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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The material in the collection is in English.

Abstract

The collection contains account books, dairy building blueprints designed by Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and various work-related papers created between 1930 and 1953. A few of the items are undated. Thornton ran a dairy and ice operation in Stony Creek, Virginia, in addition to his job as an insurance company medical examiner.

Creator

Thornton, Vaiden A.

Extent

1.1 Cubic Feet 2 boxes, 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Dr. Vaiden A. Thornton, M.D., ran a dairy operation at Miling Farm, located in Stony Creek, Virginia, from 1936 to 1953. He also had his own ice business and worked as a medical examiner for several insurance companies, including Connecticut Life Insurance Company.

Thornton's wife was named Bessie C. Thornton and the couple had three children, including Mary V. and J. Douglas Thornton. Their other son, William Carr, was born on June 22, 1911 and died on November 17, 2005.

Scope and Content

The collection contains two blueprints drafted by the Agricultural Engineering Department of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Richmond, Virginia. One of the blueprints depicts a dairy house with a capacity for 10-20 cows, designed by H.H.G. in December of 1935. The other blueprint shows a milking shed designed by Bryne Wheary in September 1938.

There are thirty-nine work-related papers, mostly receipts, advertisements, and order forms created between 1930 and 1952; some items are undated. Notable items include a pay stub dated in 1952 for working in the medical division of Connecticut Life Insurance Company; a September 23, 1936 groceries receipt for Lunsford and Wootton; two 1952 prescriptions from Blackwell Smith's for Aureomycin, Penicillin, and Duracillin; and a letter detailing the 37th Annual Christmas Seal Sale for the Sussex County Tuberculosis Society.

The collection includes eight account books relating to Thornton's diary business, created between 1935 and 1953. A few of these account books contain slips of paper covered with scribbled equations, including a blank Piedmont Sanatorium admission application form in the 1935-137 account book.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type. Within each material type, materials are arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Blueprints

Unit Date 1935, 1938

oversize 1 (folder)

Papers

Unit Date 1930-1952, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Account books

Unit Date 1935-1941

box 1

Account books

Unit Date 1940-1953

box 2