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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1877-1940

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Administrative History

The Orange Order is a Protestant Christian fraternal organization, formed in Ireland in 1795 in honour of William of Orange's 1690 victory at the Battle of the Boyne. The Grand Lodge of British North America was founded in Brockville, Ontario in 1830, although there is evidence that Orangemen were active in Canada during the War of 1812.

According to the constitution of Canada's Loyal Orange Association, an applicant must be an observant Protestant Christian and be loyal to Queen and country. Members are called to be kind to others and to assist in benevolent activities within the community.

In Canada, lodges are organized within individual communities, with local district lodges, county lodges, and regional lodges forming a link to the Grand Lodge of British North America. Members of the Loyal Orange Association often strive to rise in the Biblically-based Degree system, from Orange Degree (initiation) to Blue Degree, Royal Arch Purple Degree, and Scarlet Degree. Degrees are conferred after application and advanced study. Members of the Orange Order celebrate the Battle of the Boyne every July 12, often marching in parades and playing in bands.

The County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex was formed prior to 1877. The County Orange Lodge organized district lodges in the west Middlesex County area; all district lodges reported to, and communicated through, the County lodge. The County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex had jurisdiction over lodges in the Middlesex County townships of McGillivray, East Williams, West Williams, Ekfrid, Caradoc, Metcalfe, Lobo, and Mosa.

The earliest known officers (1877) were:

E. Cade – County Master

E. Moyle – Deputy County Master

The County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex merged with the County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex in 1947.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains minute books of the County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute books

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the London Orange Hall Board on July 10, 2001.

Note

Material was originally stored in box B5619.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1877-1905	AFC 109-1
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