

North Oaks Farm Papers Special File No. 1

41 boxes of loose papers and 5 boxes of vols.
and 8 vols. standing alone; also 1 package
containing 8 rolls in oversize . 1881-
1914; also some earlier, Hillier Farm paper

These detailed records of a large experimental
farm a few miles north of St. Paul, owned and run
by J. J. Hill on the best principles of the day,
are useful for many research purposes. They show
the extent of the farm; the number of persons
employed in toto and by individual, with occupa-
tion, salary, etc; the manner of subsisting the
employees in boarding houses and elsewhere, and
the cost of their provisions, etc.; the livestock
on the farm, its origin, pedigrees, and history;
the amount of butter, cream, milk, eggs, &c. pro-

duced by each cow, hen, etc., also totals by periods, along with the disposal by sale, boardinghouse, Hill residence, and other use; progeny of various categories of blooded stock (bulls, cows, sheep, pigs, horses, dogs, poultry, &c.) and how secured; services rendered by his bulls locally and on the farm; garden improvements (including ditching, clearing, brushing, etc.); repairing of buildings, building of fences, &c.; garden produce, its value and disposal by sale and family use, &c.; buffalo, elk, and deer herds on the farm; haying records; importations of stock from abroad, Montana, and elsewhere, including much from Canada; disposal of these animals and others along his railroad to improve breeds and help diversify crops; Hill's

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emphasis on the need of diversification and his efforts to bring this about along his road and elsewhere in Minnesota, Pacific Northwest, etc; firewood produced on his farm and its sale and other disposal; types of men he obtained as superintendents of his farm, their correspondence and records; grains produced on the farm and their disposal (to chickens, horses, calves, cows, bulls, hogs, sheep, and sale; poultry raising (cocks, hens, chicks, geese, turkeys, mallards, guinea-fowl, pheasants, etc.) and egg sales and sales of fowl; the greenhouses and vineries, their operation and produce, etc; sales of sheep wool; animals butchered, etc (vol. newspaper clipping

North Oaks Farm (including Hillier Farm records)
Papers 4~~2~~ boxes 2~~8~~ volumes, 1881-1917

I. Correspondence

General 27 boxes, 1881-1914

Mostly routine letters re orders, invoices, provisions, men workers, etc.

II, Animals

Cattle

3 boxes Cows (Dexter, Ayrshire, South Devon, Short Horns, Aberdeen Angus

Importations, registrations, pedigrees, and

2 boxes milk records

Bulls (pedigrees, importations, registrations, and distribution along rr.

1 box Horses and importations of cattle sheep pigs

5 boxes Requisitions

1 box Papers () subject matter: insurance policies, seeds, time checks; statements of operation

1 box Hogs and pigs

1 box "Financial Papers"

1 box Miscellany

Volumes: Private Herd Register; Ibid, Ayrshire; Ibid #2; Dexter Herd; Shorthorns; South Devons; Suffolk Punch Horses; Reg. of Shropshire Sheep; Duroc Jersey Swine; Private Herd Reg. Horses; Rambouillet Sheep #1 and 2; Oxford Down Sheep; Aberdeen Angus cows; Shorthorn Cows; Jersey Cows; Photos of cattle; Expenditures & receipts, 4 vols
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