

# Inventory of the Farm Diaries (Virginia) 1923-1954

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**2013-11-21** Converted to schema conforming EAD by dtd2schema.vh.xsl.

## Overview of the Collection

**Identification:**

01/Mss. Acc. 2009.265

**Language of Materials**

The papers are in: English

**Creator:**

arrangement

**Quantity:**

1.20

**Alternate Extent Statement:**

22 Vols.

**Repository:**

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

### **Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open to all researchers.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

Accessioned and described in June 2009 by Ute Schechter, Warren E. Burger Archivist.

### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Additional Information**

### **Scope and Contents**

Twenty-two diaries kept by unidentified farm owner or manager for the years 1923-1944 and 1954. Entries are mostly brief and note daily weather and chores performed on the farm, which employed 6-8 men year round and up to 60 on the orchard during picking season. Most entries give the full names of workers employed each day and broken down by task. The identity of the farm and location have not been positively established at this point: The seller notes that the farm was assumed to be Bocock farm located in Albemarle County near Stony Point and Burke Hills farms; entries mention trucking apples to Keswick and Charlottesville. An 8 November 1935 funeral note mentions that the deceased was a 'gardener at Castalia.'

### **Index Terms**

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### **Genre/Form of Material:**

Diaries

### **Topical Term:**

Agricultural laborers--Virginia

Farm management--Virginia--History--20th century.

Farms--Virginia--Albemarle County.

Orchards--Virginia.

### **Arrangement of Materials**

Chronological.

## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

### **Diaries**

**ArchonID** id57963

**Unit Date** 1923-1928

**Container** 1 (box)

### **Diaries**

**ArchonID** id57964

**Unit Date** 1929-1933

**Container** 2 (box)

## **Diaries**

**ArchonID** id57965

**Unit Date** 1934-1937

**Container** 3 (box)

## **Diaries**

**ArchonID** id57966

**Unit Date** 1938-1941

**Container** 4 (box)

## **Diaries**

**ArchonID** id57967

**Unit Date** 1942-1944, 1954

**Container** 5 (box)

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