

Alderman Farms Films, 1943-2001

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Alderman Farms.
Title	Alderman Farms Films
Dates	1943-2001 (inclusive) 1943 2001 1943-1955 (bulk) 1943 1955
Quantity	1 cubic foot, including 13 films and 11 videotapes, (1 box)
Collection Number	FV P 214
Summary	The Alderman Farms Films document the farming operations of the Alderman Farms, located near Dayton, Oregon, during the 1940s and 1950s.
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Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Alderman Farms had its beginning in 1847, when Albert Alderman settled, cleared and began farming a tract of land in Yamhill County. In 1893 one of Albert's sons, Ennis (1870-1939), began farming a small piece of land given to him by his father. In the 1920s, Ennis and his son, Urie (1898-1964), began expanding the farming operation. Urie, who attended Oregon Agricultural College from 1919-1921, experimented with new crops, constructed an on-farm frozen food plant and sawmill, and maintained his own airborne spraying operation. Alderman Farms peaked in the late 1950s, with at least 3100 acres under cultivation, as one of the largest row crop farms in Oregon. In addition to the primary farm in Yamhill County, Alderman Farms cultivated land in Benton, Linn, Marion, and Klamath Counties. After Urie's death in 1964, much of the Yamhill County farm was sold to the Carlton Nursery Company in 1971.

Content Description

The Alderman Farm Films were made by Urie S. Alderman. The films are 16 mm, silent, Kodachrome color. Aspects of the farming operation filmed include planting, harvesting, and processing of corn, beans, strawberries, peaches, and potatoes; irrigation; barbecues and other social activities; logging and sawmill operations; political campaigning; and general farm views. Of special note is footage of Mexican migrant farm laborers. Duplicate videotapes in VHS and Betacam SP formats are part of the collection.

The manuscript materials include copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to farming operations, Urie S. Alderman, and L. S. Alderman, 1952-1965; a film list; and a copy of *Last Harvest: The Story of Alderman Farms*, published by Carlton Plants in 1996.

Digital video duplication masters and DVD use copies are available for all the films.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Alderman Farms Films (FV P 214), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection consists of three series: I. Films, 1943-1950; II. Videotapes, 1996-2001; and III. Paper Records, 1952-1996.

Custodial History

The films, made by Urie S. Alderman, were maintained by the family until 1996.

Acquisition Information

The films were donated to the Archives in 1996 by Peggy Childs, Jack Shelburne, and Mary Ann Wiser (nieces and nephews of U.S. Alderman.)

Related Materials

Other films and videotapes pertaining to agriculture are located in the [Agricultural Experiment Station Motion Picture Films \(FV P 029\)](#); [Agricultural Engineering Department Motion Picture Films \(FV P 106\)](#); [Experiment Station Communications Films \(FV P 132\)](#); and [Extension and Experiment Station Communications Moving Images \(FV P 120\)](#).

The memoirs of Lewis R. Alderman, a long-time 4-H program extension agent and brother of Ennis Alderman, are located in the [Extension Service Records \(RG 111\)](#), Subgroup 4.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Films , 1943-1950

13 reels

Series I consists of 16 mm silent color film footage of farming operations at the Alderman Farms near Dayton, Oregon. The reels vary in length from 100 feet to 450 feet. All are stored on 3-inch cores; new leaders were applied in 2010.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Reel 1: Potato harvest 200 feet	undated
1	Reel 2: Cattle, travel, barbecue 175 feet	1943
1	Reel 3: Water tower, garden, cattle train 450 feet	1943
1	Reel 4: Barbecue, Mexican migrant workers show, Dean Johnson 350 feet	1944
1	Reel 5: Corn, beans, barbecue, pump, bus travel 300 feet	undated
1	Reel 6: Corn, helicopter, politics, employee cafeteria 375 feet	undated
1	Reel 7: Aerial views, farm, sawmill, peaches, silo 375 feet	undated
1	Reel 8: Sawmill, pump, cake, logging 350 feet	undated
1	Reel 9: Stearman plane, bean planting, corn 425 feet	1950
1	Reel 10: Strawberries, planting, harvesting, packaging (processing plant) 250 feet	1950
1	Reel 11: Strawberries, water, hoeing, processing plant 250 feet	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Reel 12: Beans, freezing (processing plant), garden 100 feet	undated
1	Reel 13: Stearman plane, bean planting, corn 450 feet	1950

Series II: Videotapes , 1996-2001

Box1

11 videotapes

Series II consists of videotape duplicates made from the original film reels. They include 9 VHS and 2 Betacam SP videotapes. One of the VHS videotapes includes all the reels; it was made in 1996. Seven videotapes include duplicates of individual reels (reels 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12); one VHS tapes includes reels 4 and 7. These 8 VHS videotapes were made in 1999. The Betacam SP videotapes include reels 1, 9-10, and 12. They were made in 2001.

Series III: Paper Records, 1952-1996

Box1

Includes newspaper clippings pertaining to Alderman Farms, U.S. Alderman, and L.S. Alderman from 1952-1965; a film list; and *Last Harvest: The Story of Alderman Farms*, written by John Schmitz and published by Carlton Plants in 1996.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Agriculture--Oregon.

Farm life--Oregon.

Field crops--Oregon.

Fruit--Harvesting--Oregon.

Logging--Oregon.

Migrant agricultural laborers--Oregon.

Form or Genre Terms :

Silent films.

Videotapes.

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Alderman, Urie S.

(creator)

Schmitz, John.

(creator)

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