

Collin County Farm Museum Digital Historic Photograph Collection

The Farm Museum is looking to increase its collection of historic photographs. For many, parting with family photographs is unthinkable and we understand. This is why we are asking for permission to scan your historic photographs to add to our digital collection. Once completed the originals are returned to their owners.

Many of the photographs already in the collection feature farming activities and equipment. We want to continue collecting these images in addition to images of home life, such as interiors and exteriors of farm homes, as well as leisure games and activities.

If you are interested donating a historic photograph or allowing us to scan one, please contact [Jennifer Rogers](#), Museum Coordinator at 972-548-5752.







Photographs courtesy of...	Helen Hall
Title:	Home Demonstration Club
Date:	1917
Information:	"1 st Home Demonstration Club organized 1917 by Mrs. Ed Magee near Forest Grove – Here young girls learn the art of canning food to help in the War Effort. WWI." Home Demonstration Clubs , also known as Farm Women's Clubs, originated as early as 1910 in some state. Records of Texas' organizations began in 1912 with its purpose geared towards teaching rural girls homemaking and social skills. In 1914 the passing of the national Smith-Lever Act formalized this program since the act mandated the state establish a Cooperative Extension Service via land-grant universities. In 1917 the organization's focus shifted towards the food-conservation programs during World War I. Over the next several decades the program underwent numerous changes, including its name. Today, it exists as the Texas Association of Community and Family Education.
Reference Number:	2011.03.074-080



Photograph courtesy of... Helen Hall

Title: "Everyday Scene at the Mill"

Date: c. 1900 to 1910

Information: "Collin County Mill and Elevator Co. around 1900 and 1910. Collin County produced large wheat crops, especially in the 'flats' west of McKinney. Note the long line of wagons waiting with stacks of wheat."

"By 1903 the mill had its own deep well and had developed electric lighting system - old newspapers tell a funny story about this. The townsfolk did not know the mill was working to get electric lights, so one night at dusk, the mill turned on all the lights! People saw them and thought the whole place was on fire. Here come the little "pumper" (the pride of the fire department - and everyone running towards the mill."

Reference Number: 2011.03.071



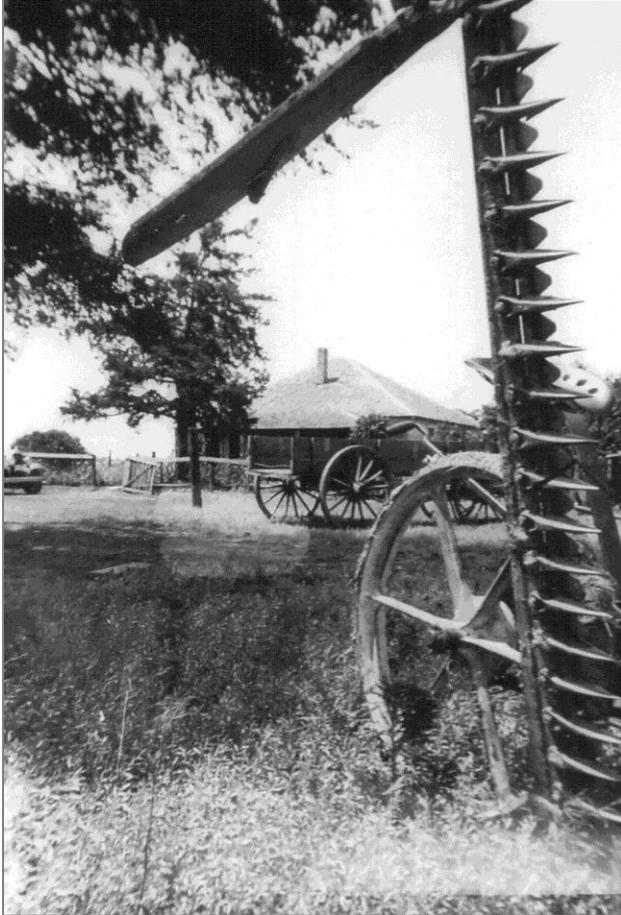
Photographs courtesy of... Helen Hall & Donald Fisher

Title: Two Eras of Wheat Harvest

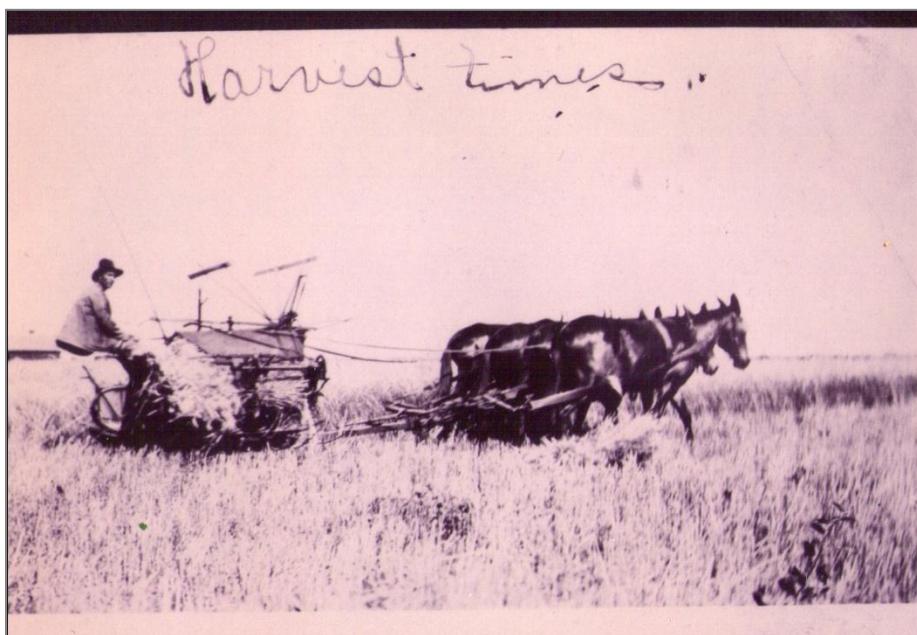
Date: Unknown

Information: From the stature of the men in front and back of the picture to the similarity in harvest equipment reveals an interesting perspective of history. The biggest difference of course in the method used to propel the harvest tools, animals and tractor.

Reference Number: 2011.03.016 & .009



Photograph courtesy of...	Helen Hall
Title:	"Craft Home"
Date:	1938
Information:	"Buster and Ara Craft home - Craft Home. 1938" This picture offers a unique perspective of mower blades which frame the image of a home in the background. The Collin County Farm Museum has similar mowers in its collections. To view one up close and personal, visit the Collin County Farm Museum
Reference Number:	2011.03.017



Photographs courtesy of...	Mrs. W.O. MaCallum
Title:	The Old Farmer during Harvest Time
Date:	C. 1910
Information:	Picture from a scrapbook belonging to Mrs. W.O. MaCallum of Frisco, Texas. Scrapbook was assembled by her aunt, Frances Phillips, at the turn of century to the 1910s. Photograph was taken near Bastrop, Texas. The family later settled Little Elm, Texas.
Reference Number:	2011.03.090-.091



Photograph courtesy of... Helen Hall

Title: Double the Load

Date: Unknown

Information: Man on a tractor pulling two combines, each combine manned.
"Every round cuts a wide swath. Harvesting with two binders. Dray by tractor on farm of Chandler Atkinson."

Reference Number: 2011.03.043



Photographs courtesy of...	Herb Yaehe
Title:	Cotton Wagons
Date:	Unknown
Information:	1) "Line of cotton wagons on Louisiana Street" McKinney, Texas 2) "Line of Cotton Wagons on Tennessee Street" McKinney, Texas
Reference Number:	2011.03.016 & .009



Photograph courtesy of...	Helen Hall
Title:	"My First Year"
Date:	Unknown
Information:	Photograph taken by Roy F. Hall: "Wheat Harvest. Steam Thresher. My first year in McK[inney, Texas]"
Reference Number:	2011.03.048





Photographs courtesy of...	Jack Jernigan
Title:	Jack's Dad
Date:	c. 1940
Information:	<p>Each of the above photographs had handwritten notes on the back:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) "Daddy, Steward & David, Sept 1, 1949 hauling maize" 2) "Jamie, Jack & Daddy" "Dec. 1949" 3) "Dad rendering lard, Dec. 1946" 4) "Our Pigs" <p><i>Names and dates are especially important for historic photographs.</i></p>
Reference Number:	2011.03.061-.064



Photograph courtesy of...	Jack Wells
Title:	"The Cookshack"
Date:	Unknown
Information:	This photograph is of a cook shack which was taken out into the fields to feed the people working. Jack Wells is standing in front of the cook shack he purchased from the Levi Caruth Farmstead. This artifact dates back to the 1900s and exists in the Collin County Farm Museum's collection.
Reference Number:	2011.03.065



Photographs courtesy of...	Helen Hall
Title:	"White Billows Flour"
Date:	Unknown
Information:	"Collin County Mill and Elevator came into being when wheat was a big crop in Collin County." This company manufactured "White Billows flour [which] was shipped all over the U.S."
Reference Number:	2011.03.049 & .055



Photograph courtesy of... Mrs. Don Simpson

Title: "Feeding Chickens"

Date: c. 1890

Information: "Mrs. N.D. Rece in the late 1800's feeding chicken , 4 miles west of Plano"
Texas

Reference Number: 2011.03.081