Historical Research at John Deere

History is made every day at John Deere. Many of the records, photographs, films, and other documents created by employees around the world end up in the John Deere Archives for preservation and research.

The John Deere Archives manages the legal, fiscal, and historical records that document the history of John Deere. Some of the

Can I visit the Archives for research?
Authors, researchers, and others are welcome to conduct on-site research in the Archives. You must make an appointment in advance, and will work with an archivist prior to your visit to identify the types of records to assist your research. Appointments are available Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 am-noon, and 1:00-3:30 pm.

Are all records available?
No. Some records are restricted for legal reasons, donor restrictions, poor condition, or other reasons. Staff will work with you to identify available records for your research.

Do you do research by email?
Yes, we can do a limited amount of research this way. Please email History@JohnDeere.com to ask.

Can I order build/ship information on my vintage John Deere tractor?
Requests for information on John Deere tractors built from 1918-1982 are available from the Two-Cylinder Club®, an independent, non-profit organization that houses all available information from the original build records in the John Deere Archives. They can be reached at 1-888-782-2582.

Can I purchase historical photographs/advertisements?
Yes. You can purchase current and historical John Deere photographs and advertisements at JohnDeerImages.com.

Can I order technical and service literature for my vintage equipment?
Yes. You can purchase reproductions at the John Deere Technical Information Bookstore online, or by calling 1-800-522-7448.

Can you tell me what my items are worth?
No. The Archives does not provide appraisal services. We recommend hiring a certified appraiser, contacting a local collector club, checking out one of the many John Deere collector publications, or review online selling sites.

Can I tour the Archives?
The Archives is not available for tours, but parts of the collection are always on display at the John Deere Attractions. Go to VisitJohnDeere.com for more information.

How do I donate historical items to John Deere?
Contact us at History@JohnDeere.com to donate historical records, photos, equipment, or artifacts. Items are reviewed by the collections team, which determines what items will be accepted into the collection. Please note that John Deere is not a non-profit organization, and donations are not tax-deductible.

Archives collections are available for research in-person or by mail. To learn more, contact us at History@JohnDeere.com.

To learn more about John Deere history, be sure to start online at Deere.com/history. For the latest stories on new discoveries in the Archives, visit JohnDeereJournal.com and click on History.