

Inventory of the

Kendall County Farm Bureau
Yorkville, Illinois

Records

In the
Regional History Center

RC 103

INTRODUCTION

Robert F. Brummel, President, deposited the Kendall County Farm Bureau Records in the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on July 18, 1980.

Property rights in the collection remain with the Kendall County Farm Bureau; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Kendall County Farm Bureau Records, comprised of three distinct record groups, document the establishment and history of the Bureau and two affiliates from 1919 to 1970. The first record group contains the historical materials of the Farm Bureau. A complete set of meeting minutes (1919-1969) provide extensive information on the business concerns of the organization. Bureau members discussed and implemented agricultural programs such as cooperative marketing, crop development, tax adjustments and farm credit to benefit members. The Kendall Farmer newsletters (1951-1968) comprise a second major series of the first record group highlighting various new programs and services sponsored by the Farm Bureau and describing activities of several affiliates. A set of annual reports (1937-1967) contain yearly accounts of membership, farm advisement, treasury funds, and youth activities. The financial records, including audit reports, general financial ledgers, and patron account ledgers, detail the various business transactions and overall economic condition of the Bureau.

The second record group contains materials from the Kendall County Producers Supply Company. This Farm Bureau subsidiary organized in 1960 to provide serum and other biological supplies for local farm livestock. Minutes, annual reports, audit reports, financial ledgers, and a large series of office files provide a comprehensive history of this organization until its dissolution in 1970. Finally, the third record group documents another affiliate, the Kendall County Cold Storage Company, organized in 1937 to supply meat and crop storage for Bureau members. Cold Storage Company records include minutes (1937-1957), office files, audit reports, and a large volume of general and patron account ledgers. In addition, the collection contains materials from the Kendall County Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the Illinois Agricultural Association illustrating farm organization activities at the state level.

Researchers should note that the collection contains an organizational history of the Farm Bureau. Also, the Regional History Center's reference room holds Kendall County plat books, atlases, and a farm directory supplementing the records of the farm Bureau collection. Other collections held by the Regional History Center related to Farm Bureau activity are: DeKalb County Farm Bureau Records (RC 52), Kane County Farm Bureau Records (RC 76), Winnebago Farm Bureau Co-op Records (RC 79), DuPage County Farm Bureau Records (RC 87), North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Inc. Records (RC 90), Carroll County Farm Bureau Records (RC 96), Kendall-Grundy Service Company Records (RC 105), and Grundy County Farm Bureau Records (RC 106). John J. Lacey's Farm Bureau in Illinois: History of Illinois Farm Bureau (Illinois Agricultural Association: Boomington, 1965) may also be useful to researchers.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

J. D. Bilsborrow called an organizational meeting of farmers in the Yorkville, Illinois Courthouse on November 19, 1919. The participants elected Eugene Matlock as temporary chairman and W. C. Cutter as the temporary secretary-treasurer of the Kendall County Farm Bureau. Earl Price served as the first county farm advisor beginning in March, 1920. The Bureau's goals included advising farmers on new agricultural methods to increase productivity and profits, and to ensure that agricultural interests were equally considered with other interest groups in the public sector.

In subsequent years, the Kendall County Farm Bureau offered many benefits and services to its members. A seed marketing association, the introduction of soy beans, and farm loans through the Kendall County National Farm Loan Association contributed to the agricultural growth of Kendall County. To satisfy farmers' demands for greater insurance coverage, the Farm Bureau created various companies handling fire, auto, and life insurance. In 1928, the Kendall Farmers Oil Company organized to provide better fuels and lubricating oils and later expanded its inventory to include fertilizer and feed supplies, in addition to business services, the Farm Bureau also sponsored social functions such as picnics, baseball teams, and 4-H clubs.

Located in Yorkville, Illinois, the Kendall County Farm Bureau continues to provide many services to the local agricultural community.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture
Dairying
Farm Bureau
Farm Supply Industries
Kendall County
Kendall County Cold Storage
Kendall County Farm Bureau
Kendall County Producers Supply
Meat Trade
Yorkville

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series I. Kendall County Farm Bureau		
1	1 2-3	50th Anniversary Booklet, 1919-1969 Minutes, 1919-1937
2	2-9 10-11 12 13 14-18 19-26	Minutes, 1937-1969 Annual Reports, (1937-1967) Office Secretary Correspondence, 1960-1966 Correspondence, (1924-1965) <u>The Kendall Farmer</u> , Newsletters, (1951-1968) Audit Reports, (1929-1956)
3	1-4 5-7	Audit Report, 1957-1970 Membership Lists, (1954-1962), n.d.
4	1 2	Membership Information, 1951-1954, n.d. Distribution Statistics for Newsletters, 1960-1965
5-6	4 volumes	General Ledgers, 1952-1970
7-11	6 volumes	Patron Account Ledgers, 1952-1969
Oversize	1 volume 1 volume	Cash Receipt and Disbursement Ledger, 1920-1937 Cash Receipt and Sales Ledger, 1953-1967
Series II. Kendall County Producers Supply		
12	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Minutes, 1960-1969 Annual Reports, 1961-1969 Correspondence, 1961-1970 Audit Reports, (1961-1970) Audit Materials, 1961-1970 Capital Stock Tax Returns, (1964-1970) Income Tax Returns, (1961-1970) Occupation Tax Returns, 1960-1970 Property Tax Information, (1960-1969) Receivable Invoices, (1960-1970) Payable Invoices, (1962-1970) Petty Cash Invoices, (1961-1968) Fees and Franchise Invoices, (1964-1969) Dues and Subscriptions Materials, (1960-1969) Patronage Refunds Materials, (1961-1966) Dividends Payable Materials, (1962-1969) Insurance and Bonding Materials, (1960-1968) Biological Supply Invoices, 1961-1962

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13	1-4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Biological Supply Invoices, 1963-1970 Patron Account Sheets, (1961-1968) Management Supervision Statements, (1960-1969) Inventory Sheets, (1962-1968) Rent and Salary Statements, (1961-1970) Office Supply Invoices, (1960-1968) Advertising Invoices (1962-1970) Business Materials, (1962-1970) Miscellaneous Materials, (1963-1970) Stock Proxies, 1970 Photographs, Identified, (1951-1969), n.d. Photographs, Unidentified, n.d.
14	1 volume 1 volume 1 volume	General Ledger, 1960-1970 Cash Receipts and Sales Journal, 1961-1970 Expense Account Ledger, 1962-1963
15-16	4 volumes	Patron Account Ledgers, 1960-1969
Series III. Kendall County Cold Storage		
17	1-5 6-9	Company Minutes, 1937-1957 Audit Reports, 1938-1953
18	1 2-3 4 5 6 7	Audit Reports, 1954-1957 Retailer's Occupation Tax Returns, 1950-1960 Income Tax Return Claims, (1955-1963) Ownership Transfer Records, (1965-1968) Employee Payroll Records, (1951-1959) Meat Inspection Law Information, 1967-1968
Oversize	5 volumes	General Ledgers, 1950-1963
19	1 volume	Expense Account Ledger, 1953-1959
20-28	11 volumes	Patron Account Ledgers, 1947-1958
29	1-6 1 volume	Patron Account Ledger Sheets, 1959 Patron Account Ledger, 1958-1959
30	2 volumes	Patron Account Ledgers, 1962-1963
31	1 2 3 4-6	Dairy Herd Improvement Association Income Tax Returns, (1948-1953) Dairy Herd Improvement Association Annual Reports, (1954- 1962) Illinois Farm Bureau Serum Association Information, (1959- 1968) Illinois Agricultural Association Minutes, 1962-1964

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32	1-2	I.A.A., Minutes, 1965-1967	
	3	I.A.A., Annual Meeting Addresses, (1961-1965)	
	4	I.A.A., Income and Expense Comparison, 1963	
	5	I.A.A., Agricultural Issues Report, 1964	
	6	I.A.A., Resolutions Committee Report, 1963	
	7	I.A.A., Director's Manual, 1947	
	33	1	I.A.A., Director's Manual, 1953
2		American Farm Bureau Institute Proceedings of Sixth Annual Session, 1950	