

Kinder Farm Park History

Kinder Farm Park is named for the German-born Kinder family who over the course of 75 years expanded an initial land acquisition into a large scale agricultural operation.



A view from 1969 of the Kinder Farm silos, barns, ice-house and house which was the original park office

Gustave and his family had a home on the farm property and the original park office was the home of Henry and Hilda (Yanke) Kinder and their eight children. Sons of Henry Sr. and their families would later live in various homes around Kinder Farm. Some of those homes exist within the Park today.

During the early 1900's truck farming of produce was the primary economic undertaking of the Kinder families as well as a local dairy business and a local ice delivery business. After World War II, Kinder Farm changed from truck farming to raising turkeys, hogs, and beef cattle. Produce and chickens for feeding the family and a few local sales was continued.



August Kinder with Hereford and Black Angus cattle in 1960's



Kinder Farm silos, barns, ice-house and farm house in 1960's

The Kinder Farm complex began in 1898 when Gustave Kinder purchased 41 acres from George Koether of Baltimore City. In 1902 and 1907 his brother, Henry Kinder Sr., purchased his first parcels of land. Over the next half century the Kinder family purchased over 1100 acres of farmland. Henrietta, their mother, and other siblings, Ulricka, Alvine, Frederich, and Herman, purchased property along Kinder Road and Jumpers Hole Road.

By the mid 1950's individual Kinder families began to sell parcels of land for residential and school development.

In 1979 Henry Kinder's sons, Edward, Henry Jr., August, and Albert sold a 288-acre parcel of land to Anne Arundel County which is now the Kinder Farm Park.



August and Henry Jr. Kinder with their children in 1954. The family raised turkeys on the farm for many years



Amelia and Henry Kinder in 1920's



Kinder daughters with baskets of sweet potatoes and squash in 1920's