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Keystone Grange No. 2 Collection, 1943- 2011

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Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository:	Historic Trappe
Creator:	Keystone Grange No. 2
Title:	Keystone Grange No. 2 Collection, 1943-2005
Object ID:	2020.002.0051
Date:	1943-2011
Extent:	The total extent of the collection is 1.10 linear feet (3 document cases).
Processors:	Susan Makowiak
Language:	English
Accruals:	Further accruals are expected.
Custodial History:	Part of this collection was received by Historic Trappe as a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel.
Restrictions:	This collection is open for research.
Abstract:	This collection includes information regarding the National Grange (Patrons of Husbandry) and Pennsylvania Keystone Grange No. 2.

PROVENANCE & ACQUISITION

This collection includes items that were donated to Historic Trappe by Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel. The items include: Diamond Jubilee Program, 1948 (two booklets); Centennial Fair, 1973 (two booklets); 100th Anniversary Pictorial, 1972 (one booklet); Fair, 1974 (two booklets); 100th Anniversary 1973 (one booklet); Bicentennial Fair, 1976 Dinner Program; 105th Anniversary, 1978; Country Fair Booklets: 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983; 70th Anniversary Program, 1943.

All other items not donated by the Bechtels were received from unidentified donors.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The National Grange, organized December 4, 1867 in Washington, D.C., is the oldest agricultural organization in the country. The name 'Grange' was chosen as it basically means 'farm'. It is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, fraternal, all-around family and community-service based farming organization.

Keystone Grange No. 2, the second oldest Grange in Pennsylvania, was founded in 1873 to continue the work of the National Grange in this local rural community in and surrounding Trappe, PA. There were twenty-four charter members, seventeen men and seven women. Women were admitted with full membership which was an uncommon practice at the time. Community activities, events, and exhibits held by the Keystone Grange No. 2 are evidenced by the array of fair booklets, programs, and memorabilia in this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

This collection documents the activities of Keystone Grange No. 2. Included are souvenir booklets, anniversary programs, fair advertisements, newspaper clippings, photographs, plaques, and fair ribbons.

RESTRICTIONS

This collection is open for research. Contact Historic Trappe for information about accessing this collection.

REPRODUCTION

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PREFERRED CITATION

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SEARCH TERMS

Creator

- Keystone Grange No. 2

Corporate Name(s)

- The Farmer's Club and Debating Society
- Keystone Grange No. 2
- The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry

Geographic Name(s)

- Montgomery County, PA
- Trappe, PA
- Upper Providence Township, PA

Occupation Terms

- Farmer

Subject(s)

- Agricultural Advocacy
- Fraternal Order
- Rural Community
- Social Organization

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1: National and Local Grange Documents (1943-1984)

This includes the National Grange's mission, purpose, and history. It also includes the local chapter's – Keystone Grange No. 2 – anniversary programs (1943, 1948, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1988, 1998) and country fair booklets 1975-1989).

Box Folder

1	1	Mission and Purpose of the National Grange
1	2	National Grange - Digest 1949, Handy Digest Reference, Codebook
1	3	National Grange – Commemorative Stamp Ceremony Program 1967
1	4	History of Keystone Grange No. 2 Including: The Keystone Grange Programs 1976-1977, 1977-1978, 1978-1979 with history; handwritten note about history
1	5	Speech by General Nicholas Biddle at Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture (December 2, 1971)
1	6	70 th Anniversary Program (March 17, 1943)
1	7	Diamond Jubilee Program (March 31, 1948)
1	8	80 th Anniversary Program (March 13, 1953)
1	9	90 th Anniversary Program (March 30, 1963)
1	10	100 th Anniversary Souvenir Program (1873-1973)
1	11	100 th Anniversary Pictorial Booklet (1973)
1	12	Centennial Fair Souvenir Booklets (August 8, 1973, August 3, 1974)
1	13	Bicentennial Fair Booklet (USA Bicentennial 1976)
1	14	Bicentennial Program (September 20, 1975)
1	15	105 th Anniversary Program (March 16, 1978)
1	16	115 th Anniversary Tableau, Program (1988)
1	17	125 th Anniversary Booklet (1998)
1	18	Country Fair Booklets (1975, 1977-1979)
1	19	Country Fair Booklets (1980-1984)

Box 2: Local Grange Documents and Memorabilia (1983-2014)

This includes Keystone Grange No. 2 country fair booklets (1983-1989, 1991-1999), anniversary programs (1990s), annual fair booklets (2003-2009, 2011-2012, 2014).

Box Folder

2	1	Country Fair Booklets (1983-1985)
2	2	Country Fair Booklets (1986-1989)
2	3	Country Fair Booklets (1991-1994)
2	4	Country Fair Booklets (1995-1999)
2	5	Programs (1990s)
2	6	Annual Fair Booklet (2003-2007)
2	7	Annual Fair Booklet (2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2014)

Box 3: Local Grange Documents and Memorabilia (1973-2011)

This includes Keystone Grange No. 2 fair advertisements (1973-1992), photos, newspaper clippings, letterhead, miscellaneous, wooden nickel souvenirs (1973-1983, 1985, 1988, 1992, 1995, 1997-1999, 2011), exhibitor plaques (1980-82, 1990; 2004, 2010-11), and undated fair ribbon.

Box Folder

3	1	Fair Advertisements (Misc. years 1973-1992)
3	2	Photos – Keystone Grange Building (4/1/1974); Grange Fair (7/20/74)
3	3	Newspaper Clippings (Misc. 1974-1993)
3	4	Letterhead
3	5	Miscellaneous
3	6	Wooden Nickel Souvenirs (1973-1979, 1980-1983, 1985, 1988)
3	7	Wooden Nickel Souvenirs (1992, 1995, 1997-1999, 2011)
3	8	Exhibitor Plaques (1980-1982, 1990, 2001, 2004, 2010-2011)
3	9	Fair Ribbon (no date)

FEEDBACK

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