

# Petersburg Grange No. 1819

**Petersburg Grange No. 1819**, was organized November 8, 1911 by Deputy State Master, John L Buchanan, assisted by Charles W. Rutledge with 28 Charter members.

Officers elected were:

Master	M. S. Fawcett
Overseer	C. H. Rutledge
Lecturer	James M. Mills
Chaplain	James Tripp
Steward	Frank Rutledge
Assistant Steward	Morris Allen
Lady Ass't Steward	Agusta Rutledge
Treasurer	Lee Rutledge
Secretary	Wert Pittenger
Gatekeeper	T. W. Brooks
Pomona	Ella Rutledge
Ceres	Mary Pittenger
Flora	Iva Brooks
Business Agent	Howard Lytle
Legislative Agent	E. M. Capper

They voted to meet the first and third Friday of each month in the hall owned by the Junior Order of American Mechanics. (North side of 1893 bridge)

A membership contest captained by Miss Laura Buxton and Miss Gertrude (Tope) Baker was held. It resulted in a class of 60 candidates for membership. By December 1913 the membership numbered 114 and by 1919 had grown to a membership of 167 which was the high point.

It was suggested under the "Good of the Order", to help all Brother and Sister granges in need when at all possible.

Mr. E. M. Capper, the oldest and a faithful member, served as County Deputy from 1913-1930. He organized several granges in the County.

On April 1, 1913 a movement was started for the purchase of the hall which was accomplished by a committee of members pledging themselves personally for the purchase price which was paid in full. The hall was always free to any church or school use and also many Farmers' institutes were held for several years. The building also served as a Second Grade High School. The last class to graduate was in 1929. The township trustees took over the building for a township house and it was rented by the Grange and made a satisfactory meeting place.. The building was sold to Walter Maple on October 30, 1943. He tore it down and built a house north of Carrollton at 1055 Kensington Rd.

The programs pertained mainly to Agriculture and Gardening. Interesting subjects for discussion and debate were:

My experience in Growing Potatoes

My Flower Garden Plans

How can USDA and the Agricultural Colleges be of more benefit to the farmers?

If anyone refused to answer roll call, they had to go forward and stand on the mat, take a bow and smile.

On November 17, 1936, we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Up to that date 385 members had been initiated. Arthur Davis was master.

In **November 1961** we celebrated our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with State Master, Byron Fredrick, as speaker of the evening. Ralph Foster was master and gave the welcome. Robert Lawther was master of ceremonies and Lawrence Capper gave the history of the organization. Our membership was 118. One hundred sixty guests were served.

In November 1986 we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with State Master, Howard Caldwell, as the speaker. Former members of Harlem Springs and Mechanicstown Granges plus our new members were invited. Our membership is now 51. Our oldest living and faithful member is Mrs. Florence Capper with 62 years.

Our activities now are as follows:

- Participate in State Contests
- Birthday Dinners are observed
- Sell State Grange Cookbooks
- Observe Rural Life Sunday
- Attend Grange Women's Luncheon
- Exhibit at County Fair each year
- Exhibit at Ohio State Fair (First place-1983)
- Window display during Grange Week

Herbert and Pat Rutledge, members of our Grange, were installed as Deputy Master and Junior Deputy respectively of the Carroll County Granges.

Our present officers are:

Master	William McCaulley
Overseer	Walter Hunt
Lecturer	Doris Baker
Chaplain	Loretta Marteney
Steward	Denzil Carpenter
Assistant Steward	Richard Caris
Lady Ass't Steward	Betty Caris
Treasurer	Pauline Davis
Secretary	Linda Groves
Gatekeeper	Lois Carpenter
Pomona	Helen Roberts
Ceres	Linda Davis
Flora	Wanda McCaulley
Legislative Agent	Martha Jones
Women's Activity Chr	Wanda McCaulley
Youth Chairman	Linda Davis

Present Golden Sheaf Members include:

Earl Antram	Florence Capper
Frances Brackin	Pauline Davis
Mildred Campbell	Lewis Dunlap

Our Grange has stood for 75 years through the efforts of many Worthy Patrons of Husbandry and we hope to continue on in Faith, Hope, Charity and with Fidelity.

Past Masters include (Years of Service):

M S Fawcett	November 11, 1911
Charles W Rutledge	1912, 1913, 1914
R W Pittenger	1915, 1916
D E Mills	1917
Harvey Rutledge	1918, 1922, 1934, 1935
Walter Brooks	1919
Frank Rutledge	1920, 1921
Charles Capper	1923, 1924
Burtis Lytle	1925, 1926, 1927
Edward Brooks	1928, 1929, 1930, 1943, 1950
Lawrence Capper	1931, 1932, 1951, 1970, 1971, 1972
Ed Boyd	1933
Arthur Davis	1936, 1937
Richard Rutledge	1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1948, 1963
J C Long	1944, 1945
Grant Rutledge	1946, 1947, 1949
Lewis Flynn	1952
Ralph Brumbaugh	1953
Chester Riley	1954, 1955, 1956
Harvey Lash	1957
John H Davis	1958
Herbert Rutledge	1959, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1973, 1974, 1978
Scott Rutledge, Sam Marteney	1960
Ralph Foster	1961, 1962, 1964, 1968, 1984, 1985
Bill Rutledge	1969
Loretta Marteney	1975, 1976, 1977
Patricia Rutledge	1981, 1982, 1983, 1984
William McCaulley	1985, 1986

Literary societies met in various school buildings throughout the county and once were very popular forms of entertainment and important also for their educational value.

Petersburg Hall, built by the Junior Order of Mechanics, stood on the north side of the creek. It was rented by the Grange until 1913 when they purchased it. It was used for all community gatherings. A township high school was held there. The building was sold to Walter Maple October 30, 1943, torn down and reused in a dwelling north of Carrollton ( Kensington Rd NE)

The one room school building was taken over by the township trustees in the early 1940's and was used for community purposes for many years. The trustees, Grange and 4H held their monthly meetings here. In 1985 the trustees transferred the property to the Carroll County Historical Society who built new facilities for the trustees on the west side of SR 332.