

Luther Burbank, An Early Plant Pioneer

Luther Burbank, plant scientist and one of the greatest mass plant breeders of all time, played an important part in the plant development at Stark Nurseries, Louisiana, Missouri, one of the oldest companies in America continuously operated by one family. The Stark/Burbank research work in testing new plant varieties and improved methods of propagation and production contributed greatly to the development of better plants. From the time he became associated with the Starks in 1893 until his death in 1926, Mr. Burbank added a wealth of knowledge about fruit growing and left a legacy of rare hybrids, trees, and plants.

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