

# Guide to the Neil Poppensiek Collection

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#### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains ephemera from the collections of the late Neil Poppensiek, local historian and former President of the Board of Trustees of the DeWitt Historical Society. Most importantly, it contains manuscript materials from Neil's research on Connecticut Hill in the Town of Newfield. Connecticut Hill was a tract of 16,000 acres that was originally owned by the state of Connecticut from 1800 until 1879.

It also contains other Tompkins County materials, including a research report, (possibly a high school or college paper) on the history of local school architecture. Another notable piece is the "Farmer's Twenty Year Record" of local farmer Darling A. English, dating from 1886-1908.

#### CONTAINER LIST

"The 16,000 Acre Tract: The Settlement and Abandonment of Connecticut Hill, 1795-1935." By Neil A. Poppensiek	Folder 1
<b><i>Connecticut Hill Research Materials for manuscript</i></b>	
Various resources on Connecticut Hill	Folder 2
"Abandoned Farm Areas in Southern NY – 1929"	
"Farming the 'Sub-margins': Dominant Myths and Archaeological Realities"	Folder 3
Early settlers	Folder 4
Newfield History	Folder 5
Correspondence	Folder 6

News clippings	Folder 7
Connecticut Hill Programs, including at The History Center	Folder 8
Miscellaneous	Folder 9
Maps and Survey information	Folder 10
Connecticut Hill Deed – 1831	Folder 11
Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area Materials	Folder 12
Miscellaneous Ithaca Correspondence – 1843, 1845, WWI, WWII	Folder 13
“Organization and Evolution of the School System” – ca. 1960 (copy in Folder 14)	Loose in box
D.A. English’s Farmer’s Twenty Year Book –Ledger	Loose in box
D.A. English Genealogical Information	Folder 15
“Report of Half-Century Club of Tompkins County – 1881”	Folder 16