

John Trimble:

John Trimble was a professor at Kenyon College several years before studying for the ministry. He then attained a Doctor of Divinity degree for the Protestant Episcopal Church. However, after several years, failing health forced him to leave the ministry. He then worked in education and was the head a large school in Kentucky, which was closed at the start of the Civil War.

Shortly after that, he moved with his family to Washington, DC, and worked as a clerk in US Treasury Department helping to process war claims. It was there that he became acquainted with Oliver H. Kelley. The two discussed at great length the possibility of developing the Order now known as the Grange. Although he became known as a sharp critic, his wisdom and vision was crucial in the actual forming of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

He declined to hold any office in the initial National Grange structure but later served as the third Priest Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter and the third National Grange Secretary.