

A GUIDE TO THE FORMAN'S SANITARY DAIRY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:	The Forman's Sanitary Dairy Manuscript Collection was donated to the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society by Hamilton C. Forman on December 5, 1979.
Title:	Forman's Sanitary Dairy Manuscript Collection
Dates:	1932-1938
Abstract:	Invoices, receipts, etc. of Forman's Sanitary Dairy.
Extent:	One folder
Accession:	1979.0143

Biographical/Historical Note

Founded in 1917, Forman's Sanitary Dairy was the first commercial dairy in Broward County, operating for forty years.

Hamilton C. Forman (1919-2010) was the son of Hamilton McLure Forman (1886-1961) and Blanche Collins Forman (1884-1959), owners of Forman's Sanitary Dairy. In 1910, the Formans settled west of Fort Lauderdale in the Everglades. They raised livestock and farmed potatoes, eventually able to purchase a few cows and start their producer-distributor dairy. Hamilton Sr. pioneered agricultural and damming improvements, and led or served officially in the following efforts: soil conservation, flood and fire control, rights of the Florida dairy industry, and drainage of swampland. Blanche was a successful and respected businesswoman, handling many aspects of the Forman dairy's operation, and active in organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and The Disciples of Christ (First Christian Church). Invested in large amounts of land, the Formans held political sway and used it on behalf of agriculture, water control, and education. Their children—Hamilton C. and Dr. Charles R. (1914-2006)—and grandchildren have continued to maintain influence in Broward County.

Scope and Content

The Forman's Sanitary Dairy Manuscript Collection dates from 1932 to 1938 and consists of invoices (including railway and steamship freight bills), receipts, correspondence, and blank checks.

Access or Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open for research**.

Please contact collections@fortlauderdalehistorycenter.org to schedule an appointment.

Related or Separated Material

1979.0143.0001 – Forman Dairy – milk bottle cap, paper

1979.0143.0002 – Forman Dairy – milk bottle cap, paper

1979.0143.0003 – Forman Dairy – milk bottle cap, paper

1979.0143.0004 – Cream Siphon and advertising from Forman's Dairy

1979.0143 – Forman Dairy paper milk bottle top

1979.0143 – Forman Dairy metal cow ear tag for identification, Forman's Dairy #600

Photographs

History Files: Animal Husbandry and Livestock: Forman Dairy Pamphlets

History Files: Biography: Forman Family (Hamilton, Charles, et al)

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Materials donated by Hamilton C. Forman on December 5, 1979

Contents List

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