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**Guide to**

**Powisset Farm Collection**

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Extent: 2 folders  
Linear feet: 1 linear foot

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **PROVENANCE**

Acquired with the gift of Powisset Farm, 1985.

### **OWNERSHIP & LITERARY RIGHTS**

The Powisset Farm Collection is the physical property of The Trustees of Reservations. Photograph rights, including copyright, belong to the photographers or their legal heirs and assigns.

### **CITE AS**

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### **RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS**

This collection is open for research.

## **POWISSET FARM**

Powisset Farm was purchased by The Trustees of Reservations from the executors of the Amelia Peabody Estate in 1985; additional land was transferred to the reservation in 2008. The farm, in Dover, Massachusetts, is still in operation today. Native Americans began the tradition of farming in this area centuries before the first European colonists settled in the new world in the 1600s.

Until Amelia Peabody purchased a house just north of the farm in 1923, the land continued to be farmed and used for timber and charcoal industries. She expanded her property to cover eight hundred acres, which she opened to the public to walk the trails, view her champion livestock, and enjoy nature.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

The Powisset Farm Collection contains three series: Hog Certificates, Photographs, and Cow Registration.

Series I, Hog Certificates, contains United States Department of Agriculture and State of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture brucellosis-free validation certificates for Amelia Peabody's hog herd. It also includes an order for supplies to construct a hog pen.

Series II, Photographs, contains one photograph with handwriting on the back that says "John, Dora, Nelson, and Shriner with their horses" on the left and then "Home Southwest Genesco" which could possibly be located in New York.

Series III, Cow Registration, contains a blank inventory sheet for the number of cows and hogs on Powisset Farm. This series also contains five Hereford cow registration certificates that list the name of the calf's mother, father, official registration name, and owner given name.

The collection is stored in Assorted Historical Collections box and General Oversized Historical Mo-R box.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
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### Series I. Hog Certificates

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: 1948-1982

Series I, certificates arranged in chronological order and a typewritten order form.

#### Hog Certificates

1	12	Brucellosis-free herd certificates	1972-1982
1	12	Order form	1948

### Series II. Photograph

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: n.d.

Series II, one photograph.

#### Photograph

GOS	8	Photograph of John, Dora, Nelson, and Shriner with their horses next to the Home Southwest of Genesco possibly located in New York.	n.d.
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### Series III. Cow Registration

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: 1982-1984

Series III, one blank inventory form and five registration documents arranged in chronological order.

#### Cow Registration

GOS	8	Blank inventory form for registered Herefords, Yorkshires and Yorkshire Hogs	n.d.
GOS	8	Registration certificates for Hereford cattle	1982-1984