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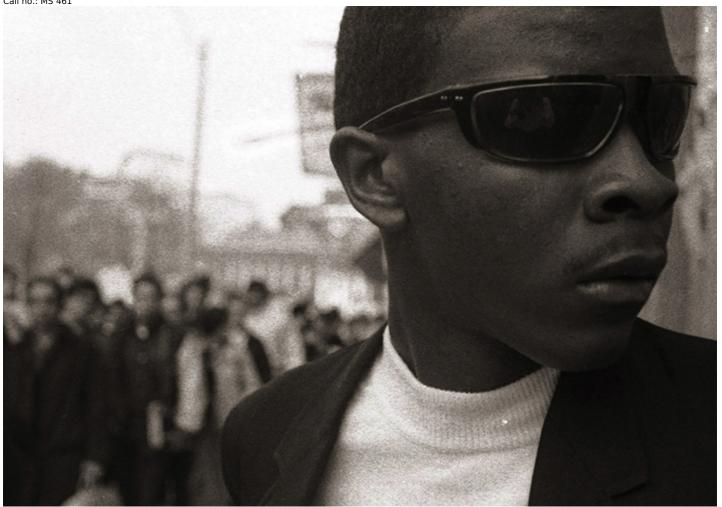
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A product of the back-to-the-land movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Northeast Organic Farming Association began as the vision of a New York City plumbing supplies salesman. Now an increasingly influential non-profit organization with chapters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, NOFA has "nearly 4,000 farmers, gardeners and consumers working to promote healthy food, organic farming practices and a cleaner environment."

The NOFA collection consists of minutes of meetings, financial records, correspondence, and publications from 1988 to 2003, documents maintenance and change in the structure of the organization, particularly concerning the Massachusetts chapter and the Interstate Council.

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# **Background on NOFA Massachusetts**

Based in the most densely populated state in New England, the Massachusetts chapter of NOFA applies unique solutions to unique challenges. Working with "honorable and ethical" companies eager to buy local organic produce, NOFA/Mass has been able to help get healthy organic food to more people than ever before. Companies like Whole Foods (formerly Bread & Circus) have even participated in "percentage days" where a percentage of the total receipts on a particular day are donated to NOFA. A five percent donation in urban areas such as Cambridge might mean tens of thousands of dollars. While most NOFA chapters have participated in similar events, the Massachusetts branch has been particularly active in reaching out to consumers in urban areas, engaging them in the organic farming industry.

### **History of NOFA**

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Samuel Kaymen -- the "NOFA prophet" -- was privy to all the movements and motivations of the 1960s. Like many others in his time, Kaymen felt that his life was spiritually undernourished, and in 1969, he moved from the city to rural Unity, New Hampshire, to start a self-sufficient garden with his wife. Louise.

With no previous experience in agriculture, Kaymen learned all he could from outdated library books, eventually stumbling across Edward Hyams' Soil and Civilization. Hyams argued that "the first thing a civilization loses is its topsoil," and that the fall of all the great civilizations of the past could be linked to agricultural collapse. Kaymen was shocked. "I didn't know that agriculture was important," he wrote, "I thought that food was assembled in the backs of grocery stores!" But with his surprise came inspiration. Kaymen would start an organization of like-minded growers who would farm in an organic, natural, and sustainable way. In 1971, now living in Westminster, New Hampshire, Kaymen founded the Natural Organic Farming Association.

The first meeting of NOFA (which would change the first part of its name to "Northeast" in 1993) took place on June 7, 1971. Kaymen had posted fliers and sent out mailers announcing that NOFA would teach and promote nine principles, including proper composting, seeding, weeding, and other skills necessary for farm production. Conspicuously missing from the list was marketing. "This shows how naive I really was," Kaymen said in 1998. Starting with a budget of \$35, Kaymen and the farmers, gardeners, and hippies who attended that first meeting decided that NOFA would sponsor seminars, seed-exchanges, bulk shopping, and apprenticeships. They would also publish a quarterly newsletter named after what Kaymen hoped to be, The Natural Farmer.

Eventually, Kaymen "hooked up with people in New York City who were running daycare centers" and at least once a week, NOFA farmers would load up an old truck in the middle of the night and drive six hours to Manhattan and Harlem to deliver fresh produce to daycare centers and to people on street corners who "hadn't seen fresh collards since they were in the South."

In 1973, Kaymen was given a farm in Cornish, New Hampshire, by a group of people who thought he "was a good organizer... a good speaker and [who] wanted [him] to be a New Hampshire person." Robert Houriet, a farmer and writer living in Hardwick, Vermont, offered to take over The Natural Farmer, and according to Kaymen, "it immediately became a thousand percent better." With Kaymen in New Hampshire and The Natural Farmer reaching more people than it ever had before, NOFA became truly a multi-state organization.

The first NOFA conference, cosponsored by the Biodynamic Farming Association, was held in Wilton, New Hampshire, in 1975. Wendell Berry was the keynote speaker and around 350 people attended, which Kaymen thought was "quite a lot." Win Way, a member of the University of Vermont faculty ("the establishment" as Kaymen called it), brought air of the academy to the 1976 conference which helped transform NOFA from a group of former New York City hippies into an influential organization with scientific backing. The 1978 conference saw the "old timers... come out of the closet" to support NOFA.

Kaymen stepped down from NOFA's presidency in 1981. Since that time, NOFA has grown, now claiming "nearly 4,000 farmers, gardeners and consumers [from] ... chapters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont." NOFA started as a co-operative promoting and facilitating information sharing and other ways to help growers farm in a natural, organic, and sustainable way. While NOFA still promotes the nine principles Kaymen originally founded it to promote, that tenth item, marketing, now plays a larger role than ever before.

# Scope of collection

The Northeast Organic Farming Association was founded in an era of student protest and social activism. Beginning almost two decades into the history of NOFA, this collection documents the day-to-day work of an important non-profit organization.

Meeting agendas and summaries as well as financial reports and correspondence are very comprehensive from 1989 to 2003. These decades saw the expansion of NOFA membership and the birth of new initiatives. Grants and business ventures are documented from pitch to proposal to payoff. The stories of projects such as Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) are relayed first-hand through official NOFA records as well as through personal emails.

The CT NOFA collection contains documents from all six state branches of NOFA, with a particular concentration on Connecticut. Notable publications include issues of The Natural Farmer from 1977 to 1996, packets of rules and regulations, informational mailers, and conference booklets

The audio and video recordings that comprise Series 7 are of particular value. Among these are tapes recorded in 1998 which provide a capsule history of NOFA as spelled out by some of its major players, including Samuel Kaymen and Robert Houriet. These interviews provide an invaluable timeline from the founding of the organization in 1971 up through the 1990s, and they are supplemented by a series of video recordings from 2015 with influential members of NOFA, including Bill Duesing, Elizabeth Henderson, Steve Gilman, Al Johnson, and Sanne Kure-Jensen.

While the collection adequately documents the history of NOFA, the real worth of this collection is as an example and explanation of how priorities have evolved since the 1960s. Three decades of The Natural Farmer show the progression of NOFA from an organization motivated by a sometimes naive idealism to an organization thriving within the realities of the 21st century. Consider this headline from 1977, the earliest issue of The Natural Farmer in the collection: "Annual Conference to Stress Relation of Government to Farming." Compare it to a headline from 1996, the latest issue: "California Conference Considers Future of Organic Industry".

# Series descriptions

Series 1. Connecticut 1977-2007

4 boxes (3 linear feet)

The CT NOFA collection documents the evolution of NOFA from its founding in 1971 to the present, with a notable concentration on the Connecticut branch beginning with correspondence and publications dating from the late 1980s. The role of NOFA Connecticut in developing an approach to the organic landscape care is well documented with approximately 1.75 linear feet of material on the development and early years of that program.

Series 2. Massachusetts

1988-2005

5 boxes (2.25 linear feet)

The NOFA Massachusetts collection of meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, and publications from 1988 to 2003, documents maintenance and change in the structure of the organization, particularly concerning the Massachusetts chapter and the Interstate Council.

Series 3. New Hampshire

1 box (0.5 linear feet)

The NOFA NH series contains a series of 35mm slides taken of organic farming and marketing operations in the state, along with some images of NOFA events.

2 boxes (1 linear feet)

Contains materials relative to NOFA NY annual conferences, the Northeast Farmer to Farmer Information Exchange, fliers and promotional materials, and the New York State Natural Foods Associates

### Series 5. Vermont

1978-2000

2 boxes (1 linear feet)

Materials from the Vermont chapter of NOFA, including early ephemera, photographs, and publications, mostly associated with Grace Gershuny.

# Series 6. Publications 1999-2005

Series 6 includes a limited run of the Natural Farmer.

### Series 7. Audiovisual materials

1982-2015

The audiovisual series includes audio recordings about NOFA and recordings of talks at NOFA conferences, as well as audio and videotaped oral histories with key figures in NOFA history, discussing the history of the organic movement, certification and standards, and organic land care, among other topics.

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1987 Nov. 20 "Growing Organically" membership mailer

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1987 June

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  Some Thoughts on Organic Strawberry Production (by Joey Klein)
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