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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

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Boxes B12-13
Photographs

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Burbank Quince
Burbank Roses

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Burbank Plums

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Photographs

Stark Brothers Nursery General Material (Boxes 1-58)

Box 1
Production & Collection Correspondence, c. 1912-1921
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
Telegram, 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
Chauffeur’s licenses, 1961-1964
Turfgrass Farm, Arizona, 1966-1967
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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)

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

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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

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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 74 | Mist bed operations, planting, budding, cultivation, fruit spurs and buds, grades of stock, grafting, espaliered trees, 1920s |
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| Box 77 | Orchard scenes, blocks of trees, 1915-1960s |
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| Box 79 | Orchard scenes, individual trees, etc., 1900-1950s |
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| Box 84 | Starkrimson Delicious, 1958, Starkspur Golden Delicious, 1963 |
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| Box 88 | Golden Delicious apple, n.d. |
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| 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

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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.]