

**Stewart Bell Jr. Archives**  
**Handley Regional Library & Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society**  
P.O. Box 58, Winchester, Virginia 22604  
Tel.: (540) 662-9041, ext. 17 • Email: [archives@handleyregional.org](mailto:archives@handleyregional.org)  
Website: [www.handleyregional.org/archives](http://www.handleyregional.org/archives)

**National Fruit Product Company Collection**  
**Collection Number: 44 WFCHS**

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:** Collection is open to all researchers.

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING REPRODUCTION AND USE:** Restrictions may apply concerning the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a member of the archives staff for information concerning these restrictions. The user assumes all responsibility for identifying and satisfying any claimants of copyright. Some materials may require special handling.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1980. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in September 2024.

**ACCESSION NUMBER(S):** 2024.034 THL

**EXTENT:** 0.21 linear feet.

**CREATOR:** National Fruit Product Company

**DATES:** 1908-1993

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains articles, newsletters, advertisements, and a brief history of the National Fruit Product Company.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Founded in 1908 in Alexandria, VA, National Fruit Product Company moved to Winchester, VA in 1915 to be closer to an apple producing area. The company, owned and operated by the Armstrong family until 2006 when it was sold to the Gum family, has grown to become one of the largest producers of apple related products in the world producing 12 different varieties of fruit products in six plants throughout the United States. The company's headquarters are still in Winchester, VA.

**RELATED MATERIAL:** Old Time Apple Growers Collection, 239 WFCHS

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

*A Brief History of National Fruit Product Company*, 3 items, 4 pages (each), printed

Apple Products brochures – 2 items

National Fruit Labels – 5 items

News Articles – unnumbered leaves

Newsletters – *White House Today*, June, 1993, August, 1993, 2 items, printed

White House News – company newsletters – Jan 1966 – July 1973 – 21 issues, incomplete

[Note: \* = articles with Mr. Shryock mentioned]

Vol 2., No 1. Jan 1966 Vol 2., No 7. Dec 1966 Vol 2., No 4. June-July 1966 Vol 2., No 2. Feb 1966	Vol 3., No 1. Jan-Feb 1967 Vol 3., No 2. March 1967 Vol 3., No 5. Nov 1967 Vol 3., No 4. Sept 1967 Vol 3., No 3. July 1967	Vol 4., No 1. Jan 1968 Vol 4., No 2. April 1968 Vol 4., No 3. August 1968 Vol 4., No 4. Sept 1968
Vol 5., No 1. Jan 1969 Vol 5., No 4. Nov 1969	Vol 6., No 1. Feb 1970* Vol 6., No 3. Dec 1970*	Vol 7., No 1. June 1971
Vol 8., No 3. Dec 1972	Vol 9., No 2. July 1973* Vol 9., No 1. April 1973	

Stock Certificate, Repp Orchard Products Company, \$100 share, 8.25 x 11.5 undated

White House Store – 3 items, printed

*White House Vinegar* by Levin J. Smith, 25 pages, printed

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- [44-001] Two locomotives pulling 76 box cars loaded with vinegar from National Fruit Products, Winchester, VA, 1928.
- [44-002] 205 Wyck Street, Winchester, VA. H. W. Butler Packing House, circa 1924.
- [44-003] 205 Wyck Street, Winchester, VA. H. W. Butler Packing House, circa 1932.
- [44-004] National Fruit employees sorting and boxing apples. 13 ladies standing at machines. No persons identified, circa 1960.
- [44-005] National Fruit Product Co. truck drivers at Company banquet. 11 out of 14 identified. Left to right, 1st row: Eddie Hopkins, Earl Haun, Wilbur Taylor, Billy Spade, Kenny Combs, John Taylor, Mousy Alt; 2nd row: unknown, unknown, Harry Hinton, Gordon Larrick, Dwight Whitacre, Phil Russell, unknown, circa 1955-1957.