

**Kingwood Grange No. 106 Papers and Records  
(1882-1987)**

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator: Kingwood Grange

Title: Kingwood Grange No. 106 Papers and Records

Collection Number: 81

Dates of Process: 2011

Volume: 3.5 Linear feet in 7 containers

Restrictions: None

Access: During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month; and by appointment)

Related Collections: None

**Abstract:** The collection contains records and papers of the Kingwood Grange of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The grange played an important role in the life of rural communities, being a combination of fraternal, social, professional, and lobbying organization. The minute books of the Kingwood grange are fairly complete from its founding in 1882 until the last entry in 1987 noting that the grange building was to be sold. The organization continued for perhaps a dozen more years, but with no home, records were not kept in a central location and were apparently scattered.

<b>Series 1</b>	<b>Official Records</b>
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>

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| <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>Minutes August 12 1882-September 27, 1884</b><br>Three large folded sheets covering the first two years of the Kingwood Grange. |
|          | <b>2</b> | <b>Minutes January 7, 1888-June 11, 1892</b><br>6 ½ x 8 composition book, marbled cover, red leather half binding                  |
|          | <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes June 25, 1892-Feb 5, 1905</b><br>6 ½ x 8 composition book, marbled cover, tan leather half binding                      |
|          | <b>4</b> | <b>Minutes June 14, 1905-June 15, 1913</b><br>6 ½ x 8 composition book, deep red cover   |
|          | <b>5</b> | <b>Minutes January 25, 1913-December 9, 1922</b><br>7 ½ x 9 ½ composition book, black flexible cover                               |
|          | <b>6</b> | <b>Minutes January 20, 1923-October 20, 1931</b>   |

- 7 1/2 x 9 1/2 composition book, black cover, red spine and corners
- 7 **Minutes November 4, 1931-December 19, 1939**  
8 x 12 1/2 record book, gray with red corners
- 2 8 **Minutes January 2, 1940-November 8, 1950 (beginning)**  
8 x 12 1/2 record book, gray with red corners
- 3 9 **Minutes November 8, 1950 (continued)-December 17, 1957**  
8 x 12 1/2 record book, gray with red corners  
Note: This very thick book is in a separate box
- 2 10 **Minutes January 14, 1958-December 15, 1959**  
47 8 1/2 x 11 lose leaf pages, typed and 3 legal sized sheets, handwritten
- 11 **Minutes January 5, 1960-January 3, 1961**  
24 8 1/2 x 11 loose leaf pages, typed
- 12 **Minutes January 17, 1961-December 17, 1963**  
57 8 x 10 1/2 loose leaf pages, typed
- 13 **Meeting Attendance, filed following minutes of December 17, 1963**  
8 8 1/2 x 11 loose leaf pages. Handwritten sign in sheets with local, Pomona, and state attendees. No other identification.
- 14 **Minutes January 21, 1975-October 6, 1981**  
8 x 11 black cloth bound "Subordinate Grange Record Book". Published by the National Grange. Pages pre printed with lists of items which should be entered.
- 15 **Minutes October 20, 1981-July 15, 1986**  
8 x 11 black cloth bound "Subordinate Grange Record Book". Published by the National Grange. Pages pre printed with lists of items which should be entered. This is the last minute book in the collection... The last entry records a vote to sell the grange hall.
- 4 16 **Grange Hall Deeds, Inventories**  
Typescript copy of deed from Benjamin Larison to Grange, 1/5 acre. Shorthand deed. Certificate of indebtedness. List of contributors. Inventories. Insurance policies.
- 17 **Partial History**  
Handwritten, probably excerpts from minute books.

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4	<p>18 <b>Secretary's Quarterly Reports 1903-1931</b> Reports to State Grange giving names of new initiates and numbers of male and female members.</p> <p>19 <b>Secretary's Quarterly Reports 1932-1947</b> Reports to State Grange giving names of new initiates and numbers of male and female members.</p> <p>20 <b>Membership Applications 1914-1925</b> Printed forms, including name of member recommending applicant and names of membership committee acting on the application.</p> <p>21 <b>Membership Applications 1925-1929</b> Printed forms, including name of member recommending applicant and names of membership committee acting on the application.</p> <p>22 <b>Membership Applications 1930-1941</b> Printed forms, including name of member recommending applicant and names of membership committee acting on the application.</p> <p>23 <b>Membership Applications 1942-1947</b> Printed forms, including name of member recommending applicant and names of membership committee acting on the application.</p> <p>24 <b>Membership Applications 1948-1957</b> Printed forms, including name of member recommending applicant and names of membership committee acting on the application.</p> <p>25 <b>Membership Records</b> Booster roll, membership cards, list of dues in arrears</p> <p>26 <b>Dimit Cards</b> Certification of Grange membership and good standing for transfer of membership to a new grange.</p> <p>27 <b>Grange Families</b> Membership history grouped by families. This was compiled by Joan Verity from various grange records, circa 2000. Probable genealogical interest</p> <p>28 <b>Miscellaneous Reports</b> Reports of State Grange meetings, other meetings, etc.</p>
Series 2	Correspondence
Box/Folder	Contents
4	<p>29 <b>Pomona Grange No. 3 Incoming Correspondence</b></p> <p>30 <b>State Grange Incoming Correspondence 1923-1949</b></p> <p>31 <b>State Grange Incoming Correspondence 1950-1976</b></p>
5	<p>32 <b>National Grange Incoming Correspondence</b></p> <p>33 <b>National Grange Incoming Correspondence Women's Programs</b></p> <p>34 <b>State and National Legislators Incoming Correspondence</b> 10 items, mostly responding to requests for support of various legislations</p>

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5	35	<b>Other Organizations and Officials Incoming Correspondence 1920-1949</b> Miscellaneous items.
	36	<b>Other Organizations and Officials Incoming Correspondence 1950-</b> Miscellaneous items
	37	<b>Individuals Incoming Correspondence</b> Thank you letters, payment transmittals, other items
	38	<b>Resolutions of Kingwood Grange</b> Various legislative and social issues
	39	<b>State and National Legislators Outgoing Correspondence</b>
	40	<b>Other Organizations and Officials Outgoing Correspondence</b>
	41	<b>Miscellaneous Outgoing Correspondence</b>
	42	<b>Membership Affairs Outgoing Correspondence</b>
Series 3	Printed Constitutions, Manuals, Songbooks	
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6	43	<b>Constitution, National Grange</b> "Constitution and Digest of the Laws and Enactments of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry" including the decisions of the Masters, Executive Committee, and Court of Appeals of the National Grange, from the organization of the Order to November 23, 1944. First printing, 1945. Hardbound book, 5 x 6 3/4 inches. 185 pages. Cover reads "Digest-1945"
	44	<b>Constitution, New Jersey State Grange</b> "Constitution of the State Grange and the Pomona Granges, Patrons of Husbandry, State of New Jersey, and the By-Laws for State and Pomona Granges, and Declaration of purposes. 1935. Paper bound booklet 3 1/2 x 5 3/4 inches. Brown
	45	<b>Grange Manual. 1905 Ed. And 1929 Ed.</b> "Manual of Subordinate Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, Adopted and Issued by the National Grange. Ninth ed. 1905, 4 x 5 3/4 inches, soft bound dark brown. Twelfth ed. 1929, 4 x 5 3/4 inches, hard bound blue. The Grange Manual covers conduct of the meeting, rituals of the first, second, third, and fourth degrees, installation ceremony, burial service, memorial service, and various other matters of a procedural or ritual nature.
	46	<b>Grange Manual. 1929 ed. 2 Copies</b> See folder 39
	47	<b>Grange Manual. 1945 ed. and 1953 Ed.</b> Twenty fourth edition, 1945, 4 x 5 3/4 inches, hard bound blue, and twenty ninth edition, 1953. Descriptions as in folder 39
6	48	<b>Grange Manual. 1955 ed. 2 Copies.</b> Twenty eighth edition, 1955. Description as in folder 39

<b>Series 3</b>	<b>Printed Constitution, Manuals, Songbooks</b>	
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Grange Manual. 1956 ed. 2 Copies</b> Thirty first edition, 1956. Description as in folder 39
	<b>50</b>	<b>Grange Manual. 1956 ed., 1972 ed.</b> Thirty first edition, 1956, Thirty seventh edition, 1972. Description as in folder 39
	<b>51</b>	<b>Grange Manual. 1972 ed. 2 copies</b> Thirty seventh edition, 1972. Description as in folder 39
	<b>52</b>	<b>Manual for Juvenile Granges 1958 ed. 3 copies</b> Nineteenth edition, 1958. Paper bound booklet, 4 x 5 ½ inches. Maroon. Conduct of meetings, rituals, ceremonies, installations, etc.
	<b>53</b>	<b>Manual for Juvenile Granges 1966 ed. 3 copies</b> Twentieth edition, 1966. Hard bound booklet, 4 x 5 ½ inches. Maroon. Conduct of meetings, rituals, ceremonies, installations, etc.
	<b>54</b>	<b>Juvenile Grange Song Book. Revised edition. 1960. 3 copies</b> Arranged and prepared by Susan W. Freestone, juvenile superintendent of the National Grange. Copyright 1935. The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Miscellaneous patriotic, inspirational, religious and Christmas songs.

<b>Series 4</b>	<b>Financial Records</b>	
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Records of check numbers and bank balances, 1981-1983</b> Very rough records on various types and sizes of paper.
	<b>56</b>	<b>Bank book, 1956-1968</b> Union National Bank, Frenchtown, NJ
	<b>57</b>	<b>Miscellaneous treasurers reports, 1935-1980</b> These are not careful reports and were probably meant only for oral presentation
	<b>58</b>	<b>Catering and entertainment papers</b> Notes of receipts for various catering associated with Grange Hall rental. Entertainment Committee reports of expenses for various grange meetings and social events...
	<b>59</b>	<b>Grange Hall electrical work. 1930</b> This covered a major upgrade of electrical system... Analysis of work needed, bid quotations, bills, etc.

<b>Series 5</b>	<b>Memorabilia</b>	
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Certificates and Awards</b>
	<b>61</b>	<b>Newspaper clippings</b>
	<b>62</b>	<b>Newsletters</b> "The Gleaner", newsletter of the NJ State Grange. Five issues 1945-1995
	<b>63</b>	<b>Regalia</b>

Catalog, order sheet, solicitation letters for ceremonial sashes and other Grange regalia. Ceremonial sashes are in the HCHS museum collection.

**64 Programs**

Assorted programs for state and local meetings, mostly of a ceremonial or awards nature.

**Series 6 Photographs**  
**Box/Folder Contents**

- 7      65      **PX5983a**  
Group photo of 15 members in formal attire. Possibly the Kingwood Grange team at a joint degree ceremony at the Sergeantsville Community House. Along with letters related to the taking of PX1983-1985. April 1961. Hardenburg photo.
- 66      **PX5983b (another copy)**
- 67      **PX 5983c (another copy)**
- 68      **PX 5984 Sergeantsville degree team**  
Group photo of 14 women in formal attire. April, 1961. Hardenburg photo.
- 69      **PX 5985 Grange Degree team**  
16 people in formal attire and wearing Grange ceremonial regalia sashes. Different group from PX5983 and 5984
- 70      **PX 5986 Jerry Caffey?**  
Standing man, barn interior. Several lines of writing on the back of the photo which have not been deciphered.
- 71      **PX5987 Bobby baking cakes for Pomona contest**  
Teenage boy mixing cake batter at kitchen table
- 72      **PX5988a "The Husbandman's Wheel of Fortune**  
Assorted farm produce artistically arranged in a circular array. Possibly a county fair contest entry.
- 73      **PX5988b. another copy**
- 74      **PX5989 Red Cross Display**  
Two ladies standing behind a table display of Red Cross item