American Turpentine Farmers Association Minute Books, 1936-1999 provide the administrative record of the American Turpentine Farmers Association (ATFA), which was established in March of 1936 by Judge Harley Langdale of Valdosta, Georgia, along with 900 other men from the Southern turpentine industry. ATFA was formed to represent the interests of gum naval stores factors, producers, and dealers in the United States "turpentine belt" (Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas). Activities of the American Turpentine Farmers Association (ATFA) document the interconnection of land use and environmental stewardship to the broader issues and policies of modern Georgia's rural development.

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1950 Turpentine production declines rapidly and producers begin turning to other industries.
1950 5,863 gum producers in the U.S.
1951 Establishment of the Equipment Development Project, in Gainesville, Florida, to research more efficient methods of harvesting gum turpentine.
1952 Election of Harley Longdale, Jr. to the Department of Agriculture’s Forest Research Advisory Committee.
1953 Value of Turpentine production in Georgia amounts to approximately $30,000,000 annually.

Equipment Development Project moves from Gainesville, Florida to Ocala, Florida.

ATFA urges producers to employ more modern turpentine methods to conserve trees.