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**WESTERN ARCHIVES**



**WEST WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP LOYAL ORANGE LODGE  
COLLECTION**

**AFC 98**

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

**Dates**

1859-1865, 1877, 1894

**Extent**

4 folders of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains miscellaneous documents from three West Williams Township Loyal Orange Lodges: Sylvan's Mills #826, West Williams / Arkona #763, and Westwood / Parkhill #1097. A letter from the Liberal Conservative Association of North Middlesex is also included.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Sylvan's Mills Loyal Orange Lodge #826 miscellaneous documents
- Series 2: West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge #763 miscellaneous documents
- Series 3: Westwood / Parkhill Loyal Orange Lodge #1097 miscellaneous documents
- Series 4: Liberal Conservative Association of North Middlesex letter

**Finding Aids**

File list is available.

**Custodial History**

Purchased at auction in 1973 by Dr. J.M. Waters.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Donated by Dr. J.M. Waters in 1973.

**Note**

This collection was created by Western Archives in December, 2009 in order to describe very small sets of records from three West Williams Township Loyal Orange Lodges. All of these records were acquired together.

**Note**

Material was originally stored in box B4267.

**Conditions Governing Access**

No restrictions on access.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

**Series 1**      **Sylvan's Mills Loyal Orange Lodge #826 miscellaneous documents**

**Dates**

1859-1865

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Administrative History**

Sylvan's Mills Loyal Orange Lodge #826 was founded on March 12, 1857. Meetings were held in the community of Sylvan, Ontario. Discussions of annexing the other West Williams Township Lodge (West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge #763) were under way in February, 1865; it is not known whether these two lodges ever merged. Sylvan's Mills Loyal Orange Lodge was declared dormant before 1895 and the warrant was moved to Schreiber, Ontario – a community approximately 2 ½ hours east of Thunder Bay.

**Scope and Content**

This series contains various records from Sylvan's Mills Loyal Orange Lodge #826. Minutes of meetings, a membership and dues list, a transfer certificate, and a list of resolutions passed at an 1860 meeting of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Canada West are included.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
826 – Sylvan's Mills	1859-1865	AFC 98-1-3

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**Series 2**      **West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge #763 miscellaneous documents**

**Dates**

1863

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Administrative History**

West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge #763 was founded on September 10, 1856. Meetings were held in Groves Mills, now Hungry Hollow, Ontario. West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge was declared dormant before 1895 and the warrant was moved to Oakdale (near Oil Springs) in Lambton West.

**Scope and Content**

This series contains an annual return membership list from West Williams / Arkona Loyal Orange Lodge #763.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
763 – West Williams / Arkona	1863	AFC 98-1-2

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**Series 3**      **Westwood / Parkhill Loyal Orange Lodge #1097 miscellaneous documents**

**Dates**

1863-1864, 1894

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Administrative History**

Westwood Loyal Orange Lodge #1097 was founded on February 19, 1861. Renamed Parkhill Loyal Orange Lodge after Westwood changed its name to Parkhill in 1863, the lodge was transferred from the Middlesex administrative area to Huron South.

**Scope and Content**

This series contains miscellaneous documents from Westwood / Parkhill Loyal Orange Lodge #1097. Two annual returns membership lists, as well as a letter from the Lodge to a widow of a lodge member, are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
1097 – Westwood / Parkhill	1863-1864, 1894	AFC 98-1-1

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**Series 4      Liberal Conservative Association of North Middlesex letter**

**Dates**

1877

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Administrative History**

The Liberal Conservative Association of North Middlesex was a regional group designed to promote the views of the Liberal-Conservative Party, the fore-runner of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario. By the early 1870s, the Liberal-Conservatives and the Orangemen shared similar views on separate school funding, bilingualism, and immigration. Many Orangemen supported the Liberal Conservative Association, or had leadership roles within the organization.

**Scope and Content**

This series contains a letter written by E.S. Smith, secretary of the Liberal Conservative Association of North Middlesex, to a fellow un-named committee member. Dated March 28, 1877, this letter calls on the recipient to mobilize support for the association, and invites him to a meeting at Munro's Hotel in Ailsa Craig on April 9, 1877. While not directly associated with the Loyal Orange Lodge, this letter was donated with the other documents in this collection; it is possible that the recipient was a member of one of these Loyal Orange Lodges.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Liberal Conservatives Association of North Middlesex letter	1877	AFC 98-1-4