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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: Greenfield Hill Grange Records

Collection #: Ms B45

Dates: 1891-

Size of Collection: 9 linear ft (18 boxes)

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Biographical/ historical note:

The Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133 was founded in 1893 as part of the national grange organization. The grange's original goal was to improve agricultural, economic and social conditions for rural farmers. Other interests included promoting patriotism, providing higher education, and developing legislative initiatives of benefit to farmers. The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized into state, county or regional, and subordinate or local granges. The granges held fairs, farmer's institutes, and lecture series as part of their programs and offered "degrees" to farmers and their wives.

Scope and content note:

The collection consists of six sub-groups, primarily representing the hierarchy of the national grange. Sub-groups I and II consist of publications provided by the National Grange and the Connecticut State Grange, respectively, to their member organizations.

The records of the Fairfield County Pamona Grange, 1895-1995, arranged in Sub-group III, encompasses minutes of meetings from 1895-1969, treasurers' records, 1895-1979, membership records, 1895-1973, handbooks and programs, 1931-1973, a history of the State Grange, and assorted publications.

Sub-group IV contains the records of the Greenfield Hill Grange, 1893-1995, including minutes of meetings, 1895-1979; treasurers' records, 1960-1973; membership records, 1893-1975, including a roll book and dues records; handbooks and programs, 1897-1931; fair programs and booklets, 1937-1995; a 1943 scrapbook; a history written in 1993; and assorted printed materials. Of significance in these records are a series of home movies dating from 1927-1965. The earliest reels document a trip to South Africa in about 1927, in which the travelers visited a gold mine, several cities, and several native villages. The later reels illustrate the construction of the Greenfield Hill Grange hall addition, and the changing character of that grange's annual agricultural fair.

Young children were encouraged to join the grange, and the records of the Greenfield Hill Junior Grange, only representing the years 1940-1941, are organized in Sub-group V. An environmental planning report distributed by the town of Fairfield in 1971 and which was found with the collection, constitutes Sub-group VI.

The Greenfield Hill Grange is still active in 1995, but its membership is dwindling as agriculture disappears in Fairfield. Records of the local grange will continually be added to the collection as the membership sees fit.

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RECORDS, 1891-

Box 1

Sub-group I. National Grange Records, 1891-1968, 1995

Series A. Digests, 1933-1968

- Folder 1 1933
- Folder 2 1937, 1949
- Folder 3 1963, 1968

Series B. Manual, 1951

- Folder 1 Subordinate granges manual, 1951

Series C. Pamphlets, 1893-ca. 1930, 1995

- Folder 1 Youth, blue book, grange initiate, legislative program, "Farmer's Best Friend," citizenship, membership, 1893-ca. 1930, 1995

Series D. Magazines, 1942-1962

- Folder 1 National Grange Monthly, 1942, 1948-1949 (in box 15)
- Folder 2 Grange Herald National Convention souvenir, 1953
- Folder 3 National Grange Monthly, 1952-1962

Series E. Song books, 1891-1913

- Folder 1 1891
- Folder 2 1895, 1913

Box 2

Sub-group II. Connecticut State Grange Records, 1901-1972, 1995

- Folder 1 Directories, 1901, 1922
- Folder 2 Constitution, 1919, 1924, 1930, 1945
- Folder 3 Connecticut Granger newsletter, 1964, 1965, 1968-1972
- Folder 4 Fair program, fair directory, poster, 1995

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Sub-group III. Fairfield County Pamona Grange No. 9 Records, 1895-1995

Series A. Minutes, 1895-1969

Volume 1	1895-1898
Volume 2	1898-1902
Folder 1	1902-1903 (material removed from back cover, volume 2)
Volume 3	1903-1909
Volume 4	1910-1917
Volume 5	1918-1924

Box 4

Volume 6	1924-1928
Volume 7	1929-1950
Volume 8	1950-1969

Box 5

Series B. Treasurers' Records, 1895-1979

Volume 1	Account book, 1895-1901
Volume 2	Expenses, 1936-1979
Volume 3	Receipts, 1947-1979

Series C. Membership Records, 1895-1973

Volume 1	Roll book, 1895-1909
Volume 2	Memorial records, 1901-1917
Volume 3	Dues record, 1895-1904
Volume 4	Dues record, 1905-1910
Volume 5	Dues record, 1911-1915

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Volume 6	Dues record, 1916-1920
Volume 7	Dues record, 1921-1931
Volume 8	Dues record, 1930-1943

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Sub-group III (cont.)

Series C (cont.)

Volume 9	Dues record, 1944-1973
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Series D. Handbooks and programs, 1931-1989

Folder 1	1927-1929
Folder 2	1931-1939
Folder 3	1940-1949

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Folder 4	1950-1959
Folder 5	1960-1964
Folder 6	1970-1979
Folder 7	1980-1989

Series E. Newsletters, 1942-1943
Folder 1 "Cornucopian," 1942-1943

Series F. History of State Grange, 1995
Folder 1 Typescript, 1995, by Mary Leah Benson

Series G. Other Grange Handbooks and Programs, 1943, 1954
Folder 1. Housatonic Valley, 1943; Pioneer, 1954

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Sub-group IV. Greenfield Hill Grange Records, 1893-1995

Series A. Constitution and by-laws
Folder 1 no date

Series B. Minutes, 1895-1979
Volume 1 1895-1897
Volume 2 1897-1899
Volume 3 1899-1901
Volume 4 1901-1903
Volume 5 1903-1907
Volume 6 1907-1912

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Volume 7	1912-1915
Volume 8	1915-1920
Volume 9	1920-1925
Volume 10	1926-1930
Volume 11	1930-1934
Volume 12	1934-1938

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Volume 13	1938-1941
Volume 14	1942-1946
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Volume 16	1950-1954
Volume 17	1955-1959
Volume 18	1960-1962

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Sub-group IV (cont.)

Volume 19 1966-1971
Volume 20 1974-1975
Volume 21 1976-1979

Series C. Treasurers' Records, 1960-1973

Volume 1 1960-1969
Volume 2 1969-1973

Series D. Membership Records, 1893-1975

Volume 1 Roll book, 1893-1912

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Volume 2 Dues record, 1894-1905
Volume 3 Dues record, 1906-1931
Volume 4 Dues record, 1943-1951
Volume 5 Dues record, 1950-1960
Volume 6 Dues record, 1958-1963
Volume 7 Dues record, 1964-1969
Volume 8 Dues record, 1970-1975

Series E. Handbooks and Programs, 1897-1931

Folder 1 1897-1930
Folder 2 "1931 notes"

Series F. Newsletters, 1926, 1935, 1943

Folder 1 1926, 1935, 1943

Series G. Fair Programs and Booklets, 1937-1995

Folder 1 Booklets, 1940-1954
Folder 2 Programs and premium lists, 1937-1941
Folder 3 Programs and premium lists, 1960-1965

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Folder 4 Programs and premium lists, 1970-1979
Folder 5 Programs and premium lists, 1980-1989
Folder 6 Programs and premium lists, 1990, 1995
Folder 7 Poster, 1952 (in basement drawer 7)

Series H. Printed material, 1898-1902, 1922, 1932, 1981

Folder 1 Invitations, 1898-1902, 1981
Folder 2 Play programs, 1922, 1932; agriculture institute program,
1914

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Box 15

Series I. Scrapbook, 1943
Volume 1 1943

Series J History of Greenfield Hill Grange, 1993
Folder 1 Typescript, 1993, by Dennis Rich

Series K. Tercentenary Exhibit, 1939
Volume 1 List of exhibit items, 1939

Series L. Guest Books, 1938-1956
Volume 1 1938
Volume 2 1951
Volume 3 1956

Series M. Articles, Map, 1897-1945
Folder 1 Newspaper articles, 1897-1945 (scattered); map, n.d.

Box16-18

Series N. Motion pictures, 1927-1965 (16 mm and video cassette)

Sub-group V. Greenfield Hill Junior Grange Records, 1940-1941
Volume 1 Minutes, 1940
Folder 1 Items removed from volume 1
Volume 2 Minutes, 1940-1941

Sub-group VI. Environmental Planning Report, 1971
Folder 1 1971

Subject headings

Agricultural education--Conn.

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Connecticut State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry

Fairfield County (Conn.) Pamona Grange No. 9

Farmers--Conn.

Greenfield Hill (Conn.) Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

South Africa--Description and travel--1901-1950