



# Old Newaygo Dairy Herd Improvement Association Records UA.28.9

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Old Newaygo Dairy Herd Improvement Association
<b>Title:</b>	Old Newaygo Dairy Herd Improvement Association records
<b>ID:</b>	UA.28.9
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1905-1955
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Historical Note

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This association, organized in September 1905 by Helmar Rabild and Henry Rozema, was the first of its kind in the United States.

Rabild, employed by the Dairy and Food Department of the State of Michigan as an inspector, had witnessed the success of cow-testing associations in his native Denmark as a boy. Upon observing the problems of Michigan dairy farmers, he persuaded his superior to let him try to organize such an association. Accordingly, he and Rozema distributed handbills (a plastic-encased example is included).

The initial organization attracted thirty-one members; a cow-tester was imported from Denmark, and record-keeping began in December 1905.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection includes herd records, progress reports, printed materials, and letters relating to the Old Newaygo Dairy Herd Improvement Association (D.H.I.A.) of Fremont, Newaygo County, Michigan.

Several samples are included of early cow and herd records (1905-1913). Also included is a bulletin from the Dairy and Food Department (1907) describing cow-testing in Denmark, and the start of cow-testing in the United States.

Other items include a state D.H.I.A. records; a list of the original members; an article on cow-testing in Denmark by E. L. Anthony, later Dean of Agriculture at Michigan State College (now Michigan State University); and a letter to A. C. Baltzer, of Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University), from Rabild, telling in detail the history of the organizing of the Old Newaygo Cow-Testing Association.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Information

Record group changed from c.00337 to UA 28.9 to reflect the association's connection to Michigan State University.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Agriculture -- Michigan -- Societies, etc.
- Agriculture -- Denmark
- Agriculture -- Michigan
- Dairy farming -- Michigan
- Newaygo County (Mich.)
- Letters
- Photographs
- Reports
- Rabild, Helmer
- Rozema, Henry
- Michigan State College

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## Collection Inventory

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Records		
Title/Description	Instances	
September 1905-November 1907	box LFD 6	folder 1
December 1907-February 1909	box LFD 6	folder 2
March 1909-December 1910	box LFD 6	folder 3

December 30, 1910-December 29, 1911	box LFD 6	folder 4
December 27, 1911-December 1912	box LFD 6	folder 5
1913-December 5, 1935	box LFD 6	folder 6
December 6, 1935-1944	box LFD 6	folder 7
1945-1946	box LFD 6	folder 8
1947-December 6, 1955	box LFD 6	folder 9
December 6, 1955-1961	box LFD 6	folder 10

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## Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Handbill Announcing Grange Meeting, 1905	box LFD 6	folder 11
People. Groups, 1935	box LFD 6	folder 12
People. Morgensen, Jens, 1906	box LFD 6	folder 13
People. Original Members of Old Newwaygo DHIA, 1935	box LFD 6	folder 14
Presentation of Scroll for 30th Anniversary of Old Newwaygo DHIA, 1935	box LFD 6	folder 15

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