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**Old Time Apple Growers Collection**  
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**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains minutes, photos, papers, reports. The Old Time Apple Growers were formed to preserve the history of fruit orchards and processing of apples in Frederick Co., Virginia.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Old Time Apple Growers is a group of orchardists devoted to preserving the history of the apple industry in the Shenandoah Valley.

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

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Apple Growers of Winchester and Vicinity, 1926 (2 copies), 1977, 3 items, printed

Apple Packing Corporation, rough draft of organization, March 5, 1960, 3 items, 17 leaves typescript (copy), 2 leaves typescript, and 1 leaf manuscript

Butler, H.W. and Co., checks, 1946, 13 leaves, manuscript on printed form

Byrd, Harry F. Booklets, 2 items, printed

“The Fruit of 50 Years Experience: The Story of Byrd Apples,” 1956

“Eastern Fruit Growers,” August 1956 edition

Byrd, Harry F. Speeches/Articles

“Thomas Wood Steck,” *Winchester Evening Star*, July 1914, 2 leaves, typescript

“Speech of Harry F. Byrd on ‘The Future of Apple Growing in Virginia’ Delivered on January 28, 1925 at Meeting of Virginia State Horticultural Society held at Winchester, Virginia,” 1 item, printed

C&S Fruit Company history, 6 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Cather, Wilbur E.—Affidavit—May 9, 1933—orchard values for establishment of Shenandoah National Park, 1 item, 11 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Certificates of War Necessity (WWII), 4 items, 3 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 1 envelope, printed

Crawford, C. G. – Correspondence from George Harnden, October 11, 1928, 9 leaves, typescript

Diseases and pest control 1 –5 items

“Honeysuckle Eradication in Virginia Apple Orchards,” 1926, 1 item, typescript

“The Effect of Nutrition on the Chemical Composition of Winesap Apple Foliage,” 1947, 2 copies, typescript

“The ‘Cork’ Diseases of Apples,” n. d., 2 copies, typescript

Diseases and pest control 2 – Cedar Rust, 4 items

“Red Cedar Trees and Cedar Rust: A Report of a Cedar Rust Survey of Augusta County, VA,” 1920, 1 item

“The Cedar Rust Campaign,” 1923, 1 item

Letter from John R. Saunders (VA Attorney General) to Mr. C. Purcell McCue in Greenwood, VA regarding Cedar Rust Law, March 19, 1928, 2 leaves typescript

VA Cedar Rust Law, 1936 (2 copies), 2 items, typescript

Diseases and pest control 3 – Pests, 3 items

“Notes on Woolly Aphis Studies,” 1922, 1 item

“The Green Stinkbug,” 1934, 1 item

Letter from W.J. Schoene (Entomologist, VA Agricultural Experiment Station) to Mr. C. P. McCue in Greenwood, VA regarding mealybug survey, August 20, 1940, 1 item, 5 leaves, typescript

Diseases and pest control 4 – Sprays, 5 items

“A Study of the Biology and Control of the Red-Banded Leaf Roller,” 1927, 1 item, typescript

“Time of Applying Nitrogen to Apple Trees,” by Fred W. Hofmann, 1930, 1 item, typescript

“Dormant and Delayed Dormant Sprays for the Control of Rosy Apple Aphids and Scale Insects,” 1939, 1 item, typescript

“Influence of Some Spray Ingredients and Dosage of Lead Arsenate on Effectiveness of Lead Arsenate Sprays for Codling Moth Control,” 1946, 1 item, typescript

Corona Dry Arsenate of Lead Advertisement, n.d., 1 item, typescript

#### Diseases and pest control 5 – 2 items

“Apple Disease,” by F.J. Schneiderhan, 1926, 1 item

US Department of Agriculture Farmers’ Bulletin, No. 1557. “Insects Attacking the Peach in the South and How to Control Them,” 1928, 1 item

#### Diseases and pest control 6 – “The Plum Curculio in Virginia,” 2 copies, 1935, 2 items

#### Equipment for production, 3 items, printed

“Portable and Folding Grading Machine,” The Wigginton Grading Company, n. d.

“How to Properly Load Cars with Universal Bushel Shipping Packages,” 1921

“Lupton’ Fruit Washers,” n. d.

Fairfax (Lord) requiring the planting of apple trees, c. 1760, 2 leaves, typescript; 1 leaf, printed (photocopy)

“Financing the Apple Industry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia,” by John C. Blackburn (June 1953), written for Rutgers University as a thesis for The Graduate School of Banking; 135 leaves, typescript

#### General fruit production 1, 6 items printed

“Pruning Fruit Trees,” 1919, 1 item, typescript

“Tar Oil Distillates as Dormant Spray Materials for Fruit Trees,” 1933, 2 copies, typescript

“Weather Injuries to Fruits and Fruit Trees,” 1946, 1 item, typescript

“Pollination of Tree Fruits and Nuts,” 1946, 1 item, typescript

“Some Newer Ideas on Orchard Fertility,” n. d., 1 item, typescript

#### General fruit production 2, 6 items printed

“The Outlook for Fruit Growing in Virginia,” 1912, 1 item, 8 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Bees and Fruit,” 1914, 1 item, typescript

“Lime and Its Relation to Crop Production in Virginia,” 1924, 1 item, typescript

“Boron in Agriculture,” 1939, 1 item, typescript

“Fruit Varieties in Middle Virginia,” 1946, 1 item, typescript

“Fruit and Nut Varieties for Virginia,” 1948, 1 item, typescript

Grape and cherry growing, 4 items

“Two American Systems of Grape Training, with Notes on Varieties,” 1899, 1 item, typescript

“A Brief Manual on Grape Growing in Virginia,” 1934, 1 item, typescript

“Cherry Leaf Spot Control in the Central-Shenandoah Valley,” 1948, 1 item, typescript

“Cherries for Virginia,” 1962, 1 item, 2 pages, typescript

Histories of fruit growing in Virginia 1 – “A History of Fruit Growing in Virginia,” 1932, 2 copies, typescript

Histories of fruit growing in Virginia 2, 5 items

US Department of Agriculture Bulletin, No. 1455, “Incomes from Framing and Cost of Apple Production in the Shenandoah Valley, Frederick County, VA,” 1927, 1 item, 4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Survey of Commercial Apple and Peach Orchards of Virginia,” 1938, 1 item, 5 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Letter from John Watson to Mr. Fred W. Burrows in Washington D.C. regarding edits to “The Virginia Apple Industry: Historical,” July 22, 1969, 1 item, 9 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Seventy-Five Years of Fruit Growing Progress in Virginia,” 1971, 1 item, 7 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Johnny Appleseed: A Pioneer and a Legend,” 1973, 1 item, printed

Histories of fruit growing in Virginia 3, 4 items

“The Apple Industry and Winchester, Virginia – 1974,” 1974, 1 item, 5 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“The Virginia Apple Industry: Historical,” 1974, 1 item, 11 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Roots of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival had Pre-Historic Beginnings,” 1985, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

“Specifications for Planting Orchards in Early Leases: George Washington’s Leash to Jacob Fry,” *The Magazine of Jefferson County Historical Society*, n. d., 1 item, 5 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Histories of fruit growing in Virginia 4 – “Fruit Growing in Virginia” Essay Draft, n. d., 1 item, 23 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Horticulture Society, State and local records, 6 items; 7 pages, typescript (photocopy); 1 page, printed; 3 pamphlets, printed

The Virginia State Horticultural Society brochure, 1908, 1 item, printed

Postcards, 1 from 1909, 1 n. d., 2 items, printed

Open Forum notes from December 11, 1933 meeting, 1 item, 7 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

The Virginia State Horticultural Society brochure, 1982, 3 copies, printed

“History – Virginia Apple Promotion,” n. d., 1 item, typescript (photocopy)

Magazine articles, 3 items, printed

“Apples, the new crop heavy on the old orchard trees,” photographs by Bradley Smith, article in *Life*, unknown date, 4 pages, printed,

“Apple Festival, series of photos of Apple Blossom Festival, *Life*, June 2, 1941, 1 leaf, printed

“Dr. Thomas Walker: Frontier Explorer” by Freeman H. Hart, article in *The Commonwealth*, October 1960, 4 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Mattus, George, news clippings, 5 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Miscellaneous, 5 items, printed

“An Abridged Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Grape Vines, Small Fruits, Roses, and C. Grown and For Sale By Thomas Allan, Winchester Gardens, Winchester, VA.,” 1870, 1 item, typescript

“The Winning of the Cup Containing a Message to Apple Growers from Mr. Thomas W. Steck of Opequon, Va. Winner of the Eastern Apple Trophy, the \$750,000 Prize Cup Awarded at the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, New York City, 1912,” 1 item, typescript

Song of an Orchardist, 1956, 1 item, printed

“The Apple Capital of America is looking for Four Million Dollars,” bond sale for construction of middle and elementary schools, 1971, 1 item, printed

Northern Virginia Apple Harvest Time brochure, 1977, 1 item, printed

Motz, Frederick A., correspondence, March 29, 1984, 3 leaves, typescript; 4 leaves typescript transcript, 1 envelope, typescript

National Apple Institute, 2 items

Apple Marketing Conference, May 3 and 4, 1960, 1 item, printed

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Program, June 11-13, 1967, 1 item, printed

National Fruit Product Company, A Brief History, 1 item, printed

## **BOX 2**

News clippings, 3 items, newspaper typescript, 3 items, 13 leaves, printed (photocopy)

*Preparation of Barreled Apples*, Farmer's Bulletin 1080, U. S. Department of Agriculture, September 1919, 22 pages, printed

Old Time Apple Growers Association meeting reports, 10 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Peach Growing 1, 8 items; 5 booklets, printed; 11 leaves, typescript

“Cover Crops for the Peach Orchard: Their Handling and Effect on the Trees and Fruit,” 1936, 1 item, typescript

“Fruit Maturity and Quality,” 1946, 1 item, printed

“Indiana Peach Production,” 1946, 1 item, printed

“Some Insects that Cause Cat-Facing and Dimpling of Peaches in Virginia,” 1946, 1 item, printed

“Cat-Facing and Dimpling of Peaches,” 1950, 1 item, printed

Promising Peach Varieties from US Department of Agriculture, n. d., 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Table showing data on flesh character, stone adherence, and approximate fruiting season of peach varieties, n. d., 2 copies, 10 leaves, typescript

Peach Growing 2 – “Tree-Conditioning the Peach Crop...”, 1944, 1 item; 1 booklet, printed

Piedmont Virginia Fruit Growers Association Bylaws, 1922, 1 item, printed

POW camp religious services, 2 leaves, typescript

Railway Express Agency Dock Book, 1 item, manuscript on printed form

Rappahannock Co-op Fruit Growers, Inc., letterhead stationery, 4 leaves, printed

Recipes – From the Appalachian Apple Service, 3 items

“Apple Dishes by Eight Master Chefs for Restaurants, Hotels, and Institutions,” n. d., 1 item, printed

“Apples...their home use,” n. d., 1 item, printed

“The 7-Prong Push behind Apples this Season and YOUR volume and profit,” n. d., 1 item, printed

Recipes – From Virginia State Horticultural Society, 2 items

“Apple Cook Book of Virginia: 207 Distinct Recipes for Using Virginia Grown Apples,” 1915, 1 item, printed

“The Virginia Apple Cook Book: 200 Delicious Recipes made with Health-giving Virginia Apples,” n. d., 1 item, printed

Recipes – 1957-1979, 4 items

“A is for Apple: Over 250 Apple Recipes,” 1957, 1 item, printed

“Apples Around the Clock,” 1959, 1 item, printed

“The Passion for Peaches Cookbook,” 1977, 1 item, printed

“New Favorites with Virginia Apples,” 1979, 1 item, printed

Recipes – Undated, 4 items

“Cooking can be Fun with Virginia Apples,” 1 item, printed

“Apples Dishes are Delicious when made from M-m-m Mountain Grown Virginia Apples,” 2 copies, 2 leaves, printed

“The Virginia Apple Cook Book: 200 Recipes for Using Virginia Grown Apples,” 1 item, printed

“House-keeper’s Apple Book: 197 Delicious health giving apple recipes, each tested by an expert in domestic economy,” 1 item, printed

Rodent Control – 1915-1924, 4 items

US Department of Agriculture Farmers’ Bulletin, No. 670, “Field Mice as Farm and Orchard Pests,” 1915

“The Control of Rodents in the Orchard,” 1918, 1 item, printed

“Rodent Pests of the Farm,” 1918, 1 item, printed

“Rodent Control in the Orchard and Treatment of Injured Trees,” 1921, 1 item, printed

US Department of Agriculture Farmers’ Bulletin, No. 1397, “Mouse Control in Field and Orchard,” 1924, 1 item, printed

Rodent Control – Undated, 3 items

“Control of Destructive Mice,” n. d., 1 item, printed

“Ground Sprayed Rodenticides,” n. d., 1 item, 6 leaves, typescript

“Efficient Methods for Orchard Mouse Control,” 1 item, 7 leaves, typescript

Shenandoah Apple Cooperative Annual Reports, 1982, 1984, 1985, 4 items; 3 booklets, printed; 1 leaf, printed

“Standard Barrel and Grades for Apples,” U.S. Congress, House of Representatives Hearings, April 1912, 1 booklet, printed

Survey – Frederick County Commercial Orchard Survey, September, 1937, 1 page, typescript

USDA publications, 3 items, printed

“Apple and Peach Industries of VA,” 1926

Handling Apples From Tree to Table,” 1942

Incomes from Farming and Cost of Apple Production in the Shenandoah Valley, Frederick County, VA,” 1927, 3 items, printed; 4 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Virginia Cavalcade article 1960, “Big Business from Little Apples,” 1 item printed; 6 leaves, typescript

“Virginia Fruit,” published by VA Horticultural Society, 1928, 1929, 1985, 3 items, printed

Virginia Fruit Marketers Cooperative, 6 items

Grower Agreement, 1959, 2 copies, typescript

Postcard regarding dues, 1960

Membership Certificate, 1959

“Special to Growers of Processing Fruits,” 1959

Proposed By-Laws, n. d., 1 item, 14 leaves, typescript

Adopted By-Laws, May 15, 1959, 1 item, 14 leaves, typescript

Virginia Fruit Marketers Cooperative and Eastern/Western Fruit Marketing Co-Operative, Inc., 10 items

Ballot for Board of Directors, 2 items, 2 leaves, typescript

Bulletin 3 regarding adoption of bylaws and president election, May 21, 1959, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Bulletin 7 regarding securing processor contracts, August 4, 1959, 1 item, 2 leaves, typescript

Bulletin 8 regarding recap of achievements for first year with information card, November 24, 1959, 2 items, 2 leaves, 1 card, typescript

Members Correspondence regarding processing costs, n. d., 1 item, 3 leaves, typescript



Members Correspondence regarding leadership of organization, July 22, 1959, 1 item, 2 leaves, typescript

Members Correspondence regarding recent meeting, July 28, 1959, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Members Correspondence regarding delivery of product to processors, n. d.

Members Correspondence regarding too high prices for processing, September 2, 1959, 1 item, 3 leaves, typescript

Western Fruit Grower article, "What is a bargaining association?," 1 item, 2 leaves, typescript

Winchester Apple Growers Assn., Inc. Records, 1960-1962, 1 leaf, manuscript; 18 leaves, typescript; 21 leaves, typescript (copy)

Notes, 1 item, 1 leaf, manuscript

Proposed Bylaws, July 12, 1960, 1 item, 8 leaves, typescript

Membership and Marketing Contract, June 24, 1960, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Annual Meeting Notice, May 29, 1961, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Correspondence regarding membership, n. d., 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript

Financial Statements, 1960 – 1963, 1 item, 27 leaves

### **BOX 3**

Labels for Capital Brand – National Fruit, Box Label, 7 items

Labels for Memorial Brand – National Fruit, Box Labels, 2 items

Labels for Mt. Vernon – National Fruit, 1 Barrel Label, Box Labels, 6 items

Labels for Suntint – National Fruit, 4 items

Labels for White House- National Fruit, 11 items

Labels for Apple Manor – oil paper wraps, 2 items, leaves printed

Labels for B & B Apples H.W. Butler & Bro., Winchester, VA, 4 items

Label for Blue Goose, Rumsey, Shepherdstown, WV, 1 item

Labels for Byrd – Rosemont; 7 items

Byrd Apples Markup Calculators, 3 items

Label for Eagle Brand Apples – Dr. A.B. Eagle, Martinsburg, WV, 1 item

Label for Hunger-Kill – James E. McDonald, Martinsburg, WV, 1 item

Label for La Perla – G. Linder & Co. – USA; Barrel Label, 1 item

Labels for Orchard Boy, Box labels, 10 items

Labels for Princess Lodge orchard – Dr. P.W. Boyd, Winchester, VA, USA, 3 items

Labels for Shenandoah Apple Co.-Op, Inc. – Small and Medium, 41 items, printed

Labels for Shenandoah Apple Co.-Op, Inc. – Large, 32 items, printed

Labels for Shenandoah Maid, 2 items, printed

Snap-Son, Plastic Bag, 1 item

Richard’s Fruit Market, Middletown, VA – Apple Paper Bag, ½ peck, 1 item

Promotional Artwork of Local Companies, 7 items

“Apples” – Promotional Material, 15 items

#### **BOX 4**

“Apples” – Promotional Material, Large folder, 2 items, printed

Hearty Brand Apples - Hearty-Virginia, Inc.; Barrel Labels, 2 items, printed

Mt. Vernon – National Fruit, Barrel Label, 1 item, printed

White House- National Fruit, Barrel Labels, 3 items, printed

Byrd Apples – Large labels, 6 items, printed

Mounted labels from National Fruit Product Company Inc, 2 items, printed

Large Barrel Labels, 6 items, printed

    White House, 3 items, printed

    Apple Pie Ridge, 1 item, printed

    King Brand, 1 item, printed

    Gold Medal, 1 item, printed

#### **Physical Location: Oversize, Box 20**

Instructions for tray packing apples in bushel boxes, 1 item, printed

Ideal – Universal Fountain Brush Co., 1 item

Map of Apple Orchards, list of orchards, and letter of explanation by James Robert Russell, Feb. 22, 1992 matted and framed

## Physical Location: Art Screen

Pickers tickets and Tally Book, 11 items

Price List for Apples – Sept. 4, 1912, 1 item

Virginia State Horticultural Society – Membership button and ribbon, Jan 13-14, 1915, 1 item

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- [239-001] Apple tree grafting. Group of men at Winchester Fruit Research Laboratory, 617 Fairmont Avenue, watching "Bridge grafting demonstration". Men on porch identified as A.H. Teske (left) and F.J. Schneiderhan (right); no other persons identified, April 20, 1928.
- [239-002] Apple Spraying. Speed sprayer truck, "the first available on Frederick County, applying delayed dormant spray in Rosemont Orchard, April 19, 1944".
- [239-003] Apple Spraying. Two men on a tractor drawn spray rig, apple trees, description of "the average operator" enclosed, circa 1940.
- [239-004] Apple Spraying. Two men on a tractor drawn spray rig, apple trees, description of "the careful operator" enclosed, circa 1940.
- [239-005] Apple Spraying. Two men on a tractor drawn spray rig, apple trees, description of advantages of "the spray rod" enclosed, circa 1940.
- [239-006] Apple Spraying. Man with multi-nozzle spray rod, apple trees, etc, circa 1940.
- [239-007] Virginia State Horticultural Society, meeting in Winchester. Some persons identified, including Stewart Bell Sr (second from right), January 14, 1915.
- [239-008] Pitt H. Gold apple orchard with apple pickers, Mr. Gold (4th from right) and his wife (3rd from right). No other persons identified, 1914.
- [239-009] Apple pickers - photo of apple pickers, orchard owners, 3 women, apple trees, ladders, barrels, horses, etc. (Original photo marked Loring White and James Robinson's camp.), October 14, 1907.
- [239-010] Withrow Reynolds Legge, Walter S. Hough and Felix Schneiderhan, at Winchester Fruit Research Lab, September 22, 1927.
- [239-011] 801 Fairmont Avenue, Winchester, VA. Insectary built next to barn. Woman identified as Mrs. Walter S. Hough, 1922.
- [239-012] 801 Fairmont Avenue, Winchester, VA. Insectary built next to barn. Man identified as Walter S. Hough, circa 1922.
- [239-013] Edward Lupton Irish (1876-1904) with dogs Bruce and Peggy. He was a nephew of Hugh S. Lupton. Photo taken on steps of his home, Fairfield, circa 1900.
- [239-014] Apple processing (transportation, hauling). Steam tractor pulling apple barrels out of Steck orchard in Opequon to Winchester. Isaac H. Moore identified as standing on top of wagon. See Frederick County, Virginia: From the Frontier to the Future, 975.5992 Ebe, p. 133. Postcard, stamped but not cancelled. See also 69-71 wfchs, 736-324 thl, circa 1910s.
- [239-015] Apple processing (transportation, hauling). Newspaper clipping showing steam tractor pulling apple barrels out of Steck orchard in Opequon to Winchester. Persons identified as "Ike" Moore, Basil Moore and Charlie Williams, 1917.