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INTRODUCTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records for the Northern Illinois Granges consists of eleven series: Black Hawk Grange, Carroll County Pomona Grange, Galt Grange, Jordan Grange, Palmyra Grange, Rock Creek Grange, Rock River Grange, Whiteside County Pomona Grange, Illinois State Grange, National Grange, and Artifacts. Each series represents a different grange located in the northern Illinois region that is no longer in existence. The types of records vary from grange to grange depending on what has survived through the years. Carroll County Pomona Grange, Jordan Grange, Palmyra Grange and the Whiteside County Pomona Grange have the most complete records while little is included in the Black Hawk, Galt, Rock Creek and Rock River Granges records. Records may include meeting minutes, secretary's reports, treasurer's records, and membership information.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Black Hawk Grange organized in 1922.

The Carroll County Pomona Grange began organizing on August 13, 1951. Before the first meeting, Carroll County Deputy Harold Stoner visited subordinate granges to seek input on organizing a pomona grange in Carroll County. Members came from the three subordinate granges in Carroll County, Black Hawk, Milledgeville and Rock Creek. Grange members also transferred from the Whiteside County Pomona Grange. The Carroll County Pomona Grange incorporated on July 12, 1952. The first resolution written by the Grange asked the stores in Sterling to remain open on Saturday night due to the inconvenience early closures caused the farmers in the surrounding area. One of the many projects done by the Grange was the traveling wagon. The wagon went to all the granges in the Carroll County Pomona's area. Canned goods, toys, clothing, and money were put in the wagon and all donations were donated to the children's home in Freeport. Donations were given to many charities including the March of Dimes, the Deaf Fund, CARE, and the Flood Relief Fund during the flood in Fulton, Illinois in the mid

1960's. The members helped the community by starting a literacy program, delivering food boxes to shut ins, and taking on the responsibilities of a farm for a man who was paralyzed when a tree fell on him.

The Galt Grange organized in March 1931.

The Jordan Grange organized on May 14, 1935. There may have been an earlier Jordan Grange because we have meeting minutes and a membership list from the 1870's. The purpose of the Grange was to benefit the community, educate and elevate the interests of the American farmer, bring neighbors and friends closer together in working for the betterment of rural life and the advancement of agriculture, be a loyal defender of school and church principals, and be an inspiration to the youth organization in building community life for the future. To raise money the members held bake sales, sold Jello, sponsored dances, served at public sales and banquets, held old clothes auctions, and sold magazine subscriptions. The money raised was give to the sick and unfortunate, the Red Cross, the flood sufferers, orphanages, Taber Pine Forest, and Lowden and Black Hawk Parks. They also bought bonds. The Jordan Grange held their last meeting on March 20, 1986. The remaining funds were given to the Illinois State Grange.

The Palmyra Grange organized on July 26, 1940. They incorporated on April 28, 1955. The Grange raised money by selling greeting cards, having bake sales, serving dinners, ice cream social and cake walks. The members helped farmers put in crops and donated money to charities such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Heart Fund, Mental Illness, School for the Retarded Children, and the Polio Foundation. All members contributed clothing to the State School, gave food and clothing to families that were burned out, the Dixon Goodfellows, and the Lee County Nursing Home. The Grange held their final meeting on December 19, 2003 with the money left in their checking account donated to many different charities.

The Rock Creek Grange held an annual fish fry and the Livestock Feeder's Banquet.

The Rock River Grange organized in 1951.

The Whiteside County Pomona Grange organized on September 5, 1931 with 54 members. The Grange had picnics, canning demonstrations, published a cook book and were involved in many other activities. They served the annual Chamber of Commerce banquets and had lunch stands at sales for money making projects. They donated to the Polio Fund, Sterling Parks, Red Cross, Cancer Fund, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Winning Wheels, National Grange Building Fund, National Grange Youth Leadership Fund, CARE, the blind and the deaf, and many others. The Grange disbanded on December 5, 1992 with a final donation to Amcore Bank to help buy caps and mittens for needy children.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

National Grange

National Grange. Black Hawk Grange (Boone County, Ill.)

National Grange. Black Oak Grange (Boone County, Ill.)

National Grange. Carroll County (Carroll County, Ill.)

National Grange. Carroll County Pomona Grange (Carroll County, Ill.)

National Grange. Galt Grange (Carroll County, Ill.)

National Grange. Hanover Scenic Grange (Jo Daviess County, Ill.)

National Grange. Jordan Grange (Ogle County, Ill.)

National Grange. Palmyra Grange (Lee County, Ill.)

National Grange. Rock Creek Grange (Whiteside County, Ill.)

National Grange. Rock River Grange (Whiteside County, Ill.)

National Grange. Whiteside County Pomona Grange (Whiteside County, Ill.)

Whiteside County (Ill.)

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series I. Blackhawk Grange		
1	1	50 th Anniversary Invitation, June 25, 1972
Series II. Carroll County Pomona Grange		
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	3	By-laws, n.d.
	4	Incorporation Papers, 1952
	5	Annual Reports, 1971, 1973, n.d.
	6-9	Minute Books, August 13, 1951-September 12, 1983
	10	Secretary's Yearly Reports, 1952-1974
2	1	Dues Account Book, 1952-1981
	2	Guest Book/Attendance Record, 1953-1961
	3	Bonding for Secretary and Treasurers, 1955-1980
	4	Program, 1971-1972
	5	Community Progress Programs, 1964-1965
	6	Youth Leadership Training Fund, 1959, 1973-1974, n.d.
Oversize	1 volume	Scrapbook, 1982-19833
Series III. Galt Grange		
	7	Annual Calendar, 1973-1974; Newspaper Clipping, n.d.
Series IV. Jordan Grange		
	8	History, 1935-1965
	9	By-laws, n.d.
	10	Minutes, (May 1874-May 1976)
	11-14	Minute Books, June 10, 1935-September 14, 1936, September 24, 1942-November 8, 1956
3	1-5	Minute Books, November 22, 1956-March 20, 1986
4	1-2	Quarterly Reports, 1951, 1969-1986
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	4	Secretary's Order to the Treasurer, 1978-1982

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	9	Application for Membership and Card of Demit, 1950-1962	
	10	Attendance Record, 1940-1952	
	11	Roll Book, 1935-1986	
	12	Dues Account Books, 1947-1985	
5	1	Correspondence, June 10, 1981	
	2	Yearbook/Programs, (1960-1975)	
	3	Lecturer's Yearbook, 1973-1974	
	4	Community Service Contest, 1961	
	5	25 th Anniversary Guest Book, 1960; Open House Guest Book, February 22, 1962	
	6	Certificates, 1972-1980	
	7	Photograph, Drill Team, n.d. (2)	
Series V. Palmyra Grange			
	8	Histories, n.d.	
	9	Articles of Incorporation, 1955	
	10	Annual Report, 2002	
	11-13	Minute Books, January 12, 1945-September 12, 1968	
	6	1-4	Minute Books, October 17, 1968-December 11, 1997
7	1	Minute Book, January 1, 1998-December 19, 2003	
	2	Quarterly Reports, 1997-2003	
	3	End of Year Report, 1959, 2002-2003, n.d.	
	4	Cost and Dedication of New Palmyra Grange, 1968-1969	
	5	Hall Mortgage and Release of Mortgage, 1968-1975	
	6	Sale of Grange Property, 1988	
	7	Survey of Members to Disband Grange, 2003	
	8	Final Donations and Thank You Notes, 2003-2004	
	9	Membership List, 1976	
	10-11	Dues Account Book, 1940-2003	
	12	Dues Receipt Book, June 13, 1996-July 10, 2003	
	13	Certificate of Deposit, 1984-2000	
	14	Taxpayer Identification Number of 1099-INT Form, 1977, 1979, 1990	
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	4-6	Treasurer's Books, (Received by/Paid Out), (January 1948- December 1989)
	7	Check Register, 2000-2003
	8	Programs, 1967, 1971-1973
	9	50 th Anniversary Program and Invitation, 1990
	10	Certificates, 1943-1998
	11	Newspaper Clippings, 1989
Series VI. Rock Creek Grange		
	12	Quarterly Report, n.d.; Program, 1967-1968
Series VII. Rock River Grange		
	13	40 th Anniversary Program, June 23, 1991
Series VIII. Whiteside County Pomona Grange		
	14	History and 50 th Anniversary Celebration, 1931-1981
	15	Constitution, n.d.
	16	Minute Books, September 5, 1931-December 15, 1939
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10	1-5	Minute Books, January 8, 1958-December 5, 1992
11	1	Minute Books, December 9, 1971-August 27, 1975; November 12, 1980-June 8, 1983
	2	Traveling Gavel Minute Book, April 9, 1947-September 5, 1947
	3	Yearly Reports, 1943-1960, 1970-1991
	4	Quarterly Reports for Other Granges, 1951-1959
	5	Correspondence, (1951-1993)
	6	Secretary's Report, 1938-1943, n.d.
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	10	Lecturer's Yearbook, 1973-1974
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Series IX. Illinois State Grange		
13	1	By-laws and Rules of Order, 1955; Annual Session, 1946, 1958
Series X. National Grange		
	2	<u>The Grange, 1867-1967: First Century of Service and Evolution, 1966</u>
	3	Correspondence, 1970, 1985
	4	Commemorative Program, November 11-19, 1968
	5	The Grange Initiate and Declaration of Purposes, 1941, n.d.
	6	The Grange Blue Book, n.d.
	7	Suggested Service for Use in Subordinate Granges, n.d.
	8	Drill Manual, 1935, 1971
	9	Official Grange Obligation Ceremony, 1983
	10	Centennial Membership Committee Handbook, 1966-1967
	11	Grange Leader's Handbook, 1976
	12	Grange Membership Committee Handbook, n.d.
	13	Grange Secretary's Handbook, n.d.
	14-15	Lecturer's Program and Handbook, (1951-1961), 1963-1966
	16	Summary of Legislative Policies and Programs, (1965-1970)
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	3	The Patron Songbook, 1964
	4	Postcards, National Grange Building, Washington, D.C., n.d. (6)
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Oversize Drawer 13	13	Charters: Black Oak #1910 (Fair Haven, Carroll County), October 1, 1940 Black Oak Juvenile #54 (York, Carroll County), August 6, 1955 (duplicate) Carroll County Pomona #87 (Carroll County), September 1, 1952 Carroll County Pomona #87 (Carroll County), September 22, 1953 (duplicate) Hanover Scenic #1935 (Hanover, JoDaviess County), April 1, 1964 Jordan #1880 (Jordan, Whiteside County), July 1, 1935 Palmyra #1912 (Palmyra, Lee County), October 1, 1940 Whiteside County Pomona #83 (Whiteside County), October 1, 1931 Certificates: Rock Creek #1908, Honor Grange, December 31, 1942 Whiteside Pomona #83, Contribution Toward Grange Headquarters, 1941 Posters: Founders of the Patrons of Husbandry, 1915 “Grange Brings Together...”, n.d. “Truly American”, n.d.	