



Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE: Firestone Homestead Test Center Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2015.111

CREATOR: Harper, Charles (1920-2009)

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1946-1973

QUANTITY: 0.7 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

ABSTRACT: In order to analyze new tractor tire products, the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company utilized the Firestone Farm in Ohio as a proving center. Charles Harper started working on the farm in 1948 as an assistant manager, eventually moving up to manager, where he served for 30 years. The farm, while providing a testing area for the company, also raised crops and cattle.

The Firestone Homestead Test Center Collection contains 2 booklets regarding the center, circa 1960; a notebook containing copy photographs from the Homestead farm and photocopies of the 2 booklets; a copy photograph of Firestone Farm at Greenfield Village in 2005; photocopies of Firestone Farm reports from 1946, 1948, and 1954; and 6 large format photoprints or photocopies containing images of Firestone Farm in Ohio.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research.

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