



## **Fruitland Grange No. 611 Record Book (CG0016)**

**Collection Number:** CG0016

**Collection Title:** Fruitland Grange No. 611 Record Book

**Dates:** 1873-1876

**Creator:** Fruitland Grange

**Abstract:** The Fruitland Grange No. 611 record book contains detailed by-laws and minutes of the meetings held by members from 1873 to 1876. The fraternal organization focused on agriculture and local farmers. The group's goal was to promote agriculture and provide a unifying voice to farmers against capitalism. Men and women were eligible for membership and officers were given ranks and titles to establish order and responsibilities.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic feet  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

Fruitland Grange No. 611 was organized on September 27, 1873, in Fruitland located in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. It was a local chapter of The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry which established national agricultural advocacy groups. The idea for the organization began in 1867, by Minnesota farmer Oliver H. Kelly. He wanted to provide farmers with a unified voice against capitalism. Women and teenagers were allowed to join. William M. Ireland, one of the Founders, and others, organized the first chapter, Potomac Grange No. 1, in Washington, D.C. on January 8, 1868. In Missouri, 2,034 Granges had been organized by 1875, with 1,901 still active. Membership in these Granges totaled 80,059. It is unclear from the historical record when the Fruitland Grange ceased operations. The National Grange still exists (as of January 2019) with a membership of less than 150,000. There are no chapters in Missouri remaining.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into a single series.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Fruitland Grange record book contains the by-laws and meeting minutes of the organization from 1873 to 1876. Contained in the minutes are discussions on new membership applications, elections of officers and members to four different degrees within the organization, and financial business. The organization also emphasized agriculture education, fiscal responsibility, and cooperation with other chapters.

**Container List:**

Box 001      f. 1              Fruitland Grange No. 611 record book, 1873-1876

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