

**Collection name:** Alpena Grange 1323 Collection

**Collection number:** AGC-1

**Dates:** 1906-1969

**Quantity:** 3 boxes

**Provenance note:** Donated by Betty M. Johnson in 2010.

**Biographical & Historical Information:** The motto of the Grange is: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." Indeed, the word "grange" itself comes from a Latin word for grain, and is related to a "granary" or, generically, a farm. The Grange, officially referred to as The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a fraternal organization in the United States which encourages families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture. The Grange, founded after the Civil War in 1867, is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope. Major accomplishments credited to Grange advocacy include passage of the Granger Laws and the establishment of rural free mail delivery. When the Grange first began in 1867, it borrowed some of its rituals and symbols from Freemasonry, including secret meetings, oaths and special passwords. It also copied ideas from Greek and Roman mythology and the Bible. Small, ceremonial farm tools are often displayed at Grange meetings. Elected officers are in charge of opening and closing each meeting. There are seven degrees of Grange membership; the ceremony of each degree relates to the seasons and various symbols and principles. During the last few decades, the Grange has moved towards public meetings and no longer meets in secret. Though the secret meetings do not occur, the Grange still acknowledges its rich history and practices some traditions. [Wikipedia]

**Scope & Content:** Manuals, Secretary's ledgers, correspondences, pamphlets, forms, receipt books, etc.

**Access:** Open to research.

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1. Charter of the United Nations (1945)
2. Constitution and Digest of the Laws and Enactments of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry(1945)
3. Forms [Membership & reinstatement applications, withdrawal card]
4. Fuller Regalia & Costume Co. [Correspondence, catalog, order form]
5. Grange Fact & Information sheet
6. Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Michigan (1939 – 1946)
7. Guidelines [Grange Masters] (1968)
8. Guidelines [Grange Secretaries] (1967-68)
9. Holy Bible (presented to Grange on December 31, 1915)
10. Inspection & Quarterly Reports (1943 – 1945)
11. Manual – Subordinate Grange [Overseer] (date unknown)
12. Manual – Subordinate Grange (28<sup>th</sup> edition – 1948)
13. Manual – Subordinate Grange (31<sup>st</sup> edition – 1956)

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1. Membership / Dues Ledger (1920 – 1926)
2. Michigan Patron [newsletter] (1968 – 1969)
3. Michigan State Grange [Annual Session – proceedings] (95<sup>th</sup> – 1968)
4. Michigan State Grange [By-Laws] (1969)
5. Michigan State Grange – Lecturer's Office [correspondence] (1968)
6. Michigan State Grange [Legislative Letter #10] (c1969)
7. Michigan State Grange – Secretary's Office [Account of Dues – cards] (1939 – 1946)
8. Michigan State Grange [Song Collection] (5<sup>th</sup> edition – 1940)
9. National Grange Extension [correspondence from director] (1966)
10. National Grange Program (1968-69)
11. Notes & notecards
12. Worthy Patrons – Demit cards (November 1941)
13. Receipts book (1942 – 1945)
14. Receipts book (1943 – 1946)
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1. Receipts book (1946 – 1947)
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4. Secretary's Ledger (January 1906 – June 1913)
5. Secretary's Ledger (June 1913 – April 1920)
6. Secretary's Ledger (December 1924 – September 1934)
7. Secretary's Ledger (January 1935 – June 1941)
8. Secretary's Ledger [Expenses] (December 1909 – October 1930)
9. Secretary's Ledger [Expenses] (October 1930 – December 1941)
10. Treasurer's Ledger (January 1911 – December 1941)