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## Farming in the Valley: 2011 Oral History Project

The following is a transcript from one audio clip in the **Changing Landscape/Heritage Farms** section. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/bishop-farm.htm> to view the entire page. *Current owner and Lawson Waterman's descendant, Carol Haramis talks about changes in production since Lawson Waterman's original farm.*

### Heritage Farms Operations

“Every generation has done something a little different, and it's always something to make the farm profitable. So Lawson Waterman, they raised your typical crops. He had sheep and cows and chickens, and they did wheat and oats and corn. And then the next generation, he was more of a . . . That would have been my great-grandfather, Charles. And Charlie was more of a gentleman farmer and he leased out a lot of the land, but they still did maple syrup. Different farmers that leased the land grew different crops, and they raised cattle and all that "typical" farming stuff. And then the next generation would have been my grandfather. He didn't want anything to do with farming, so he rented the entire farm and he moved to Cleveland and lived in Cleveland. My dad, when he was twenty-seven or twenty-eight, moved . . . married my mom. He wanted to farm, so they moved here to the farm and he took over farming, and I learned everything I know from him.”