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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.
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

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

Date       Event
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, *New Creations*

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 *Luther Burbank, His Methods and Discoveries and Their Practical Application* (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 *The Harvest of the Years* (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 Burbanks 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.


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**
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Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1903-1910
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(2 folders)

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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 4
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Gleason, Herbert W., 1908-1923, undated
Grucy, Lucien (French war orphan and godson), 1919-1923, undated
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(2 folders)
Hobson, Richmond P., 1921-1922
Husbands, Jose D., 1905-1911, undated
(2 folders)
"H" miscellaneous
1891-1906

BOX 5
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Imai, G., 1920-1924
"I" miscellaneous, 1905-1924, undated
Jordan, David Starr, 1901-1926
(4 folders)
"J" miscellaneous, 1897-1925
Katakura & Co., 1920-1924 See same container, Imai, G.
Kellogg, John Harvey, 1917-1926
Kellogg, Vernon L., 1900-1915, undated

BOX 6
Knudsen, H., 1898-1901, undated
"K" miscellaneous, 1891-1926, undated
Leib, S. F., 1896-1922
Lelong, B. M., 1890-1900
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

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Muir, John, 1910
"M" miscellaneous, 1890-1926, undated
(3 folders)
"N" miscellaneous, 1891-1926
Osterhout, J. V., 1901-1904
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(2 folders)
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Samu, Spiegel, 1893-1896
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Schull, George H., 1908-1912
Scientific American, 1903-1926
Slater, Herbert W., 1917-1925, undated
"S" miscellaneous, 1892-1926, undated
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"T" miscellaneous, 1891-1926, undated

BOX 10
"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. See Container 3, Carnegie Institution of Washington
"W" miscellaneous, 1888-1926, undated
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BOX 11
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Unidentified and anonymous, 1898-1927, undated

BOX 12-18

Speeches and Writings File, 1869-1950
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 12  By Burbank
      Catalog descriptions, 1906-1911
      Bulbs
      Cacti
      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

BOX 13  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

BOX 14  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
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*Proof Book Number 1*, 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  
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Typewritten, 1916-1935, undated |
| BOX 18    | Poems dedicated to Burbank  
De Vries, Hugo, 1904-1906, undated  
Wickson, Edward J., 1905-1908, undated |
| BOX 18-20 | **Notes and Sketches, 1886-1925**  
Notes and sketches made by Burbank of fruit and plant species.  
Arranged alphabetically by subject. |
| BOX 18    | Apple trees  
(4 folders)  
Berries, cherries, and grapes |
| BOX 19    | 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  
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Plum trees  
(3 folders)  
Quince trees  
Strawberries  
Miscellany |
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Account books, order books, plan books, seed and stock records, subscription books, and an inventory of Burbank's nursery operations.  
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| BOX 21    | Account books  
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| BOX 22    | 1898-1902  
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1881-1885  
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| BOX 23    | 1885-1889  
(5 folders) |
| BOX 24    | Plan books, 1883-1921  
(5 folders) |
| BOX 25    | Seed records  
Domestic, 1905-1914, undated  
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Foreign, 1902-1904  
Stock records, 1887-1894  
Subscription books, undated  
(2 vols.) |
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| BOX 26    | Clippings  
California earthquake, 1906  
Miscellaneous  
(4 folders)  
Printed matter  
Calling cards and tickets  
Invitations |
| BOX 27    | Journals and magazines  
*Century Magazine*, 1905-1911  
(2 folders) |
Miscellany, 1894-1922

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*Guide to Nature, 1910-1913*
*Miscellaneous, 1894-1922*

(2 folders)

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*Overland Monthly, 1903-1908*

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*Sunset Magazine, 1901-1909*

(2 folders)

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Programs

Seed catalogs

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Vol. 17, 1915-1922

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**Addition, 1989**

Printed matter.

BOX 41

*Historic American Buildings Survey, Documentation No. CA-2254 of Gold Ridge Farm, Luther Burbank's Experimental Farm, Sebastopol, Calif., 1989*

**Microfilm, 1864-1964**

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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Family papers

Correspondence, 1919, undated

Genealogies, 1864, undated

Writings and anecdotes, 1921-1926, undated
Correspondence
General, 1874-1964, undated
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Bryan, Mary Baird, 1911-1912
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