

# **Luther Burbank Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Luther Burbank Papers

**Span Dates:** 1830-1989

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1880-1926)

**ID No.:** MSS14324

**Creator:** Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926

**Extent:** 12,500 items ; 41 containers ; 16 linear feet ; 2 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Botanist, horticulturist, and naturalist. Correspondence, speeches and writings, notes, sketches, nursery plans and notes, business records, scrapbooks, family papers and genealogies, and printed material concerning Burbank's career as a botanist and his family and personal life.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Bailey, L. H. (Liberty Hyde), 1858-1954--Correspondence.

Bean, Burt C. (Burt Clifford), 1874-

Burbank family.

Burbank, Luther, 1849-1926.

Burpee, W. Atlee (Washington Atlee), 1858-1915--Correspondence.

Edison, Thomas A. (Thomas Alva), 1847-1931--Correspondence.

Fairchild, David, 1869-1954--Correspondence.

Firestone, Harvey Samuel, 1868-1938--Correspondence.

Ford, Henry, 1863-1947--Correspondence.

Husbands, José D.--Correspondence.

Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931--Correspondence.

Keller, Helen, 1880-1968--Correspondence.

Kellogg, Vernon L. (Vernon Lyman), 1867-1937--Correspondence.

Kinsey, Alfred C. (Alfred Charles), 1894-1956--Correspondence.

Lemmon, J. G. (John Gill), 1832-1908--Correspondence.

London, Charmian--Correspondence.

London, Jack, 1876-1916--Correspondence.

Miller, Joaquin, 1837-1913--Correspondence.

Morrow, William W., 1843-1929--Correspondence.

Muir, John, 1838-1914--Correspondence.

Samu, Spiegel--Correspondence.

Schull, George H.--Correspondence.

Vachell, F. Harvey--Correspondence.

Van Deman, Henry Elias, 1845-1915--Correspondence.

Vries, Hugo de, 1848-1935--Correspondence.

Waugh, F. A. (Frank Albert), 1869-1943--Correspondence.

Wickson, Edward J. (Edward James), 1848-1923--Correspondence.

Wilcox, Ella Wheeler, 1850-1919--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Woodward, Robert Simpson, 1849-1924--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (1909 : Seattle, Wash.)

Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)

**Subjects**

Botany.  
Horticulture.  
Nurseries (Horticulture)--California--Santa Rosa.  
Plants.

**Occupations**

Botanists  
Horticulturists.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance**

The papers of Luther Burbank, botanist, horticulturist and naturalist, were given to the Library of Congress by the estate of Elizabeth Waters Burbank in 1978. Selected items microfilmed by the Library of Congress were retained by the city of Santa Rosa, California, for display in the Luther Burbank Home. A small addition was given to the Library in 1992 by Renee Felciano.

**Processing History**

The papers of Luther Burbank were processed and described in 1980. Additional material received in 1992 was processed and incorporated into the collection in 1999.

**Additional Guides**

The Luther Burbank Papers have been partially described in the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress*, vol. 36, Oct. 1979, pp. 423-427.

**Transfers**

Prints and photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

**Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Luther Burbank is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Luther Burbank are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

**Microfilm**

Two reels of microfilm are included as part of the Burbank Papers. This microfilm consists of reproductions of items retained by the city of Santa Rosa, California, for display in the Luther Burbank Home and is not available for interlibrary loan.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Luther Burbank Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1849, Mar. 7	Born, Lancaster, Mass.

1871	Opened plant nursery in Lunenburg, Mass.
1871-1875	Developed the Burbank potato
1875	Moved to Santa Rosa, Calif.
1890	Married Helen Coleman (divorced 1896)
1893	Published first descriptive seed catalog, <i>New Creations</i>
1904-1906	Visiting lecturer, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1905-1910	Awarded \$10,000 annual stipend by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.
1914-1915	Published <i>Luther Burbank, His Methods and Discoveries and Their Practical Application</i> (New York: Luther Burbank Press. 12 vols.)
1916	Married Elizabeth Waters
1926, Apr. 11	Died, Santa Rosa, Calif.
1927	Posthumous publication with Wilbur Hall of <i>The Harvest of the Years</i> (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 296 pp.)

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Luther Burbank (1849-1926) span the years 1830-1989, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1880-1926. Known to many of his generation as "the plant wizard," Burbank was popularly classed among the scientific heroes of the early twentieth century. His collection consists of the following series: [Family Papers](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Notes and Sketches](#), [Business Records](#), [Miscellany](#), an [Addition](#), and a [Microfilm](#) series consisting of a small selection of items from the papers which were retained by the city of Santa Rosa, California, for display in the Luther Burbank Home.

The [Family Papers](#) series includes a variety of records predating Burbank's birth in Lancaster, Massachusetts, and continuing well after his death in the Northern California town of Santa Rosa. Especially valuable are letters Burbank exchanged with his mother and sister while a prospective emigrant to the West Coast in 1875. The earliest family correspondence, dated as early as 1850, is mostly in the form of typewritten transcripts by Burbank's second wife, Elizabeth Waters Burbank, or by one of his biographers. The transcripts reproduce letters from and between Burbank's brothers and father supplemented by legal, biographical, and other personal data. Also in the [Family Papers](#) is travel memorabilia which includes a brief diary by Burbank of a trip to his boyhood New England in 1888. Since Burbank's sister, two brothers, and mother had joined or preceded him in his move to California, his journeys outside the state account for practically all of his family correspondence after 1878.

The [General Correspondence](#) series is extensive and, in addition to carbons or drafts of Burbank's replies, contains personal as well as professional letters. There are diverse and sometimes substantive inquiries from farmers interested in his projects, requests for seed catalogs from other nurserymen, fact-finding reports by foreign nationals intent on supplying Burbank with unusual seeds or seedlings, and a great deal of adulatory "fan" mail from friends both prominent and obscure. Burbank wrote and received letters from Harvey S. Firestone, Henry Ford, Charmian London, Joaquin Miller, John Muir, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox. The largest part of the correspondence concerns scientists and government officials who shared his training or helped in communicating the results of his research. Among the more significant of these individuals were David Starr Jordan, friend and patron at Stanford University, and Robert S. Woodward, head of the Carnegie Institution of Washington when Burbank was funded by that body to free him from the ordinary tasks of nursery administration.

Other scientists whose correspondence appears with some frequency include Liberty Hyde Bailey, David G. Fairchild, Jose D. Husbands, Vernon L. Kellogg, George H. Schull, H. E. Van Deman, and Hugo De Vries. The letters from De Vries are of particular interest, since it was the Dutch botanist's generous writings about Burbank's Santa Rosa experiments which broadcast their significance to the academic and scientific community. California booster organizations, then in their peak phase, also took an active part in the promotion of the plant breeder's achievements, and the evidence of their contact is best seen in the correspondence between Burbank and various officials of state and county chambers of commerce, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle of 1909, the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915, and the California State Boards of Horticulture and Agriculture.

As a celebrated discoverer of new plant varieties, Burbank depended less on strict scientific methodology than on a prodigious ability to test and experiment on a practical, empirical basis. Although he made sporadic efforts to keep comprehensive records of his research, he often destroyed them once a product was finished. Those accounts which still exist have been organized in a [Notes and Sketches](#) series and complement typescripts in the [Speeches and Writings File](#) containing narrative descriptions of genera and species which he cultivated at his Santa Rosa and Sebastopol nurseries between 1903 and 1911. Among the [Business Records](#) are account books, inventories, stock lists, and plan books related to Burbank's studies. This part of the collection, while focusing mainly on financial aspects of the Burbank operation, shows where and how he purchased seeds, the diligence of his propagation and selection, and the layout of his gardens. As is true of the [Notes and Sketches](#), the [Business Records](#) are occasionally illustrated with Burbank's drawings of his techniques and products.

The [Speeches and Writings File](#) consists of Burbank's personal writings as well as the printed, near-print, and typescript comments of scientists, friends, and journalists. Prominent among the latter were some of his most devoted admirers, including De Vries, Wilbur Hall Jordan, Kellogg, and Edward J. Wickson. In addition, there is a transcript of a 1913 interview with Burbank by Burt C. Bean. The bulk of the Burbank manuscripts pertains to plant descriptions and what is supposed to be a complete series of his published seed catalogs, but there are also a few copies of statements he made on personal and social issues and a small folder of lectures given at Stanford University between 1904 and 1906. At the end of the collection is a [Miscellany](#) series of clippings and scrapbooks which include large quantities of ephemera and some important writings.

The [Microfilm](#) series consists of selected correspondence, family papers and genealogies, nursery plans and notes, financial records, scrapbooks, and miscellany. Prominent correspondents in the series include Thomas A. Edison, Helen Keller, Alfred C. Kinsey, Jack London, and Woodrow Wilson.

Correspondents in addition to those listed above include W. Atlee Burpee, Herbert G. Gleason, J. G. Lemmon, W. W. Morrow, Spiegel Samu, F. Harvey Vachell, and F. A. Waugh.

Burbank made extensive use of photography to record the course and results of his plant breeding, and a large quantity of prints and negatives, including glass plates, has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- [Family Papers, circa 1830-1969](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1871-1929](#)
- [Speeches and Writings File, 1869-1950](#)
- [Notes and Sketches, 1886-1925](#)
- [Business Records, 1871-1921](#)
- [Miscellany, 1894-1922](#)
- [Addition, 1989](#)
- [Microfilm, 1864-1964](#)

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-2	<b><u>Family Papers, circa 1830-1969</u></b> Letters to and from Burbank's family, including transcriptions of originals not in the collection, and subject files of topical correspondence, legal matters, school reports, travel notes, and other holograph, typewritten, near-print, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject and chronologically therein.
BOX 2-12	<b><u>General Correspondence, 1871-1929</u></b> Letters with enclosures received by Burbank and drafts or copies of letters sent. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and chronologically therein.
BOX 12-18	<b><u>Speeches and Writings File, 1869-1950</u></b> Holograph, typewritten, near-print, and printed copies of speeches, lectures, and writings. Arranged alphabetically by type of speech or author. Burbank's writings are listed in one category, those by others in another.
BOX 18-20	<b><u>Notes and Sketches, 1886-1925</u></b> Notes and sketches made by Burbank of fruit and plant species. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
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BOX 26-40	<b><u>Miscellany, 1894-1922</u></b> Clippings, calling cards, invitations, programs, seed catalogs, membership cards, magazines, journals, printed matter, and scrapbooks. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.
BOX 41	<b><u>Addition, 1989</u></b> Printed matter.
REEL 1-2	<b><u>Microfilm, 1864-1964</u></b> Correspondence, family papers and genealogies, nursery plans and notes, financial records, scrapbooks, and miscellany retained by the Luther Burbank Home, Santa Rosa, Calif. Arranged and described to reflect the arrangement of the Burbank Papers in the Library of Congress.

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BOX 1	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Originals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bell, Jane (sister), 1890-1907, undated</li><li>Burbank, Elizabeth Waters (wife), 1916-1921, undated</li><li>Burbank and Ross family (cousins), 1901-1926</li><li>Burbank family (distant relatives), 1904-1918</li></ul> <p>Transcriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Burbank Family, 1869-1912, undated</li><li>Burbank, George (brother), 1850-1863, undated</li></ul> <p>Subject file</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>"The Authorized Biography of Luther Burbank," by Burt C. Bean, 1923-1926</li><li>Biographical and family material compiled by Elizabeth Waters Burbank, 1915-1949, undated</li><li>Burbank, Alfred (brother), 1909-1913</li><li>Centennial of birth, 1949</li><li>Condolences on Burbank's death, 1926</li><li>Divorce settlement, 1896</li><li>Legal documents, 1899-1934</li><li>Luther Burbank Christmas Memorial, 1947-1948</li><li>Proposed Luther Burbank Foundation at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., 1926-1928</li></ul>
BOX 2	<p>School and youth, 1865-1949</p> <p>Spanish documents from South America, originals, copies, and translations, circa 1830-1969</p> <p>Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Canada, 1894</li><li>Massachusetts, 1900</li><li>Raymond's Vacation Excursions, 1888</li></ul>
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BOX 2	<p>American Anti-Alcohol Education Association <i>See Container 5, Hobson, Richard P.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anderson, Ann P., 1906-1911</li><li>Atherton, Gertrude, 1905-1908, undated</li><li>"A" miscellaneous, 1894-1926, undated (3 folders)</li><li>Bailey, Liberty H., 1891-1907, undated</li></ul>

## General Correspondence, 1871-1929

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	Burpee, W. Atlee, 1896-1917
BOX 3	"B" miscellaneous, 1899-1926, undated (4 folders)
	Bonnheim, Albert, 1909 <i>See Container 11, White Crusaders</i>
	Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1903-1910 (2 folders)
	"C" miscellaneous 1890-1916 (2 folders)
BOX 4	1917-1926, undated
	D. Hay and Son, 1887-1899, undated
	Damman & Co., 1894-1896
	De Vries, Hugo, 1903-1929
	Doubleday, Page & Co., 1903-1918
	"D" miscellaneous, 1889-1926, undated (2 folders)
	Empson, J. H., 1905-1921
	"E" miscellaneous, 1888-1926, undated
	Fairchild, David G., 1899-1910
	Firestone, Harvey S., 1917-1923
	Ford, Henry, and Ford Motor Co., 1915-1928, undated
	"F" miscellaneous 1891-1912
BOX 5	1913-1926, undated
	Gleason, Herbert W., 1908-1923, undated
	Grucy, Lucien (French war orphan and godson), 1919-1923, undated
	"G" miscellaneous, 1871-1927, undated (2 folders)
	Hobson, Richmond P., 1921-1922
	Husbands, Jose D., 1905-1911, undated (2 folders)
	"H" miscellaneous 1891-1906
BOX 6	1907-1926, undated (2 folders)
	Imai, G., 1920-1924
	"I" miscellaneous, 1905-1924, undated
	Jordan, David Starr, 1901-1926 (4 folders)
	"J" miscellaneous, 1897-1925
	Katakura & Co., 1920-1924 <i>See same container, Imai, G.</i>
	Kellogg, John Harvey, 1917-1926
	Kellogg, Vernon L., 1900-1915, undated
BOX 7	Knudsen, H., 1898-1901, undated
	"K" miscellaneous, 1891-1926, undated
	Leib, S. F., 1896-1922
	Lelong, B. M., 1890-1900

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	Lemmon, J. G., 1886-1904
	de Longpré, Paul, 1899-1903, undated
	"L" miscellaneous, 1893-1926, undated (2 folders)
	Maxim, Hudson, 1911-1925
	Mills, Susan L., 1907-1908
	Morrow, W. W., 1904-1909
BOX 8	Miller, P. Francisco, 1918-1922
	Muir, John, 1910
	"M" miscellaneous, 1890-1926, undated (3 folders)
	"N" miscellaneous, 1891-1926
	Osterhout, J. V., 1901-1904
	"O" miscellaneous, 1901-1925, undated
	"P" miscellaneous 1898-1908
BOX 9	1909-1926, undated (2 folders)
	"Q-R" miscellaneous, 1888-1926, undated (3 folders)
	Samu, Spiegel, 1893-1896
	School children 1901-1922 (2 folders)
BOX 10	1923-1926, undated
	Schull, George H., 1908-1912
	<i>Scientific American</i> , 1903-1926
	Slater, Herbert W., 1917-1925, undated
	"S" miscellaneous, 1892-1926, undated (4 folders)
	"T" miscellaneous, 1891-1926, undated
BOX 11	"U-V" miscellaneous, 1896-1926, undated
	Vachell, F. Harvey, 1903-1912
	Van Deman, H. E., 1894-1905
	Waugh, F. A., 1896-1901
	Wilcox, Ella Wheeler, 1906-1914, undated
	White Crusaders, 1909
	Woodward, Robert S. <i>See Container 3, Carnegie Institution of Washington</i>
	"W" miscellaneous, 1888-1926, undated (3 folders)
BOX 12	"X-Y" miscellaneous, 1894-1925
	Unidentified and anonymous, 1898-1927, undated
BOX 12-18	<b>Speeches and Writings File, 1869-1950</b> Holograph, typewritten, near-print, and printed copies of speeches, lectures, and writings. Arranged alphabetically by type of speech or author. Burbank's writings are listed in one category, those by others in another.

# Speeches and Writings File, 1869-1950

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<b>BOX 12</b>	By Burbank
	Catalog descriptions, 1906-1911
	Bulbs
	Cactus
	Cereals and other farm crops
	Climbing vines, large
	Blackberries
	Deciduous trees
	Desert plants
	Evergreen trees (mostly conifers)
	Ferns and mosses
	Flowers
	(3 folders)
	Forage plants
	Fruits
<b>BOX 13</b>	Fruits: vines and shrubs
	Giant ornamental grasses
	Gladioli
	Gourds
	Herbs, uncommon vegetables, and other economic plants
	Legumes
	Mistletoe, parasitic plants, etc.
	Nuts
	Nut trees and nuts
	Orchids
	Ornamental grasses and sedges
	Palms
	Plums
	Succulents
	Shrubs
	Shrubs, ornamental
	Solanums and physalis
	Textile plants
	Uncommon tropicals
	Vegetables
	Vegetables and garden plants
	Water and bog plants
<b>BOX 14</b>	Great men, eulogies and statements, 1915-1926, undated
	Lectures, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., 1904-1906
	Miscellany
	Titled, A-Z, 1869-1926
	Untitled or incomplete, 1918-1922, undated
	Quotations
	Printed catalogs
	1883-1922
	(6 folders)

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BOX 15	1923-1927 <i>Proof Book Number 1</i> , for Luther Burbank Society, 1913 Transcribed interviews with Burbank By Burt C. Bean pp. 1-716 (7 folders)
BOX 16	pp. 717-1918 (12 folders)
BOX 17	p. 1919-2356 (4 folders) By Clark, 1914 By others Burbank, Elizabeth Waters, 1932-1935 (2 folders) Hall, Wilbur, 1941 Jordan, David Starr Kellogg, Vernon L., 1906-1915 Miscellaneous Printed, A-Z, 1898-1950 Typewritten, 1916-1935, undated
BOX 18	Poems dedicated to Burbank De Vries, Hugo, 1904-1906, undated Wickson, Edward J., 1905-1908, undated
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BOX 19	Berries, cherries, and grapes Cherry trees Crosses Daisies Gladioli Grafting charts, vibrations, etc. Grapes Lilies Lilies and berries List of plants and seeds Miscellany New plums Hybrids and crossings Peach trees Peach trees, plumcots, and nectarines (3 folders)

## Notes and Sketches, 1886-1925

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BOX 20	Pear trees (3 folders) Plum trees (3 folders) Quince trees Strawberries Miscellany
BOX 21-25	<b>Business Records, 1871-1921</b> Account books, order books, plan books, seed and stock records, subscription books, and an inventory of Burbank's nursery operations. Arranged alphabetically by type of record and chronologically therein.
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BOX 22	1898-1902 Inventory, 1871-1874 Order books 1881-1885 (6 folders)
BOX 23	1885-1889 (5 folders)
BOX 24	Plan books, 1883-1921 (5 folders)
BOX 25	Seed records Domestic, 1905-1914, undated (2 folders) Foreign, 1902-1904 Stock records, 1887-1894 Subscription books, undated (2 vols.)
BOX 26-40	<b>Miscellany, 1894-1922</b> Clippings, calling cards, invitations, programs, seed catalogs, membership cards, magazines, journals, printed matter, and scrapbooks. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.
BOX 26	Clippings California earthquake, 1906 Miscellaneous (4 folders) Printed matter Calling cards and tickets Invitations
BOX 27	Journals and magazines <i>Century Magazine</i> , 1905-1911 (2 folders)

## Miscellany, 1894-1922

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	<i>Guide to Nature</i> , 1910-1913
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	(2 folders)
BOX 28	(5 folders)
BOX 29	(6 folders)
BOX 30	(4 folders)
	<i>Overland Monthly</i> , 1903-1908
	(2 folders)
	<i>Sunset Magazine</i> , 1901-1909
	(2 folders)
BOX 31	(1 folder)
	Membership cards
	Programs
	Seed catalogs
	(2 folders)
	Scrapbooks
	Index
	Membership cards
	Programs
	Seed catalogs
	(2 folders)
BOX 32	Vol. 3, 1901-1904
BOX 33	Vol. 4, 1902-1905
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BOX 38	Vol. 9, 1908
BOX 39	Vol. 14, 1913-1917
BOX 40	Vol. 17, 1915-1922
BOX 41	<b>Addition, 1989</b>
	Printed matter.
BOX 41	<i>Historic American Buildings Survey, Documentation No. CA-2254 of Gold Ridge Farm, Luther Burbank's Experimental Farm, Sebastopol, Calif., 1989</i>
REEL 1-2	<b>Microfilm, 1864-1964</b>
	Microfilm shelf no. 17,338
	Correspondence, family papers and genealogies, nursery plans and notes, financial records, scrapbooks, and miscellany retained by the Luther Burbank Home, Santa Rosa, Calif.
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REEL 1	Family papers
	Correspondence, 1919, undated
	Genealogies, 1864, undated
	Writings and anecdotes, 1921-1926, undated

## Microfilm, 1864-1964

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#### Correspondence

General, 1874-1964, undated

(2 folders)

Bryan, Mary Baird, 1911-1912

Edison, Thomas A., 1915-1920

Keller, Helen, 1925

Kinsey, Alfred C., 1925

London, Jack, 1905

Scopes trial, Dayton, Tenn., [1925]

Wilson, Woodrow, 1916

#### Nursery plans

Plan books, 1881-1908, 1926

(2 vols.)

Plan map, 1914

Plant descriptions, 1908-1921

Plant notes, 1890, 1892, 1896

#### Financial records

Bank books

1883-1898

1902-1903, 1909-1917

Deeds, 1874-1913

Deeds and abstracts, undated

(2 folders)

Mortgages, 1885-1888

Sales books, 1878-1885

(3 vols.)

#### Miscellany

Photographs, undated

"Riverside Addition," undated

Schools named after Burbank in California, undated

Printed matter, Burbank's plant contributions

Scrapbooks

Vol. 1, 1874-1895

Vol. 2, 1895-1904[?]

REEL 2