

Inventory of the

South Grove Grange
DeKalb County, Illinois

Records

In the

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INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Eleanor Taylor, Sycamore, donated the South Grove Grange No. 1838 Collection to the Regional History Center on May 17, 1979.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records document the establishment, development, and membership growth of the South Grove Grange No. 1838, DeKalb County, Illinois. Included are the original articles of incorporation and dispensation (1925), by-laws, one minute book (1932-1937), a dues account book (1925-1939), quarterly subordinate reports (1936-1939), several state/national grange publications, and a complete run of membership applications for the first fifteen years (1925-1939). Several small items, e.g., official ribbons and a grange stamp, are included in envelopes. Stored with the artifacts in the security cage is the grange embosser.

This collection is incomplete in that it does not contain any correspondence, most of the minute books, and some membership information in later years. These materials are currently being sought and will be added to the collection if acquired.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The South Grove Grange No. 1838, DeKalb County, Illinois, was founded by 36 charter members on September 9, 1925. The first several years meetings were held in Ashelford Hall, an older triangular building located next to the railroad tracks in Esmond, Illinois. Around 1933, the Grange moved its meetings from Esmond to the Town Hall in Creston, Illinois, located in Ogle County. This move required special permission from the state grange because the new location was in another county.

Various programs and speakers were supported by the South Grove chapter, including the sponsoring of dramatic plays and presentations by the county farm bureau. Membership support for this grange diminished by the early 1940s and the South Grove subordinate finally disbanded in 1945.

Researchers should note several sources for additional historical background on the grange movement in Illinois. *Roy v. Scott*, [The Agarian Movement in Illinois, 1880-1896](#)

(University of Illinois Press, 1962) in 'Illinois Studies in Social Sciences,' vol. 52; A.E. Paine, The Grange Movement in Illinois (Champaign/Urbana, 1904) in 'University of Illinois Studies,' vol. 1, no. 8.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Creston
Esmond
Grange
South Grove Grange

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Incorporation/Dispensation Articles, 1925
	2	By- Laws
	3	Minutes book, 1932-1937
	4	Dues Account book, 1925-1939
	5	Quarterly Reports, 1936-1939
	6	State/National Grange publications, 1925-1938
	7	Membership Applications/Receipts, 1925-1939, A-G
	8	Membership Application, 1925-1939, H-Z
	<u>Envelope</u>	
	1	One (1) Grange Stamp
	2	Grange Official Ribbons