

Bauer Farm Records
1916 – 1974

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Creator	Bauer Family; Edna and Henry, Ted Bauer, Louisa Bauer
Title	Bauer Farm Records
Collection	Mss 104
Dates of Processing	September – October 2011
Volume	.5 foot
Restrictions	None
Access	During open library hours of the Society; 12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month; by appointment
Related Collections	None
Abstract	This is a collection of receipts from the Bauer Family that document farm life from the early 1900s to the mid 1970s. By studying the entire collection one can glean information typical of a mid-twentieth century Hunterdon County farm operation.
Biographic Notes	The Bauer Farm was located in Readington, NJ. Residents of the farm during the time period of the collection include Henry Bauer, his wife Edna, and children Ted (Theo) and Louisa. Other family members mentioned are Anna Bauer, Walter Bauer, Hattie (White) Bauer and Peg Bauer [?].
Scope and Content	The collection is organized in four series. Each documents an aspect of farm and family life as demonstrated by the receipts saved by this family. The farm's town address changed as Rural Routes and mailing districts changed, but it was always listed as being on Pleasant Run Road. Its mailing address has been listed as Readington Township, Three Bridges and Flemington. The receipts indicate that this was a working dairy farm with cows, pigs, chickens, sheep and horses, that sold milk, bought feed and slaughtered and kept meat from hogs. A majority of the activity was focused on raising Shropshire sheep. Raising horses for the sale of pregnant mare urine, which was used in pharmaceuticals, was also an important and documented part of the work on this farm.

CONTAINER LIST

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	2	Cows, Chickens, Pigs and Sheep
	3	Horses, Pregnant Mare Urine
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