



Forbes K. Merkley Collection c.00627

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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Merkley, Forbes K.
Title:	Forbes K. Merkley collection
ID:	c.00627
Date [inclusive]:	1948-1970
Physical Description:	0.25 Cubic Feet , 6 folders
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Forbes K. Merkley originally served as the president and manager of the Genesee Dairy Company from 1929 until it ceased operations in 1973. Both he and his wife, Martha, owned a large amount of land in Genesee County which they continued to expand. They eventually began farming operations and called the farm, For-Mar, which is named for Martha. During its operation For-Mar produced many prize-winning cattle. Most specifically, Minnow Creek Eden Repeat, was one of Merkley's most prized cows and Merkley subsequently appeared in many magazines and articles due to his success. In 1970, the Merkleys' donated For-Mar Farm to Genesee County as the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum.

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Scope and Contents

The Forbes K. Merkley collection contains materials relating to the For-Mar Farms and Merkley's livestock. Included are letters of congratulations to Merkley for his prize-winning cattle, photographs, newspaper clippings and articles. There is also a magazine printed by an association of which his wife was a member. In the articles she is mentioned for her charitable donation of For-Mar farm to Genesee County.

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Custodial History

A gift of William Messina.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Dairy farming
- Dairy farming -- Michigan
- Farms
- Farms -- Michigan -- Genesee County
- Holstein-Friesian cattle
- Livestock -- Breeding
- Correspondence
- Newspaper clippings
- Periodicals
- Photographs
- For-Mar-Farms

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence	folder 1
Holstein-Friesian World, January 1950	folder 2
Holstein Michigander, August 1949	folder 3
Newspaper Clippings	folder 4
The Woman's National Magazine, December 1970	folder 5
Photographs	
For Mar Farms, 1948-1949	box SC Photo 7