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Fairoak Nurseries, Bassaleg

The Nurseries were founded by John Basham who took over the house and lands at Fairoak in 1878. For his great skill in rose and fruit growing he was made a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society. In 1899 he published in the Society's journal an account of the state of fruit cultivation throughout Monmouthshire. He advocated the replanting of many orchards and with the aid of the new County Council's Technical Committee which furnished farmers with instruction and small grants, the Fairoak Nurseries were able to provide many of the new fruit trees.

For further details see D.2633.29

DAY BOOKS

D.2633.1	Day Book	1896-99
	record of customer accounts and orders; at back:- copy article by J Riddell, 'Caberris Orchard: unsuitable site for an orchard', <u>Garden</u> 10 Dec. 1898 (pp. 329-30); copy letter by John Basham, F.R.H.S., to Council of R.H.S. concerning breaches of regulations governing exhibitions of British grown fruit 10 Oct. 1899 (pp 331-32, 347)	
	paginated; indexed at front	
D.2633.2	ditto	1899-1915
	record of customer accounts and orders including expenses for delivery and [?] contract work;	
	paginated; indexed at front	
D.2633.3	ditto	1908-09
D.2633.4	ditto	1909-10
D.2633.5	ditto	1911-14

LEDGERS

D.2633.6	Ledger	1910-11
	paginated; indexed at front	

D.2633.7	Ledger paginated; indexed at front	1911-12
D.2633.8	ditto	1912-13
D.2633.9	ditto including 'trade expenses'	1913-22
D.2633.10	ditto	1915-16
D.2633.11	ditto	1916-17
D.2633.12	ditto	1917-18
D.2633.13	ditto	1918-21
D.2633.14	ditto	1921-22
D.2633.15	ditto	1922-23
D.2633.16	ditto	1923-24
D.2633.17	ditto	1924-25
D.2633.18	ditto	1925-26
D.2633.19	ditto	1926-27
D.2633.20	ditto	1927-28

D.2633.21 Ledger 1928-29
paginated; indexed at front

D.2633.22 ditto 1929-30

CASH BOOKS

D.2633.23 Cash Book 1910-25
Tyn y ffynon Farm account;
paginated

D.2633.24 ditto 1913-20
record of cash received by: John Basham, senior
partner of John Basham & Sons; Henry Basham, and
Joseph Basham
[accounted separately]

D.2633.25 Cash Book 1919-22
paginated

MISCELLANEOUS

D.2633.26 Journal of Work Done 1910-13
including Record of seeds sown per season and
general husbandry; with remarks on crops yielded;
paginated

D.2633.27 Customer Index [?] N.D. C. 1910
Being a catalogue of names and addresses with
[?customer account] numbers, alphabetically arranged

- D.2633.28 Catalogue of Hardy Fruits, Ornamental and Forest Trees, shrubs, Conifers and Roses, cultivated by John Basham & Sons at the Fair Oak Nurseries and at No. 36 Market Hall, Newport N.D. C. 1920
- [photocopy]
- D.2633.29 Roger Phillips, "John Basham, F.R.H.S. (1845-1927)"; typescript article abstracted from local [unidentified] magazine outlining the history of the family from the early nineteenth century including the foundation of the Fair Oak Nurseries N.D. C. 1980