
- f. 126-133 T Miscellaneous, 1943-1966. Primarily correspondence and papers of Stark and Phoenix, Arizona, attorney Fred Blair Townsend. Pertains to oil and gas lease investments in Arizona and New Mexico, oil industry news, political views, and family news. Other items relate to Joseph K. Taussig, Jr. of Annapolis, Maryland, Thomas J. Talbert of the University of Missouri, Clarence Cannon, and Edward V. Long.
- f. 133 Correspondence and biographical information about John Brabson Trent of St. Louis and his nomination to serve as a member of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee.
- f. 134 U Miscellaneous, 1950-1955. Includes correspondence with the University Club of St. Louis, Lloyd Stark's sister Lella Stark Unsell of New York, and his niece Virginia Stark Unsell also of New York.
- f. 135-136 V Miscellaneous, 1945-1964. Includes correspondence with the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Volunteers of America, a Christian prison ministry headquartered in Kansas City; and various military acquaintances of Stark.
- f. 137-144 W Miscellaneous, 1944-1968. Primary correspondents include Lillian Williams, former secretary to Governor Stark, Admiral William R. White,

Harry F. Wahlgren, St. Louis meteorologist, and L. Mitchell White of Mexico, Missouri. Information about Missouri politics in the 1940s and 1950s is included in the Williams correspondence and statistical information about Missouri's climate and weather patterns can be found in the Wahlgren correspondence.

- f. 137 Letter from Henry Agard Wallace to Stark. Abstract of Washington University Chancellor Arthur H. Compton's speech, "Cosmic Rays and New Horizons," presented to the St. Louis Academy of Science on 15 January 1946.
- f. 141 Letter of 9 August 1954 from Stark to Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- f. 142 Correspondence and information from William R. White about his attempts to establish departments of leadership training at various major American universities.

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- f. 145-146 1942-1963. Included are photographs of Lloyd C. Stark, various personal acquaintances, Aberdeen Farm in Pike County, Missouri, past presidents of the American Association of Nurserymen, and Stark's participation in the 19th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference in 1954.

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