Preserving the history of United States agriculture and rural life: state and local literature, 1820-1945; Ohio bibliography

Abstract:
The bibliography covers literature published in Ohio, 1820-1945, related to agriculture and rural life. The items listed in the bibliography were reviewed by a panel of scholars and ranked for preservation microfilming. The funding for this project was through a grant to the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) and Cornell University by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of a national program to preserve agricultural literature.

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Although the eastern image of farm life on the prairies emphasizes the isolation of the lonely farmer and farm life, in reality rural folk created a rich social life for themselves. They often sponsored activities that combined work, food, and entertainment such as barn raisings, corn huskings, quilting bees, Grange meetings, church activities, and school functions. Consequently, local Granges focused more on community service, although the State and National Granges remain a political force.

World War I. From Prairie Farmer to Entrepreneur: The Transformation of Midwestern Agriculture. (2005) 356pp. Sisson, Richard, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, eds. The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia (Indiana University Press, 2006). 1916 pp of articles by scholars on all topics covering the 12 states. Preserving the Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900-1945 (1995). Reynolds, David R. There goes the neighborhood: Rural school consolidation at the grass roots in early twentieth-century Iowa (U of Iowa Press, 2002). Riney-Kehrberg, Pamela. Bibliographies of history of United States political divisions. Preserving the Legacy. A significant record of the history of agriculture in America can be found in documentary and literary collections of research libraries at land-grant universities across the country. To preserve this literature and to increase future access to it, the Mann Library at Cornell, in collaboration with the United States Agriculture Information Network (USAIN), coordinated the work of librarians, preservationists, and researchers concerned with the survival of these collections. Beginning in 1993, USAIN began the systematic review and planning for the preservation microfilming of agricultural materials held in the research collections of major land-grant universities. The project first sought to produce bibliographies of agricultural literature in each state.