

## DeKalb History Center

### Soap Stone Cattle Farm

**Scope and content:** The Soap Stone Cattle Farm records contain documents about the herd of Senepol cattle raised on river Road in Decatur by the Caskey family. There are registration records, showing the birth of an animal and perhaps calves born, deaths and sales. There is also information from the Senepol Cattle Breeders Association and records range from 1983 to 1996.

**Provenance:** Gift of Bill Caskey, Accession # 2012.4.

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Soap Stone Cattle Records, DeKalb History Center Archives

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**Size:** 9 folders

**Organizational History of Soap Stone Cattle Farm:** The farm focused on purebred Senepol cattle. In the 1800s N'Dama Cattle were imported to the Caribbean Island of St. Croix from Senegal, West Africa. The N'Dama, a *Bos taurus* breed, was well suited for the Caribbean because of heat tolerance, insect & disease resistance and the ability to thrive on poor quality forage. The Senepol Cattle Breeders Association, now based in Illinois, stressed the heat tolerance and tenderness of the breed, as well as cost efficiency and easy temperament.

**Description:** The collection contains records on the herd at Soap Stone Cattle Farm. There are herd records, photographs, research and records of births, deaths and sales of cattle. Included in the collection are photographs of the farm house, which Bill and Judy Caskey renovated. The records arrived in a ring bound notebook and have been foldered in that order.

Information for this document from: <http://www.senepolcattle.com/>

**Subject Headings:** Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Soap Stone Cattle Farm

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)  
 Decatur (Ga.)  
 Cattle industry  
 Cattle—purchasing  
 Cattle--Southern States.  
 Cattle trade--Georgia.  
 Senepol cattle

**Folder List**

<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	Herd records	1983-1995
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3	Bulls	1994-1995
4	Sales	1991-1994
5	Rules-Senepol Cattle Breeders Assn.	
6	Research and sales	1992-1994
7	Senepol Cattle Breeders Assn.	1994
8	Photographs	1990-1994
9	Miscellaneous documents	