

Inventory of the

DuPage County Farm Bureau

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 87

INTRODUCTION

Michael Ashby deposited the DuPage County Farm Bureau Records in the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on January 23, 1980.

Property fights in the collection are held by the DuPage County Farm Bureau; literary fights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear Feet of Shelf Space: 4.5
Number of Containers: 9
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records in this collection document a substantial portion of the DuPage County Farm Bureau history from its inception in 1913 through 1970. Records include incorporation certificates, minutes from the board of directors, membership reports, financial accounts, photographs, publications, and scrapbooks of the DuPage County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Also included in the collection are records describing national and state farm bureau policy developments and activities from 1950 to 1966. Researchers should note a number of printed materials and publications relate in part to the farm bureau organization providing information on dairy farming and bicentennial farms.

Related collections held by the Regional History Center include the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Collection (RC 52), Kane County Farm Bureau Collection (RC 76), Pure Milk Association Collection (RC 62), John P. Case Collection (RC 86), and the North Corn Belt Seed Growers, Inc. Collection (RC 90). Farm Bureau in Illinois: History of Illinois Farm Bureau by John J. Lacey (Illinois Agricultural Association: Bloomington 1965) may also be useful.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

On February 27, 1913, farmers of DuPage County and the DuPage County Banker's Association met in Wheaton, Illinois to discuss the promotion of farming efficiency on a scientific basis. Featured subjects included new developments in seed selection, feeding practices, soil conservation, and sanitation in handling livestock. On May 12, 1913, the DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association was organized to supply these needed services and improve the profitability of farming in the county. The first officers elected were E.F. Adams, President; H.M. Baudemer, Vice-President; J.M. Stevens, Secretary; Peter Hoy, Treasurer. On April 4, 1921 the DuPage County Agricultural Association changed its name to the DuPage County Farm Bureau.

During the 1920's, the DuPage County Farm Bureau recognized the need for an expanded program to strengthen marketing and bargaining positions. Three associations affiliated with the DuPage County Farm Bureau provided these services: the DuPage County Farmer's Protective Association, the DuPage County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the Will-DuPage Service Company. Services provided by these subsidiaries included the purchasing, marketing, and selling of feed, seed, fertilizer, petroleum products, agricultural equipment, and supplies used in farm production.

Located in Wheaton, Illinois, the DuPage County Farm Bureau continues to provide many benefits and services to its members.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agriculture
Dairying
DuPage County
DuPage County Farm Bureau
Farm Bureau
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COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	3	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Constitution and By-laws, and Amendments, 1920, 1929, 1930, 1935
	4	DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association, Minutes, 1913-1919
	5	DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association, Annual Reports, 1914-1916
	6-16	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Minutes, 1920-1965
	17	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Membership Reports, 1961-1965
	18	DuPage County Farmer's Protective Association, Certificate of Incorporation, 1923
	19	DuPage County Farmer's Protective Association, Minutes, 1923-1930
	20	DuPage County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Certificate of Incorporation, 1928
	21	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Financial Statements, 1920-1955
	22-24	DuPage County Farm Bureau, General Ledger, 1956-1965
	25	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Balance Sheets, 1964-1965
	26	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Minutes of Annual Meetings; 1928-1949, 1951-1957, 1959, 1964
	27-30	DuPage County Farm Bureau, Auditing Reports, 1922-1939
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4	1-3	<u>DuPage Farmer</u> , Publication, 1962-1963
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	8		I.A.A., Annual Meeting Resolutions, 1955-1964	
	9		I.A.A., Legislative Highlights, 1939, 1961, 1963, 1965	
	10-11		I.A.A., Membership Reports, 1954-1965	
	12		I.A.A., Golden Anniversary, Publications, 1966	
	13		American Farm Bureau Federation, Annual Meetings, Resolutions, 1957-1964	
	14	American Farm Bureau Federation, Annual Address by Charles B. Shuman, President, 1957-1964		
9	40 volumes	Related Printed Material and Publications, 1911-1976 (17); Hoard's Dairymen, (23), 1976		
	2 volumes		DuPage County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, Scrapbooks, 1963-1965	