

Michigan Grange Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Michigan Grange Papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1939-1942
Date [inclusive]	1914 to 1963
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Michigan State Grange was a branch of the Nation Grange, a fraternal organization with a focus on agricultural issues, education, and community. Cyrus Jasperse was active in his local Grange, Paris Grange #19 located in Grand Rapids. He was the Paris Grange historian as well as a Michigan State Grange speaker.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Grange is a national fraternal organization meant to bring education and community to farmers and rural communities. It is organized hierarchically starting at the Subordinate or Local level, Pomona or County level, State level, and National level. It's national level was founded in 1867 under the name Patrons of Husbandry. The Grange is the oldest advocacy group for farmers and rural communities and continues to advocate for agricultural issues at the national, state and local levels. The Michigan State Grange is a branch of the National Grange. It hosts an annual convention in which agricultural issues pertaining to the state are discussed and also oversees all County level and Local level Granges. County level Granges, or Pomona Granges, are composed of many local units grouped together. At the local level are individual units of the Grange. They offer a place where local farmers can come together for community, education and recreation.

The Paris Grange located at Breton and 28th Street in Grand Rapids was the home unit of Cyrus H. Jasperse. Mr. Jasperse was active in the Grange organization as a historian and became a Michigan State Grange speaker. As a speaker, he traveled across the state and led Grange meeting lectures. Mr. Jasperse was dedicated to preserving the history of the Grange organization, often presenting lectures on the topic or advocating for a written history of the Grange.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of objects related to Cyrus Jasperse, Paris Grange and Michigan State Grange. It includes programs from the Michigan State Grange Annual Meeting, newspaper clippings related to the Grange, correspondence, and other items. Of special note is Mr. Jasperse's speakers notebook, which includes notes on lectures he gave throughout the area as well as a larger notebook containing a collection of his speeches. The collection is organized based on the heirarchy of the Grange organization, starting with the Michigan State Grange and downward to Cyrus Jasperse.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

This collection consists of a small personal collection created by Cyrus Jasperse to document the history of the Grange. The complete official records and collections of the Michigan State Grange were donated and are currently housed at Michigan State University and University of Michigan Bentley Library.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Michigan State Grange.

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Personal Name(s)

- Jasper Estate, (via Barb Easley (via Frankforter)

Subject(s)

- Agriculture -- Michigan -- Kent County

Michigan State Grange

Collection Inventory

Michigan State Grange		
	Box	Folder
Michigan State Grange Lecturer's Handbook 1928	1	1
Michigan State Grange Annual Session Programs Oct. 1937 to Oct. 1942	1	2
Newsletter Clippings	1	3
Letter from T. K. Cowden, Dean of College of Agriculture at Michigan State University. RE: Grange involvement in founding of university. April 19, 1966	1	4
Kent County Pomona Grange		
	Box	Folder
Unused Stationary	1	5
Paris Grange		
	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings	1	6

Cyrus H. Jasperse

Report of Receipts and Expenditures 1929 to 1931	1	7
"In Commemoration of Paris Grange's Diamond Jubilee"	1	8
Cyrus H. Jasperse		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence	1	9
From Mr. Chas M. Gardner July 7, 1939		
From Mr. Chas M. Gardner April 29, 1941		
From Dr. Dora H. Stockman March 2, 1942		
From Flora C. Buell March 3, 1942		
From Mr. Chas M. Gardner August 17, 1950		
Personal Speakers Notebook	1	10
Prepared Lecture Notebook	1	11
Picture of Grange Meeting (Mr. Jasperse is believed to be the man seated next to the speaker)	1	12
Newspaper Clippings	1	13

Miscellaneous

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	Box	Folder
Newsletters	1	14
Program Materials	1	15
Newspaper Clippings	1	16