

Guide to

MSCIT 007

**Polk County Fertilizer Company
Collection, 1896, 1919, 1930, 1939**

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Historical Sketch:

The Polk County Fertilizer Company began in the 1880s in Haines City, Florida as an ice factory. In 1936, the company switched to fertilizer, which was produced until 1989. In 1989, a fire started at the plant, and the water used to extinguish the fire caused groundwater contamination to the local area. The plant closed in 2012, and the site was sold to the city of Haines City in 2019.

Additional Information from:

Baker, Charles A., III. "FDEP staff retesting land at former fertilizer plant in Haines City."
Four Corners News-Sun (Lakeland, Florida), August 12, 2020.

https://www.midfloridanewspapers.com/four_corners_news_sun/fdep-staff-retesting-land-at-former-fertilizer-plant-in-haines-city/article_c3767ee4-dd89-11ea-a3f2-3f5bb1088dca.html.

Scope and Content Note:

The Polk County Fertilizer Company Collection is made up of photocopies of the fertilizer company directories, Polk County Fertilizer Company inventories, and an agricultural bulletin.

Permission to Publish:

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Provenance Statement:

It is unknown when the Polk County Fertilizer Company Records were donated to the Thomas B. Mack Citrus Archives. The Thomas B. Mack Citrus Archives were transferred to the Roux Library in 2005 then to the McKay Archives Center in 2009.

Note to Researchers:

When received from the Thomas B. Mack Citrus Archives, the materials in this collection were comingled with three other collections: Dr. O.C. Bryan Papers, Soil Science Foundation Records, and Dr. James R. Iley Papers. Every effort has been made to return materials to their respective collections.

Box	F#	Title/Description
1	1	Directories of Fertilizer Companies, 1919, 1930 [Photocopies]
1	2	Inventories, 1939, n.d. [Photocopies]
1	3	Research File: "Present Condition and Treatment of Orange Groves," bulletin, 1896 [Photocopy]