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Biographical / Historical

The Allegheny Highlands Project (AHP) was a 10-year research project (1970-1980) conducted by the West Virginia University College of Agriculture with funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, which was particularly interested in community development through the AHP. The AHP was an effort to test the implementation of innovative technologies for the production and marketing of sheep and beef cattle in a mountainous area where agriculture had declined, the West Virginia Highlands. Comprehensive production, inventory, and financial data was collected on 85 farms representing nine West Virginia counties from 1971 through 1979. The data collected in a computer system called ELFAC helped farmers determine their tax status, credit rating, and generally to facilitate farm management decisions through the analysis of costs for labor, feed, machinery, capital turnover, and production.

A multidisciplinary team of specialists in agronomy, animal science, farm management, and veterinary medicine worked together to provide producers with a package of recommendations to increase production and/or profitability. The AHP had three Project Directors: Robert Maxwell, 1970-1975; Frank Woodson, 1975-1977; and Barton Baker, 1978-1979. An extensive overview and independent assessment of the Project can be found in Lee Balliet's report *Stimulating Livestock Production in the Allegheny Highlands: An Economic, Social, and Attitudinal Evaluation of a University Pilot Program*, 1977. A draft copy is in Box 5 of this collection.

-Text taken from papers by Barton S. Baker and Robert H. Maxwell and a report by Lee Balliet

Scope and Contents

The Allegheny Highlands Project Records consist of the administrative files of the Allegheny Highlands Project (AHP), September 1970-July 1980, as well as records of farming activities of farm cooperators enrolled in the program. Administrative records for the operation of the AHP include planning documents, policies and correspondence, budgets and other financial documents, progress reports, vendor records, promotional materials including information sheets, and job applications and other personnel-related papers including WVU faculty reviews.

The records for individual farms include data sheets and computer printouts for each participant as well as aggregate data processed by a computer system called ELFAC. Data sheets submitted monthly and annually, financial records, and ELFAC printouts for each cooperator farm comprise the majority of the records in this collection. ELFAC printouts include tax data, detailed operating statements, cash summaries,

and financial summaries by month (circa 1971-1975). The individual farm records also include soil and forage testing results with farm maps (circa 1971-1979). Counties represented by farmers include Randolph, Upshur, Lewis, Grant, Pocahontas, Tucker, Barbour, Harrison, and Pendleton.

Audiovisual materials include a promotional film and an audio recording of radio segments. Photographs show livestock, farms, administrators and participants, and field days.

The collection also includes some organizational records, including minutes, for Mountaineers for Rural Progress, 1971-1981.

Related Materials

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Mountaineers for Rural Progress

Description of Subordinate Components

Personnel Files by Name of Staff and Faculty, Position Applications, Policies

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202585

Unit Date 1971-1980

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Budget and Assignment Structure, Funding Sources, Division Office Files, ELFAC Data and Administration

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202586

Unit Date 1974-1981

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

AHP Cooperators Files, Alphabetical by Farm Name; Memorandum of Agreement, Other Business Papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202587

Unit Date 1970-1982

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Foundational Correspondence, Flyers, Newsletters, USDA Reports, Clippings, Overhead Transparencies

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202588

Unit Date 1971-1975

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Progress Reports Made to Rockefeller Foundation, Proposals for Renewed Funding, AHP Booklets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202589

Unit Date 1970-1981

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Budget Items--Vendors, Expenses, Some Personnel (Includes 2 ledger books)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202590

Unit Date 1971-1981

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

ELFAC Data Sheets by County and Farm Name

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202591

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

ELFAC Data Sheets Roughly by County

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202592

Unit Date 1970-1980

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Renewal Proposal, Lease Agreements, Assignment Structure, Other Administrative Documents

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202593

Unit Date 1973-1979

Mixed Materials 9 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202594

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202595

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202596

Unit Date 1976

Mixed Materials 12 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and When)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202597

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 13 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202598

Unit Date 1972, 1974

Mixed Materials 14 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202599

Unit Date 1973

Mixed Materials 15 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202600

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials 16 (Box)

Completed Monthly Data Forms for ELFAC Records by Cooperators [Farmers] (Forms Include Data for Purchases, Vendors, Amount, and Dates)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202601

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 17 (Box)

Vendors' Invoices, Statements, Receipts for Items and Services, A-Q

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202602

Unit Date 1972-1981

Mixed Materials 18 (Box)

Vendors' Invoices, Statements, Receipts for Items and Services, S-Z; Payroll for Farm Laborers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202603

Unit Date 1970-1980

Mixed Materials 19 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202604

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 20 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202605

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 21 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202606

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 22 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202607

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 23 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202608

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 24 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202609

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 25 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202610

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 26 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202611

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 27 (Box)

Farm Records for Depreciation for Taxes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202612

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 28 (Box)

Records Printed from the ELFAC Computer System for Each Cooperator/Farmer (Records Include Expenditures for Taxes, Operations, Etc., and Other Financial Summaries)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202613

Unit Date 1970-1979

Mixed Materials 29 (Box)

Miscellaneous Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202614

Unit Date 1970-1974

Mixed Materials 30 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Includes newspaper clippings, printed material, banquet information, a large folded map, photographic material, and audiovisual material.

Photographic material includes approximately 40 photographs (circa 1970s), some with written descriptions on the back, of livestock, men, men and women in lab coats, and farms. Also includes negatives and proofs. Also includes slides of Field Day 1973 September 30 (over 40 in 2 containers) and a second copy of Field Day (17 slides). Audiovisual material includes a 6.35mm reel-to-reel tape, "Six on Sheep," six 5-minute public affairs programs; and a 5-minute silent color film (1973?) about a trip to Iowa involvng work with cattle and sheep.

Agreements, Reports, Annual Data Sheets by Farm

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202615

Unit Date 1974-1977

Mixed Materials 31 (Box)

Newsletters, Correspondence with Cooperators, Mountaineers for Rural Progress Records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202616

Unit Date 1971-1981

Mixed Materials 32 (Box)

Printed Ledgers from the West Virginia University Foundation for the Allegheny Highlands Project Funding

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202617

Unit Date 1976-1978

Mixed Materials 33 (Box)

Depreciation Records and Other Financial Data

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202618

Unit Date 1973-1979

Mixed Materials 34 (Box)

Soil Tests Managed by Barton Baker for Each Farm, including Maps and Lab Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202619

Unit Date 1971-1978

Mixed Materials 35 (Box)

Soil Tests Managed by Barton Baker for Each Farm, including Maps and Lab Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202620

Unit Date 1971-1981

Mixed Materials 36 (Box)

Soil and Forage Tests Managed by Barton Baker for Each Farm, including Maps and Lab Reports

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/202621

Unit Date 1973-1978

Mixed Materials 37 (Box)

Cancelled Checks and Check Stubs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/203307

Unit Date 1972-1980

Mixed Materials 38 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This bank account was owned by Robert Maxwell since at the time the University and the State of West Virginia could not reimburse for many purchases needed for the operation and efficiency of the Allegheny Highlands Project. Maxwell was reimbursed for personal funds expended for the Project.