

Patrons of Husbandry Records Mss.0038

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

Clemson University Libraries Special Collections

Creator

South Carolina State Grange.

Title

Patrons of Husbandry Records

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Date [inclusive]

1872-1934

Extent

6.5 cubic feet (10 boxes, 1 volume)

Language

English

Abstract

The provenance of these papers is unknown, but in 1927 Dr. William Hayne Mills, a Clemson College professor, asked Mr. W. A. James, Secretary of the South Carolina State Grange, to prepare a history of the South Carolina Grange. Mr. James prepared a short history using an original volume of minutes. Since the Cooper Library now has both this volume and the short three page history, it is reasonable to assume that Mr. James and Dr. Mills were instrumental in the acquisition of this collection. The Patrons of Husbandry Records precede the Farmers' State Alliance, a collection also held by this Library. Together they provide information about agriculture in South Carolina between 1872-1905. This collection was formerly cataloged as BB6.1/S797. This register was prepared by Berniece Holt, Manuscript Curator Specialist in 1983.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as the "Grange", was an important agrarian movement during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Farmers during this period suffered from low crop prices, tight money policies by banks, and monopolistic practices by railroads and other large businesses. The Grange was formed in response to these conditions. It campaigned actively for regulation of big businesses, improvement of agricultural education, and the development of cooperative marketing and buying to improve the financial fortunes of farmers. Politically, the Grange often supported and was identified with populism.

The Patrons of Husbandry, or the State Grange of South Carolina, held its first state convention in 1872, six years after the first national convention. The minutes of this meeting indicate that there were 1304 members in seventy-six sub-granges in South Carolina. By the end of 1875, there were approximately 10,000 members throughout the State. During the late 1870's, the South Carolina Grange was at the forefront of efforts to improve the State's agriculture. The Grange promoted the establishment of agricultural colleges, the creation of a State Board of Agriculture, and a variety of cooperative efforts to improve and stimulate agriculture in South Carolina. The annual sessions of the Grange were a focus for discussions of methods for improving the lot of the South Carolina farmer. Addresses were given on a wide-range of subjects and debate often followed with voting on resolutions. These sessions resembled a combination of an agricultural extension short course, a fraternal lodge meeting, and a political convention. After 1880, the Grange declined in activity as other organizations grew to replace it. It did continue to function and hold meetings throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of the goals of the Grange such as the establishment of a State Board of Agriculture, a State College of Agriculture, railroad regulation, and the promotion of agricultural education for farmers have been achieved. The organization itself remains as an example of self-help, cooperative action, and political lobbying during the nineteenth century.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Patrons of Husbandry Records consist primarily of county grange and sub-grange reports, seven document

boxes, 1872-1906. These reports reflect membership, gains and losses, and dues payments. Occasionally there are lists of members and descriptions of suspensions or expulsions. The reports contain the names and addresses of the County Master, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The important portion of the records are the minutes, proceedings, reports, and resolutions of the Annual Sessions, 1872-1943. These minutes include one volume of incomplete minutes, 1873-1905, and several folders of minutes, 1872-1889. They provide extensive minutes of the meetings. The presentation of essays or addresses was an important aspect of the annual sessions. These essays, delivered by agricultural leaders D. Wyatt Aiken, A. P. Butler, B. F. Crayton, Edward E. Evans, J. H. Foster, W. A. James, James M. Lipscomb, Thomas Taylor, W. K. Thompson, and Richard Tozer, related to practical agriculture as well as other issues of the day. Following these presentations, debate like discussions took place, and committees were appointed to prepare resolutions. The assembled delegates voted on these resolutions, and the Executive Committee recommended action. The South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society and the Grange held a number of joint meetings in the 1870's and 1880's.

There is a small amount of correspondence of Grange officers D. Wyatt Aiken, W. A. James, B. F. Barton, R. M. Sims, Thomas Taylor, Thomas W. Holloway, and others for the period 1875-1927. A few miscellaneous advertisements, brochures, charters, printed materials, and undated fragments comprise the remainder of the collection.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Personal Name(s)

- Aiken, D. Wyatt, (David Wyatt)
- Butler, A.P., (Andrew Pickens), 1826-1902
- Crayton, B. F.
- Evans, Edward E.
- Foster, Joseph Henry, 1835-1885
- James, W.A., (William Apollos), 1857-1930
- Jones, Iredale
- Lipscomb, James M.
- Mills, Julius
- Mills, W.H. (William Hayne), 1872-1942
- Taylor, Thomas, Colonel
- Thompson, W. K.
- Tozer, Richard
- Woodward, T. W.

Subject(s)

- Agriculture--South Carolina.

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Annual Sessions

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Minutes. "Digest of State Grange Minutes." 1872-1905	1	1
Minutes and proceedings. Extracts 1873	1	2
		VOLUME
Proceedings of the State Grange of South Carolina 1873-1905 Handwritten minutes in a leather-bound blank book measuring 16.25 inches x 11 inches x 2 inches.		1
	Box	FOLDER
Proceedings of the State Grange of South Carolina 1873-1905 Typed copy of handwritten minutes. Transcribed by WPA in 1936.	1	3

Financial. Reimbursement requests 1874	1	4
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Resolutions (prepared by Executive Committee, May, 1876) 1876-1877	1	11
Anderson, S. C. Summer, August 8-10 1877	1	12
Essays (printed) read before the State Grange and the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Anderson, S. C. August 8-10 1877	1	13
Essay (original), "Bee Culture" by Col. A. P. Butler, Edgefield 1877	1	14
Essay (original), "Business Machinery" 1877	1	15
Essay (original), "Commercial Fertilizers" by Col. Thomas Taylor 1877	1	16
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Essay (original), "The Fence Law" by B. F. Crayton 1877	1	18
Essay (original), "Grasses and the Cultivation of Clover" by T. W. Holloway, Pomaria 1877	1	19
Essay (original), "Immigration" (Labor) by Major Julius Mills, Chester 1877	1	20
Essay (original), "Life Insurance" by Dr. W. F. Barton, Orangeburg 1877	1	21
Essay (original), "Pisiculture" (fish culture) by Major T. W. Woodward, Fairfield 1877	1	22
Essay (original), "Sheep" by J. Walsh Watts, Laurens 1877	1	23
Essay (original), "Tenantry System" by Honorable Iredell Jones 1877	1	24
Minutes, proceedings, Reports 1878-1879	1	25
Minutes, proceedings, Reports 1880	2	26
Minutes, proceedings, Reports 1881	2	27
Essay (original), "Manures" by Edward E. Evans 1883	2	28
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Scope and Contents note Includes original essay, "How the Supply of Labor is to be Maintained"		
	2	30

Minutes, proceedings, Reports
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Proceedings, (National, Boston) 1885	2	31
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Minutes, proceedings, Reports 1889 Scope and Contents note Includes address by W. K. Thompson, Worthy Master	2	33
Proceedings and Rosters 1933 1936 1938	2	34
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Essay (original), "Cholera in poultry" by J. H. Foster, Lancaster Undated	2	36
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"The Grange Patrons of Husbandry of S. C." prepared by W. A. James October 10, 1927	10	151
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