

Guide to

Haines City
Citrus Growers Cooperative, 1956-2022

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Historical Sketch

Haines City Citrus Growers Association was an agriculturally based cooperative. It was a grower-owned fresh citrus cooperative offering members grove care, harvesting, packing services, and marketing. HCCGA began operation in 1909 in Haines City, Florida and shipped citrus fruit to markets in the United States and Canada under brands including Hill Top, Hill Top Gold, Red Cloud, and Canoe Creek. At one time, they supplied fruit through DNE World Citrus, Ft Pierce, Florida and processed fruit through Florida's Natural Growers, Lake Wales, Florida. At one time in its history, it was the second oldest citrus cooperative in Florida and the fifth largest packing operation in the state. It went inactive in 2022.

Scope & Content Note

The HCCGA records include photographs, annual meeting reports, newsletters, and memorabilia. The annual meeting reports date from 1949 to 2009 and include general financial reports to the membership. Memorabilia includes baseball caps, tie pins, drink coasters, and sunglasses. There are VHS tapes with marketing materials, and several oversized copies of newspaper articles. There are also crate labels.

Note to the Researcher

The VHS tapes need to be transferred to a digital format before viewing.

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| Box | Folder | File Name |
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| 1 | | Loose, Oversized Items |
| 1 | 1 | Unlabeled File: Photographs of Building and Employees, n.d. |
| 1 | 2 | Color photograph of Warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 3 | Color photograph of Warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 4 | Color photograph of Groves and Warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 5 | Color photograph of Warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 6 | Color photograph of Groves and Warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 7 | Color photograph of groves and warehouses, n.d. |
| 1 | 8 | Polk County Board of Commissioners Proclamation – HC CGA 100 th Anniversary, 9/2/2009 |
| 1 | 9 | City of Haines City Proclamation – HC CGA Day, 9/1/2009 |
| 1 | 10 | <i>The Ledger</i> newspaper articles regarding citrus |
| | | Annual Meetings |
| 2 | 1 | Binder: HCCGA Press releases |
| 2 | 2 | HCCGA 98 th Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 3 | HCCGA 97 th Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 4 | HCCGA 96 th Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 5 | HCCGA 95 th Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 7 | HCCGA 93 rd Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 8 | HCCGA 92 nd Annual Meeting |
| 2 | 9 | HCCGA 91 st Annual Meeting |
| | | Audio Visual materials |
| 4 | | Phonograph Record of EMC with Documentation – addressed to R.V. Phillips |
| 4 | | Tin Box: Bulk Handling Miami Speech – Calif. Operation – Misc. Bulk Handling (Contains Slides) |
| 4 | | Tin Box: Travel California – Arizona – Cypress Gardens – Passion Play – N.Y. - Weekawachee |
| 4 | | 1 Film reel on Bulk Handling, April 1956 |
| 4 | | 1 Film reel from Lisa Barnes (from R.V. Phillips' house), n.d. |
| 4 | | 1 Citrus Maturity Ratio Tables |
| 4 | | 1 Printing press template for Hilltop Brand |
| 4 | | VHS Tape: A Success Story – Haines City Citrus Growers Association |
| | | Grower Newsletters |
| 2 | 6 | Crate Labels folder and envelope containing negatives |
| 2 | 7 | Newspaper clips, HCCGA |
| 2 | 8 | Thank You Letters; Centennial; Ideas; The Banquet, 09/12/09; Meetings; Banquet Hall; Correspondence; Paula |
| 2 | 9 | Grower Newsletters |
| 2 | 10 | Grower Newsletters |
| | | Annual Meetings |
| 3 | 1 | HC CGA 90 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 2 | HC CGA 89 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 3 | HC CGA 88 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 4 | HC CGA 87 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 5 | HC CGA 86 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 6 | HC CGA 85 th Annual Meeting |
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| 3 | 39 | HC CGA 54 th Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 41 | HC CGA 52 nd Annual Meeting |
| 3 | 43 | HC CGA 50 th Annual Meeting |
| | | Memorabilia |
| 4 | | 4 Hilltop Baseball Caps |
| 4 | | 1 Hilltop Pin |
| 4 | | 1 Hilltop Tie Pin |
| 4 | | 4 leather coasters, Fresh Squeezins |
| 4 | | 1 Hilltop Wooden pen |
| 4 | | 1 wooden HC CGA sticky note holder |
| 4 | | 1 pair of Hilltop sunglasses |
| 4 | | 1 orange shaped Keychain from FL Citrus |
| 4 | | 1 Hilltop Rain gauge |
| 4 | | VHS Tape: – Packinghouse Projects, 6/20/1996 |
| 4 | | VHS Tape: Bulk Footage – HCCGA Project, 7/10/1999 |
| 4 | | 1 HC CGA Leather wallet |
| 4 | | 1 Case of 4 Hilltop Glasses |
| 4 | | Box of VHS Tapes from HC CGA |

| | | Photographs |
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| 5 | 1 | 4 White Binders containing photographs of groves |