

Inventory of the

McHenry County Pomona Grange
McHenry County, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 128

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. George Simons, Secretary, of Marengo, Illinois, donated the McHenry County Pomona Grange records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on February 12, 1981.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection primary comprises monthly meeting minutes of the McHenry County Pomona Grange from its organization in 1952 to 1977. Included in the minutes are reports from the six subordinate Granges in the county-Alden-Hebron, Harvard, Marengo, Ridgefield, Riley, and Seneca. Projects, programs, fund raising plans, financial records, and nomination and election results are the basic topics discussed in the minutes. Articles of Incorporation, correspondence, a program, certificates, and photographs complete the collection.

Researchers may wish to consult the other Grange collections held by the Regional History Center and The Grange: 1867-1967 by W. L. Robinson (The National Grange, 1966).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1867 the first Grange organized to benefit farmers by demanding fairer treatment from the railway corporations, securing favorable legislation on such matters as the tariff, currency, and taxation, and disseminating information on crops and the markets. Today, the Granges' objectives are similar and cover a number of objectives seeking to better the lives of farmers, rural and urban consumers, and families in the rur-urban areas. Although a fairly new organization, McHenry County Pomona Grange, strives to achieve the goals outlined by the national organization.

The McHenry County Pomona Grange began meeting in October, 1952. The charter members, numbering 213, elected Frank Niffenegger, Master, Clayton Munson, Overseer, Erick Carlson, Treasurer, and Louise Roberts, Secretary. The group designated several committees required to report information that could directly affect the farming community. In addition, the six subordinate Granges gave reports on their monthly meetings and the projects undertaken by each group. Projects usually took the form of a money making event such as ice cream socials, bake sales, and card parties. Each meeting also consisted of a program designed to educate members on topics ranging from insurance to law enforcement. Today, the Grange continues its work as an agricultural, educational and legislative organization.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Alden-Hebron Grange
 Grange
 Harvard Grange
 McHenry County
 McHenry County Pomona Grange
 Marengo Grange
 Pomona Grange
 Ridgefield Grange
 Riley Grange
 Seneca Grange

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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