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Frank T. Powers, Esq.  
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Dear Frank,

I have your letter of November 30th in regard to the organization of the Maine State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. If this was organized in 1893, you will find by reference to your Revised Statutes of 1883, that there was no provision in the statutes for filing the certificate with the Secretary of State or any Registry of Deeds. I find no provision for such filing until P. L. 1897, Chapter 192, which provides that within sixty days after organization "a certificate setting forth the name and purpose of the corporation, the town where located, the number and names of the officers," signed and sworn to, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Inquiry in the office of the Secretary of State fails to disclose any record of the corporation. Such a record would, of course, be of no direct legal value, but it would have a probative value if it were there, being an ancient, although not an authorized record.

Sincerely yours,

Frank I. Cowan  
Attorney General