

Excerpted from an October 5, 1988 interview with Glenn Sanborn, Chelsea, VT conducted by Gregory L. Sharrow (TC1988-2018) for the Farm Series Project (VFC1988-0001).

Glen Sanborn: *Farming with Horses*

Greg Sharrow: Well, how about farming? You know, as time has gone along, how would you sum up what's happened?

Glen Sanborn: Well, farming has gone out. [Laughter]. Oh yes, jeepers, you know? Heck, this that that was of course the year...either you was either a farmer or worked on the farm. A lot of the village people, of course, worked for some of the farmers and so on, back in those days. In fact, I used to, in the summers when there wasn't business enough at the shop, didn't need to because that was always a quiet time of year. So I'd work in haying in the summer but [inaudible] then of course the farmers, they went into heavy machinery and so on. And I think that's what killed a lot of the smaller farmers, put them out of business. Well, of course, it's gone right down to practically nothing, and there's only very few farms left. But after the gasoline shortage, there was a little more interest in keeping work teams to do a lot, and they found out there's a lot of the work they can do with horses. And you take sugaring, there's nothing beat a team sugar season. So on that...so what, but of course a lot of it now, a lot of the bigger farms that have got teams, they have more fair play than not. [Background conversation].