

march, 1943.

Outline of Packer Story on history of Fruit Growing in Yakima Valley

when first family plantings

Martin Vaughn 1872 or 1873

1868 ^{N.T.} Goodwin near Yakima

1868 Geo Hinkle

1872 several in upper Ahlamm

Hawkins, Conrad Knox, Eglin

the moves toward sound
financial basis
Marginal out

when first commercial plantings

1887 Henry Picknell near Flint station He continued to plant into
was on J. J. McCurdy place

1889 Fred Thompson 10 acres peaches, prunes, Ben Davis apples, Angou pears ^{.80%}

1868 James Foster became J. Flint place

Development by districts What governed? Completion of canals

Feature notes on early planting

thought sagebrush land no good

Size of family orchard

Trees brought on horseback

Hauled water

All fruits, cars:-

In 1914 7900 cars

" 1920 11,141 "

" 1930 23,508 "

" 1940 17,100 ^{not include}

1941 18,550

1942 17,700

Cold storage development

the march of varieties

many Wagener in Fairview about 1900 i.e. planted then

Earliest Winesap orchards planted 1900-1905

^{Gained 1903 on}
Early apple plantings were Ben Davis Fitzsimburg W. B. Pearmain
and some Winesaps. Delicious and Rome not known
Freeze of 1896 killed practically all Winesaps -19° on
shanks giving day. Leaves were yet on trees.

the prune story

were drier in valley previous to 1905.
Price of dried down to $1\frac{1}{2}$ @ 4 cents
In nineties and until 1903 or 4 large prune acreage including
Selah and Lower Naches. Pulling under way 1898 to 1915
Price was down to 8⁰⁰ ton Later went 8⁰⁰ a ton
1900-1905 large French prune acreage - Could not be
sold fresh, so pulled out
In Parbert Heights had big prune acreage. Much acreage
pulled there in 1913-1916. Planting revived in 1918 and 1919.

Recent development

Trends governed by market outlets

Shifting of apple and pear growing to upper valley

Large increase in soft fruit

Effect of cannery outlet

Rise of grape growing

The cherry increase

The changes have been toward more sound production

Personalities

H. M. Gilbert

Couglon orchards

J. M. Perry

C. M. Holtzinger

Ben Perham

Bundquist

Norvig Sealander

Jonathans did not figure
much in early plantings

Long type of Wines planted by
Gilbert $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres in 1898. He
showed a carload in 1909 at
Spokane apple show

Ed Remy W. L. Wright

Pacific Fruit & Produce

Horticultural Union

Yakima Fruit Growers Assn.

Cowiche Fruit Growers

Yakima Growers Cooperative

American Fruit Growers

George Marley