

Inventory of the

Willowdale Grange
Kirkland, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

Eunice Bailey, Kirkland, Illinois, donated the Willowdale Grange Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on October 11, 1979.

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Number of Containers: 1
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records in this collection document the history of the Willowdale Grange No. 1773 from 1914 to 1962. Minutes comprise the major series (1914-1962) and detail the organization's projects, agricultural concerns, legislative programs, social affairs and membership statistics. The quarterly reports also document membership changes. Secretary's account books record dues and expenses. Correspondence, community service reports, annual programs, and a scrapbook further delineate the Willowdale Grange's concerns and programs. Some materials from the Illinois State and National Grange organizations provide a broader view of the grange's commitments.

Researchers should note that Box 1, Folder 1 contains a Willowdale Grange history. In addition, the Regional History Center holds a number of other northern Illinois grange collections (See Guide index). The reference book collection may also provide information on the grange organization.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Charles B. Chena and 52 charter members organized the Willowdale Grange of Fairdale, Illinois, the oldest subordinate grange in DeKalb County, on June 19, 1914. Herbert Jones, Ralph Protor, G. W. Meyer, and Bessie Strawn served as the first master, overseer, treasurer, and secretary, respectively. The group held bi-monthly meetings in the Woodman Hall until 1918 when the Upstone Hall became the meeting house for accommodating the increasing membership. As with other subordinate granges, Willowdale Grange supports various civic activities including sponsoring farm bureau presentations, health and athletic programs, harvest festivals, dramatic plays, and dances.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Fairdale
Grange
Willowdale Grange

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	19	Scrapbook, 1940-1941
	20	State Grange By-Laws, (1914-1943)
	21	State Grange Rosters, 1931, 1940
	22	State Grange Journal of Proceedings, 1930
	23	State Grange Convention Program, 1937
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