

Inventory of the

**Taylor Farm**  
Franklin Grove, Illinois

Collection

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 37**

## INTRODUCTION

Roger Taylor, of Dixon, Illinois, donated the Taylor Farm Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on August 25, 1978.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: .75  
 Number of containers: 2 boxes  
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Taylor Farm Records partially document the agricultural and household activities of the Lawrence Taylor family in Franklin Grove, Illinois from 1944 to 1977. Materials include personal and business correspondence, property sales records, legal documents, insurance records, estate documents, and livestock commodity invoices. Journals and ledgers record the family's household and farm expenses and Mrs. Taylor's diary relates information on her daily activities in 1964. Although documentation for many years is missing, the existing materials are of excellent quality for agricultural economics research.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lawrence Taylor was born October 24, 1889 in Hannibal, Missouri, the son of Jacob and Helen (Woodward) Taylor. In 1905 Mr. Taylor moved to Lee County and on December 24, 1913 he married Maude Maves in Aurora, Illinois. Mr. Taylor farmed in rural Franklin Grove, Illinois until his death on April 14, 1968.

Maude (Maves) Taylor was born on August 4, 1892 in Lee County, Illinois, the daughter of Robert and Clara (Zopf) Maves. An active community member, Mrs. Taylor belonged to the Franklin Grove Presbyterian Church, served as worthy matron of the Garnet Chapter, Order of the Easter Star, presided as president of the Franklin Grove Woman's Club, and belonged to the Lee County Home Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had two sons, Gerald F. (Byron, Illinois) and Roger R. (Dixon, Illinois), and one daughter, Mrs. Lucile (Ray) Pettenger of Franklin Grove. Mrs. L. Taylor died on August 20, 1976.

## SUBJECT TRACINGS

Family Farms  
 Farm Life  
 Franklin Grove  
 Taylor Family

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
1	1	Legal Documents (Mortgages and Leases), 1944-1968	
	2	Estate Documents including Lawrence Taylor Death Certificate; Lawrence Taylor-Maude Maves Marriage Certificate (1913-1976)	
	3	General Correspondence, 1953	
	4	Correspondence from Ronald E. Taylor to his Grandparents, 1964-1965	
	5	Maude Taylor's Daily Diary, 1964 including Maude Taylor Play Program, Book of Plays	
	6	Household and Farm Expense Account Ledger, 1955	
	7	Household Account Ledger, 1956-1957	
	8-12	Farm Expense Account Ledgers and Sale Register, (1940-1968)	
	13	Farm Expense Account Ledger, n.d.	
	14	Live Stock Commission Merchants Company Invoices, 1953-1965	
	2	1	Business Correspondence, Live Stock Commission Merchants Co., (1953-1957)
		2	Service Contracts, Notes, and Correspondence, (1952-1964)
		3	Loan Statements and Correspondence, (1945-1977)
		4	Social Security Documents, 1969, 1976
5		Insurance Policies, 1955-1976	
6		Soil Acidity Test, 1964	
7		Livestock Reports, Department of Agriculture, 1957-1964	
8		Income Tax Returns, (1955-1971)	
9		Receipts and Invoices, (1953-1976)	
10		Census of Agriculture, 1969	
11		Department of Agriculture Informative Brochures, (1953-1973)	
12		Lawrence Taylor Obituary, Photograph, and Auction Notice, (1915-1968)	