



## **Fruitville Farm Collection (R0009)**

**Collection Number:** R0009

**Collection Title:** Fruitville Farm Collection

**Dates:** circa 1910

**Creator:** Martin, Frank L.

**Abstract:** The Fruitville Farm Collection contains a pamphlet promoting the Fruitville Farm in Howell County, Missouri. The pamphlet includes a panoramic view of the farm, endorsements from the leading citizens of Howell County, and testimonials by agricultural experts as to the excellent productivity of the land.

**Collection Size:** 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 oversize folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Fruitville Farm Collection* (R0009); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Frank L. Martin on May 14, 1980 (Accession No. RA0009).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Fruitville Farm Collection can be found in the following collections:

*Jay Linn Torrey Scrapbook Collection* (R0218)

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, June 3, 1980. Re-catalogued, October 1983.  
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### Historical Note:

Colonel Jay Linn Torrey grew up in Louisiana and St. Louis, Missouri. In the late 1800s, he moved to Wyoming at his brother's invitation to manage a large cattle and cavalry horse ranch. He was very successful in Wyoming and amassed considerable personal wealth. In 1905, he returned to Missouri and purchased land southeast of West Plains, Howell County, Missouri. He added to his land holdings to create a 10,000 area tract which he named Fruitville Farm. Torrey's ambition was to establish the 'ideal' village of Torreytown where people would live and work the land surrounding land of Fruitville Farm. He tirelessly promoted growth, settlement, and agriculture in Howell County. Although there were a few tenant farmers at Fruitville, the village and development never took off and eventually died out after the death of Torrey in 1920.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a pamphlet promoting the Fruitville Farm in Howell County, Missouri. The pamphlet includes a panoramic view of the farm, endorsements from the leading citizens of Howell County, and testimonials by agricultural experts as to the excellent productivity of the land. The panoramic view shows the office, headquarters, blacksmith shop, mule barns, and saw mill.

### Container List:

- f. 1 Pamphlet, circa 1910

### Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Aid, C.T.	1	
Austin, T.E.	1	
Chandler, C.C.	1	Yes
Clarke, M.B.	1	Yes
Cordell, W.C.	1	Yes
Evans, Paul	1	Yes
Evans, W.N.	1	Yes
Ferguson, Charles	1	
Fruit trade	1	
Fruitville (Mo.)	1	Yes
Fruitville Farm (Howell County, Mo.)	1	Yes
Harlin, W.T.	1	Yes
Hill, Albert Ross	1	

<b>Index Term</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Image</b>
Hollenbeck, Arch T.	1	Yes
Howell County (Mo.)	1	
Missouri State Experiment Station	1	
Ozark Commercial Congress	1	
Swift, Fuller	1	Yes
Torrey, Jay L.	1	
Torreytown (Mo.)	1	Yes
West Plains (Mo.)	1	
West Plains Bank (Mo.)	1	
West Plains Commercial Club (Mo.)	1	
Willow Springs Commercial Club (Mo.)	1	
Woodside, Hal	1	Yes