

Guide to the Turkeyfoot Grange meeting minutes, 1911-1934

Summary Information

Collection No.:	MS 2023-103
Title:	Turkeyfoot Grange meeting minutes
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Repository:	Peters Township Public Library Archives 616 East McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317
Creator:	Turkeyfoot Grange
Extent:	1 box (2 volumes)
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Records consist of two bound volumes of meeting minutes created by Turkeyfoot Grange No. 1164 in Peters Township from 1911-1922 and 1922-1934.

Biography/History

The National Grange was established in Washington D.C. in 1867. Its mission is “Strengthening individuals, families and communities through service, education, nonpartisan grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness.” The Grange has four levels: Community, County or District, State, and National . The Pennsylvania State Grange was established in 1873 and, like the National Grange, continues today.

S. B. Day organized the Turkeyfoot Grange on April 3, 1897 with thirteen charter members. Turkeyfoot Grange (Grange No. 1164), received its Pennsylvania Charter on July 1, 1897.

According to records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Grange the Turkeyfoot Grange became dormant in 1931, reorganized on January 15, 1932, and became permanently inactive in 1933.

Scope and Content Note

Records consist of two bound volumes of meeting minutes, dating from January 9, 1911 to January 8, 1934, created by the Turkeyfoot Grange No. 1164.

The first volume records meeting minutes from January 9, 1911 through April 10, 1922. Entries record the officers present, officers elected, new members, business conducted, bill payment authorizations, and lectures given. The entries also describe the readings and musical selections presented at the meetings. The first minute book contains a membership list and member dues for 1932 and 1933.

The second volume records meeting minutes from May 8, 1922 through January 8, 1934. Entries are consistent in content with the first volume and also record visits by members of other local granges. At the August 13, 1933 Grange meeting, the members discussed the merits of continuing as Grange No. 1164. They passed a resolution "that this Grange surrender its charter and vote on this at a special meeting on November 27, 1933."

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Acquisition Information:

Anonymous gift.

Accruals Note:

No further accruals are expected.

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Sources Consulted:

The following sources were consulted in the creation of this finding aid:

- The meeting minutes of Turkeyfoot Grange No. 1164
- The website of the Pennsylvania State Grange at <https://www.pagrange.org>
- The website of the National Grange at <https://www.nationalgrange.org>