

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Benjamin Farm Collection**

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1936-1972
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

**Scope**

This collection of farm management materials is from Kenneth and Paul Benjamin who farmed in Old Town Township of McLean County and spans the 1930s-1960s.

**Folder Inventory**

**Aerial Views**, 8 aerial photos. Undated.

**Crop Division Maps**, 1947. 3 sheets on tracing paper.

**Ephemera**

1. Cooperative Agreement with USDA Soil Conservation Service for demonstrational and experimental work in soil and water conservation, 15 April 1938.
2. Two Amendments to Cooperative Agreement, 10 August 1939 and 13 September 1938. 4 sheets plus two receipts for government ordered materials, 15 April and 15 Dec 1938.

3. Carbon copy of letter from conservationist of USDA Soil Conservation Service at Bloomington to John Benjamin attaching copy of engineer's report on the Porter ditch, 29 July 1944. 3 pp including attached letter.
4. Carbon copy of letter from K.T. Benjamin, Chair of District Board, to *Pantagraph* Editor thanking them for helping advise public on policies and actions of the Soil Conservation District Board. 2 May 1949.
5. Photocopy of list of considerations for Goodyear Contest Since July 1, 1947.
6. Hand drawn "map" of soil samples, 14 January 1948.
7. Soil Test Report from Soil Testing Lab of University of Illinois Agronomy Department, undated. 2 sheets. Plus two lab information sheets.
8. McLean County Farm Bureau form letter to members enclosing membership card, etc., undated. Back of letter appears to indicate hand drawn soil sample locations.
9. 3 page of notes, undated.
10. Receipt for John Benjamin from Dr. O.M. Thompson, 26 Sep 1909.
11. Receipt for Dorothy Benjamin from George Brand & Sons Furniture and Upholstery, 23 Dec 1908.
12. Two newspaper or newsletter clippings, Oct 1923 and March 1971.

#### **Farm Account Books**

- For year beginning 4/1/36
- For year beginning 1/1/37
- For year beginning 1/1/38
- For year beginning 1/1/51

#### **4-H Officer's Handbook**

Reprinted January 1960. From University of Illinois.

#### **Irvin Theater**

-Five newspaper clippings, early 1970s.

#### **Land Use Maps**

- 1939
- 1944

**Limestone Maps**, 2 sheets

#### **McLean County Fair Handbooks**

- August 9-12, 1965
- August 2-5, 1966

**Phosphate Maps**, 2 sheets

**Potash Maps**, 2 sheets

#### **R.C.N.S. Dam**

-**Structural Plans** from USDA Soil Conservation Service, August 1939.

**-Survey Map** 2 sheets.

**Soil Conservation Plans**

- March 31, 1938**
- February 1949**
- October 1949**
- November 1949**
- December 1951**

**Soil Conservation Survey Map**, March 22, 1938

**Soil Fertility Tests**

- January 3, 1945**
- November 14, 1951**
- February 22, 1955**
- January 20, 1956**
- January 30, 1956**
- February 28, 1957**
- January 5 & 30, 1961**
- January 19/February 6, 1961**
- December 1966**