

New York Farm Bureau Photograph Collection

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1915-1916

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Background on New York Farm Bureau

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Scope of collection

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Ilion, N.Y. (close-up)

Inventory

"Ready for start"

1915 June 17

13 x 20.5 cm

No. 1

Farm Bureau Inspection Tour cards staging in front of Lewis Yerdon's Books shop, GAR Hall, and Fort Plain, N.Y., Masonic temple.



Interurban rail car in front of Remington UMC plant and Union Block, possibly Ilion, N.Y.

1915 May 26

13 x 20.5 cm

No. 2



Crowd gathering in the street, possibly Ilion, N.Y.

1915 May 26

13 x 20.5 cm

No. 3



Inspection tour cars in unidentified town.

1915 May 26

13 x 20.5 cm

No. 4



"Carrying science into the field"

1915 May 26

13 x 20.5 cm

No. 5

Crowd gathered in a field.



Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Aquired from Steve Resnick.

Processing Information

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