# Old McDonald Had a Farm

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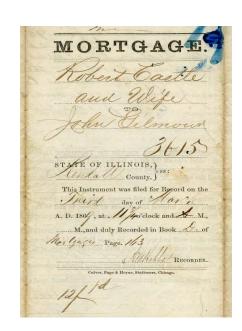
## **Farming Records:**

- Land Records
- Census Schedules
- Farm Sales and Mortgages
- Probate/Chancery Records
- Township/County Tax Records
- Newspapers
- Misc. Farm Records



#### **Land Records**

- Federal Bureau of Land Management
  - Warrants
  - Homesteads
- State
  - Farm Censuses (1937-1978)
  - Improvement Books
- County
  - Deeds
  - Mortgages
  - Farm Registries



#### **Township Offices**

- Annual Tax Assessments
- Treasurer Receipt Books
- Road and Bridge Books
- Justice of the Peace Records

### **Probate/Chancery Records**

- Will/Probate Files often include:
  - Real Estate Holdings
  - Personal Inventories
  - Heirs, Debtors and Creditors
- Chancery Records (equity)
  - Family Disputes

#### Tax Assessments/IRS Filings

- Annual Tax Receipts
- County/Township Tax Assessment Books
- Online Access to Modern Records
- IRS Filings may be found in family papers

National Archives has digitized federal tax lists for the 1860s (available on Ancestry)

#### **Newspapers**

Sales & foreclosures are listed by address, PIN, or surname

- "Moving days" often between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>
- New construction, renovations, & fires



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#### Obituaries

#### **Miscellaneous Farm Records**

- County Atlas/Plat Books & Histories
- Farm/City Directories
- Rural Surveys/Landmark Applications



## Where to Look:

## **County Courthouse & Township Offices**

See earlier examples

## **Historical Societies/Archives/Libraries**

- Photos, Letters, Diaries, Interviews
- City/Farmer Directories
- Newspapers
- County Histories/Atlases

#### **Print Resources**

- Rural Structures Guides/Landmark Applications
- "This is" Farm Series by John Drury 1955
- Prairie Farmer Magazine Directories
- Tax Assessments/Land Sales/Mortgages
- Plat Books/Gazetteers/County Histories



#### **Digital Resources**

- Archivegrid: <a href="https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid">https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid</a>
- FamilySearch <u>www.familysearch.org</u>
- Illinois Digital Archives www.idaillinois.org
- Illinois State Archives <a href="http://ilsos.libraryhost.com">http://ilsos.libraryhost.com</a>



Internet Archive www.archive.org

- Library of Congress <u>www.loc.gov</u>
- National Archives <u>www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms</u>

#### **Book Collections**

- Digital Public Library <a href="http://dp.la/bookshelf">http://dp.la/bookshelf</a>
- ► FamilySearch https://books.familysearch.org
- Google Books <a href="https://books.google.com">https://books.google.com</a>
- Hathi Trust www.hathitrust.org/digital library

#### **Newspaper Collections**

- Advantage Newspaper Collections: https://bit.ly/2ni9oTd
- Chronicling America www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
- Elephind www.Elephind.com
- Genealogybank www.genealogybank.com
- Google News Archive https://bit.ly/1En90RP
- Illinois Digital Newspaper Project https://idnc.library.illinois.edu
- Newspaper Archive <u>www.newspaperarchive.com</u>
- Newspapers.com <u>www.newspapers.com</u>







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A farmer came in town yesterday with a load of cabbages and falling to find a ready market for them went into a saloon to drown his disappointment in a glass or two of beer. He succeeded grandly in smothering his chag in at his loss and drove up Broadway throwing his cabbages at every one on the street and appeared to enjoy the sport greatly, until a policeman gathered him in and requested him to take lodgings in Hotel Walker for the night. A number of boys gathered up his garden fruit and doubtless had cold alay for supper. He was fined \$10.00 and costs this morning.

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