

Beginnings of Horticulture in Yakima Valley

- 1861 First settler F.M. Thorp
- 1865 Alfred Henson settled in Selah
- 1864 and on early settlement.
- 1866 Alfred Henson planted fruit trees at Riverside golf course;
- 1867 Father Napoleon St. Onge re-established ^{in 1880 settlers obtained trees from him.} Chelanum mission
- 1868 James S. Foster planted orchard at Flint first commercial orchard
- 1872 - 1873 - Planted orchard in Fruitvale i.e. Martin Vaughan
- 1872 - Jesuit missionaries planted orchard at Chelanum mission
- 1879 - Old Union ditch began operations
- 1889 - Fred Thompson planted first orchard His plantings 1889-1893
- 1895 - Congdon ditch began operations Completed in 1894
- 1893-95 Ed Perry planted { times hard, hence not much planting until 6 years later. Selah Heights and Lower Naches followed closely
- 1894 - W.L. Wright planted
- 1892 - Sunnyside canal finished Water delivered at Outlook in 1893
- 1898 - H.M. Gilbert planted 20 acres on Nob Hill
- 1902 - Horticultural Union organized
- 1903 - First cold storage built
- 1905-7 Chester Congdon orchard planted
- 1910-11 - water delivered on 1st unit of Tilton canal
- 1912 - Second and third units of Tilton division brought in
- 1907 Jm Perry built his first cold storage In 1910 built in present location

Cold storage development

Stawles & Hughes 1903 for butter and eggs 25 cars capacity

Use of it began in 1904 for apples

Hughes had 150 car capacity in 1910

J.M. Perry 1907 ; again in 1910 built 100 cars cap.

Art. Lee & Cold Storage increased to 360 cars in 1917.

J.M. Perry - last addition in 1922 to 500 cars

1912 Yakima Fr. Grass 100 cars in Yak

1914 " " " 400 " at Zillah

1922 " " " 100 " in Kennewick

1923 " " " " 75 " at Sawyer

1914 Horticultural Union 25 cars

1916 " " 25 "

1920 " " 300 "

1924 " " 150 " then 525 in Yak

1925 " " 150 " at Wapato

1919 Pichay & Gilbert 185 cars

1922 " " 315 " making 500 cars in Yak

1918 to 1925 cold storage space in valley trebled
was 2067 in 1918 ; 6395 in 1925

1925 1502 cars added

1927 7785 cars Total

1930 11,325 " "

1943 12,007 " " 756 boxes

1943 Hort. Union 1,654, + 74 boxes
= 2067 cars @ 800

1943 Big Y 1800 cars @ 756

When orchard districts were planted

- 1905 Very little extensive planting prior to 1905 Heavy planting 1909-1912
- 1897 Much of Fruitvale in sagebrush but there were
W.L. Wright, Wheeler place, Sherwood place Geo. Scott place
none in Parker Wrights except on lower land
Wright planted in 1894
- 1893-1895 Amy planted at that time more orchards in
Fruitvale than Fairview
- 1905-1907 Chester Cougdon orchards planted (Cougdon ditch completed
in 1894.
- 1907-1909 - Most of Delah planted
- 1908-1909 heavy planting in Lower Naches
- 1907-1909 - W.N. Irish planted near Donald
Orchard were under Hubbard ditch before Cougdon ditch
was completed which was in 1894 R.S. Morgan planted in 1892
and pumped from well.
- Rob. Hill and wide Hollow planted 1895-1899 that is under Hubbar
- 1896 H.M. Gilbert planted 20 acres in 1898 on Rob Hill. Several
10-acre tracts had been planted before then.
- 1889 Fred Thompson planted ^{10 acres} peaches, pears and prunes In 3 years
had 75 acres
- 1892 Water from Sunnyside canal delivered as far as Flint
station
- 1910 ¹⁹¹¹ First and second units of Sielon ^{planted} ~~got water~~; third unit ^{planted} in 1912
Gilbert and others planted in 1911 and hauled water or pumped it.
- 1910-1914 - Heavy Wenatchee planting.
Lands under Hubbard and Cougdon ditches were in
general crops many years before orchards were planted.

Fruit Organizations

Historical Notes.

Yakima Fruit Growers Ass.

Small cooperative units in the Yakima Valley merged into a loose organization in 1910 as Yakima Valley Fruit Growers association. In 1917 the Yakima Fruit Growers Association was formed. It bought the assets of all the small cooperatives and assumed their liabilities and gave the members stock in the new concern. It set up a central sales office to handle the tonnage all.

North Pacific Fruit Distributors functioned from 1914 to 1917.

Yakima County Horticultural Union organized in 1902

March, 1943.

Notes on C. L. Robinson's
Romance and Industry in Washington Fruit
Yearbook, 1929, Wash. State Hort. Ass. p. 6

1826 Vancouver

1837 "Spaulding" trees on the Clearwater and at the mouth of
the Alouette on the Snake river. Some at each place
Seeds from the Vancouver trees.

1847 Henderson ^{and son} Llewelling hauled trees in wagon to
Milwaukee, Ore. By 1850 had 18,000 grafted
trees. Many of the oldest orchard plantings
came from their 4 nurseries.

"Orheart" cherry tree on Chambers homestead near Olympia
Old nurseries

1854 B. Brewer near Olympia

1854 Beecroft, Landing

1854 Heilacoom

1859 Mr. Clark $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of W. W.

1861 Philip Ritz brought in fruit ^{trees} from for the
W. S. Gilliam orchard 820 acres on Dry Creek
in same district. This probably first
commercial orchard in state

Ritz nursery 6,000 trees by 1862 and by 1872

1865 Dixie "Fraser" tree at Dixie near Walla Walla ^{100,000}

Yakima Valley

1857 Ahtanum mission

1860 Ft. Simcoe

1872 Several orchards planted in upper Ahtanum
on Hawkins, Conrad, Knox and Eglin places

1893 or 1894 - First carload shipped by Fred Thompson
and came from the Hawkins place. Was sold

to Thompson by A. J. Shaw Hawkins near Lampico.
25 varieties in it.

1887 ^{about} first commercial orchard planted by Henry
Bicknell on the J. F. McCurdy place near Flint
was 5 acres prunes and peaches

1889 Fred Thompson 10 acres peaches, prunes, Ben Davis
apples and Anjou pears

1859, 1865th & 1866 "Okanogan Smith" place on shores of
Osoyoos lake between Oroville and the Canadian
line.

1872 Miller Bros^{rs} & Freen at Wenatchee

1884 Patterson 1st commercial in Wenatchee district

1902 first full carload ^{apples} shipped from Wenatchee

Family orchard period passed in
1893 when 1st car shipped
a few commercial orchards had been
set out 1887-1889

Family orchard date back to 1868
Altatum mission trees planted in 1868
Heavy planting not until 1905
Conzdon 1905-1907

Sagebrush lands planted on large
scale 1905-1915 (1917 to 1919)
around Hob Hill 1895-1899 ^{high years} i.e. under
Hubbard ditch

considerable planting under ss sand
in 90s
Ziton 1910 on

Shipments 5377 cars 1914 to 17,260
in 1930 Now 10,500 @ 12,500

1917 shipped 10,023 cars
1914 " 5377 1923
Cold storage for 1918 2067 4717