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Descriptive Summary

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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection consists of Edgemont Farm record books, papers, and correspondence relating to the history, operations, and sale of Edgemont Farm in Halifax County, Virginia, and to the Barksdale and Hutcheson families, former owners of the farm. The collection includes correspondence between John R. Hutcheson and T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., as well as other correspondence of Thomas B. Hutcheson, Jr.; maps, correspondence, and Deed of Trust with David Barksdale regarding the sale of the farm.

Creator

Hutcheson, T. B. (Thomas Barksdale), 1882-1950

Creator

Hutcheson, John Redd, 1886-1962

Extent

1 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Biographical Note

According to John R. Hutcheson's farm history, "Edgemont Farm" (Folder 1), the history of Edgemont Farm is somewhat typical of what has happened on many plantations in Southside Virginia. The farm got its name when Thomas Edmunds Barksdale and his wife, Sarah Catherine Edmunds, bought 1000 acres of fertile land on the Dan River near the Southern Railroad known as Barksdales Station and established a farm there in 1851.

The farm remained in the Barksdale family and eventually was passed down through Mary Claiborne Barksdale who married Robert Francis Hutcheson to their sons, Thomas Barksdale Hutcheson and John Redd Hutcheson. After the death of Thomas B. Hutcheson in 1950, the farm was owned by Rosalie S. Hutcheson, his wife, and John R. Hutcheson. Supervision of the farm was under John R. Hutcheson with the assistance of T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., son of Rosalie Hutcheson, and the resident manager of the farm. In 1962, supervision of the farm was turned over to T. B. Hutcheson, Jr. The farm eventually was sold to David Barksdale.

John Redd Hutcheson (V.P.I. class of 1907, M.S., 1909) was the ninth president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1945-1947). He also served as director of the Agricultural Extension Division (1919-1944) and chancellor (1947-1955). Thomas Barksdale Hutcheson (V.P.I. class of 1906) was professor of Agronomy (1914-1945) and dean of Agriculture at V.P.I.. Hutcheson Hall at Virginia Tech was named for the brothers, John R. and T. B. Hutcheson. Thomas Barksdale Hutcheson, Jr., (V.P.I. class of 1950) was professor of Agronomy (1964-1968) and head of the Agronomy Department.

Scope and Contents

Scope is 1925-1998, bulk 1935-1978. Historical materials include John R. Hutcheson's essay "Edgemont Farm," information on Thomas E. Barksdale, maps, and a statement regarding the real estate on Edgemont Farm. Much of the T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., correspondence with John R. Hutcheson is regarding farm operations. Correspondence also relates to T. B. Hutcheson's professional career, and there are materials regarding the naming of Virginia Tech's Hutcheson Hall for John R. and T. B. Hutcheson. Farm record books include cash books, order books, ledgers, and a journal of farm operations, as well as extensive correspondence regarding David Barksdale's purchase of the farm.

Keywords

Faculty and staff

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Edgemont Farm
Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Edgemont Farm History

Unit Date 1951-62

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., correspondence with J. R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1925-61

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Container 2 (folder)

T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., correspondence with J. R. Hutcheson

Unit Date 1962-69

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Container 3 (folder)

T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., correspondence

Unit Date 1956-60

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

T. B. Hutcheson, Jr., correspondence

Unit Date 1960-77

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Container 5 (folder)

Maps

Unit Date 1937

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Container 6 (folder)

Term Problem for Agronomy Problems and Soil Management

Unit Date 1949

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Social Security

Unit Date 1960

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Mortgage Application and Tax Returns

Unit Date 1961-76

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Farm Production Sheets, Notes, and Newsletters

Unit Date 1962-78

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Transfer of Operations

Unit Date 1976-77

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Container 11 (folder)

Sale of Farm

Unit Date 1976-78

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Container 12 (folder)

David Barksdale Deed of Trust and Correspondence

Unit Date 1977-1998

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Container 13 (folder)

Farm Record Book

Unit Date 1935-52

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Cash Book

Unit Date 1953-55

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Container 15 (folder)

Cash Book

Unit Date 1956-59

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Container 16 (folder)

Cash Book

Unit Date 1959-61

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Order Book**Unit Date** 1962-66**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Journal, Farm Operations****Unit Date** 1962-67**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Ledger****Unit Date** 1967-70**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Cash Book****Unit Date** 1968-73**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Expenditures****Unit Date** 1974-77**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)