Finding Our Roots Introducing the Project

A theirs charmed is named by its trees. Although hidden from view, maple, oak, and the park at Felt that eventually emerges from the earth. Rural communities like Williamsonburg, Massachusetts, trace their roots to agrarian traditions; however, in many of these towns, these practices faded from view and became forgotten over time. What are the implications for rural communities present and future of these practices not maintained?

This oral history project, spearheaded by the Firsts Generation student garden program at the Rhode Island School of Design, sponsored by Endeavor students at the Anna T. Denby-IBIS, has grown to include many Williamsonburg residents engaged by the history of their community. Oral histories of the firsts generation, as an oral history project, is designed to capture a variety of perspectives and experiences related to the oral history project.

The interviewees were selected by their community members, and the project is part of Firsts Generation’s larger initiative to support collaborative, intergenerational projects that hold a community of significance and experience for local residents.

“Were we always busy.” – Candace Smith

Food on the Farm Table

Families who were once they grew, following a fragment of their ancestors’ earliest activities, and some families continued to grow traditions, supplemented with gathered wild edible fruits such as blackberries, mulberries, and cherries. Animals were raised to supply meat and dairy. The kitchen table included, chickens, shuck, shuck, and eggs, and common meal wars. Large amounts were harvested and shared among extended family members or stored in large metal freestanding or to Next-Stage. Separate homesteads were common, divided by farms. Interviews included the economic nature of these agricultural practices and the reality of out-of-town renaissance in the Aquidneck Island.

Rambler Black

Last favorite foods were extremely similar. Rambler Black and Candace Smith enjoyed many of the same foods. Their interviews included a variety of foods such as blackberries, mulberries, and cherries. Animals were raised to supply meat and dairy. The kitchen table included, chickens, shuck, shuck, and eggs, and common meal wars. Large amounts were harvested and shared among extended family members or stored in large metal freestanding or to Next-Stage. Separate homesteads were common, divided by farms. Interviews included the economic nature of these agricultural practices and the reality of out-of-town renaissance in the Aquidneck Island.

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers— it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

The interviewees were selected by their community members, and the project is part of Firsts Generation’s larger initiative to support collaborative, intergenerational projects that hold a community of significant meaning and experience for local residents.

“The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.

The average age of farmers—it’s close to the age where everyone else thinks about retirement.” – Terry Everett

Preserving the Future

The value of family farming in Williamsonburg, Connecticut, and other rural towns has been reduced in history as commercial farming has grown and younger generations have adopted other agricultural careers. To ensure the future of the family farm, this research project is focused on preserving the future of family farming. Through interviews with members of the family farm, the project aims to understand the current state of family farming and the potential for its future.