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West View Grange
Scott County, Iowa

The Grange (officially known as The Order of Patrons of Husbandry) is a major farm and rural community service organization in the United States. It is a fraternal organization which was founded in 1867, and it continues to seek membership and involvement of everyone in the family. The Grange has, since its early years, included legislative involvement from a non-partisan position as one of its distinctive characteristics. Officers are elected. Regular meetings are held where issues of community concern are discussed. There are social events, contests and community service projects. The Grange headquarters are in Washington, D. C.

The West View Grange met the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month beginning in January 1908 and the last minutes we have are from 1980. The meetings were held at the West View School in Lincoln Township. Fourteen members attended the first meeting and in February 1908 they had a charter list of 22 members.

1 archive box in Range 42, Section 9

Minutes from 1908-1980 – earliest are handwritten-1950's on typed

Book by author R. W. Smith

Newton No. 1: The Second Working Grange in the United States and the First in Iowa and The Early Grange Movement in Some Iowa Counties

Contains information about the Grange in Muscatine County and good historical background information.

All items in excellent condition