

# **Stanley Johnston Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Johnston, Stanley, 1898-1969
<b>Creator</b>	Michigan State University. South Haven Experiment Station.
<b>Creator -</b>	Moulton, James, (James Edward), 1913-
<b>Title</b>	Stanley Johnston papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1921-1980
<b>Extent</b>	4.0 Cubic feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Stanley Johnston (1898-1969) was born in Roscommon, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1920 with a B.S. in Horticulture, receiving his M.S. in 1930 from that same institution. From 1920 to 1968 Johnston served as the superintendent of the South Haven Experiment Station and was appointed research professor in 1945. While at South Haven, Johnston's research focused on the development of new varieties and improvements in fruit culture, especially peaches, blueberries, apricots, raspberries, and strawberries. His major contributions included the Haven peach, the Goldcot apricot, and new strains of blueberries. Most significantly, Johnston's fruit research resulted in improved varieties which were better able to withstand Michigan weather. This, in turn, led to expansion and diversification of the Michigan fruit market.

Johnston wrote numerous published articles on his horticulture research. He was also a member of many organizations including the American Society for Horticulture Science, the International Society for Horticulture Science, the American Horticulture Society, and the American Pomological Society (of which he served as president (1946-1948).

Johnston received many awards for his work in pomological development, including the Wilder Award for outstanding service to horticulture in 1951; the Man of the Year Award granted by Michigan Frozen Food Packers Association, 1957; the Distinguished Service Award awarded by M.S.U. Alumni Association, 1958; and many more.

While in South Haven, Michigan, Johnston also took an active role in community affairs. He was a member of the Board of Education there for more than 25 years, serving as its president in 1953. He was also a member of the Hospital Board for more than 15 years, belonged to the Kiwanis Club (President and District Governor in 1937), served as Commander of American Legion Post, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge of South Haven.

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## Scope and Content

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The Johnston papers document the experiments, developments, and accomplishments of South Haven Experiment Station under the direction of Stanley Johnston. The collection includes correspondence, records of experiments, reports, photographs, slides, postcards, research papers (published and unpublished), and maps. These papers document the development of the Haven peach and the world-wide importance of that development; and the importance of his research with other fruits, especially apricots and blue-berries.

As for his contribution to Michigan Agriculture, Johnston's work considerably increased the scope of the Michigan fruit market. Before the development of the Haven variety, the Elberta was essentially the only

marketable peach in the state. Because the Haven matured earlier in the peach season than the Elberta, it increased the length of the Michigan peach season. This, in turn, improved the profits of the Michigan peach market substantially.

Johnston's research also produced the Goldcot apricot, the first apricot variety hardy enough to withstand Michigan weather. Thus, Johnston's work with apricots made it economically feasible for Michigan fruit growers to produce apricots, an important development since apricots are the most widely used fruit in the processing of baby foods, a significant industry in Michigan.

Johnston's work with blueberries has made it possible for the increased utilization of Michigan land for the production of blueberries. Johnston and a colleague, James Moulton, crossed the highbush blueberry (which could only be grown in Southern Michigan) with the lowbush blueberry (which was native to Northern Michigan), to develop hybrids that could be grown all across the state.

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## Series Listing

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- (1) PERSONAL PAPERS
  - (2) SOUTH HAVEN EXPERIMENT STATION
  - (3) PEACH RESEARCH
  - (4) APRICOT RESEARCH
  - (5) BLUEBERRY RESEARCH
  - (6) FRUIT RESEARCH: MISCELLANEOUS
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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections June 1988

### Revision Description

Photo addition 2005

### Conditions Governing Access

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### **Custodial History**

Gift of John Kelly and James Hancock.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Records Transferred to Other Collections**

The following items were removed from Johnson, Stanley. Papers. 1921-1980., accession nos. UA 2496 & UA 1521, and were transferred to other collections, either to be retained or disposed. Any items that should receive special disposition are clearly marked.

PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION (negative & positive still photographs, postcards) Blueberries: 8 photographs, 3 negatives, 1 proof composite. South Haven Experiment Station: 4 photographs, 3 negatives. Peaches: 37 photographs, 29 negatives, 1 slide, 1 proof composite. Miscellaneous: 2 photographs, 4 slides

MAP COLLECTION: 5 maps of Michigan fruit farms (all are oversized). 1 oversized map of South Haven Experiment Station and surrounding area. Sent to MSU by the city of South Haven (UA 1521).

Processor's Name: Sally J. Bjork. Date: 6-88

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Michigan Blueberry Growers Association.
- Michigan State University. Class of 1920.
- Michigan State University. South Haven Experiment Station.

### **Genre(s)**

- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Fieldnotes
- Letters (correspondence)
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Publications
- Reports

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Roscommon (Mich.)
- South Haven (Mich.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Hancock, James F.
- Johnston, Stanley, 1898-1969
- Kelly, John

### **Subject(s)**

- Blueberries
- Fruit -- Michigan
- Fruit-culture -- Research
- Peach

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**(6) FRUIT RESEARCH: MISCELLANEOUS**

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