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#### INTRODUCTION

The records contain correspondence, membership records, brief minutes, voting results, financial reports and receipts, store inventories, and a book of rituals related to the Pleasant Grove Grange Patrons of Husbandry in southern Jackson County, Missouri.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

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#### INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

The Pleasant Grove Grange Patrons of Husbandry was organized in 1873 with thirty-two charter members. It operated under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State Grange and the national organization. The Grange Patrons of Husbandry claimed to be the "first labor organization ever instituted." Its goals were to protect farmers against corporations and monopolies and to influence legislation concerning agriculture.

Jacob Sweaney of Dallas, Missouri, was the chief force behind the local chapter. Following a decrease in popularity, the Pleasant Grove Grange was reorganized in 1887 and again in 1890. The local chapter also operated a store in Dallas, Missouri, managed by E. H. Matney.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records consist of mostly handwritten correspondence, membership records, brief minutes, voting results, financial reports and receipts, store inventories, and a book of rituals related to the Pleasant Grove Grange Patrons of Husbandry in southern Jackson County, Missouri. The records also include the organization's charter, blank forms, and miscellaneous documents.

#### PREFERRED CITATION:

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