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**DELAWARE LOYAL ORANGE LODGE #902 FONDS**

**AFC 104**

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**FONDS DESCRIPTION**

**Dates**

1881-1888

**Extent**

1 volume 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.

Delaware Loyal Orange Lodge #902 was instituted on February 4, 1858. The lodge was declared dormant prior to 1890; on January 6 of that year, the warrant was transferred to Mt. Albert Loyal Orange Lodge #902 in York North district.

The earliest known officers (1881) were:

Rev. T.J. Brown – Worshipful Master  
John Monteith – Deputy Master  
St. Ledger Durdin – Treasurer  
Matthew Scott – Chaplain  
William McPherson – Secretary

Delaware Loyal Orange Lodge #902 ceased operations sometime before 1960.

**Scope and Content**

This series contains a roll book of Delaware Loyal Orange Lodge #902.

**Arrangement**

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Roll book

**Finding Aids**

Item list is available.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased at an auction of the effects of the Orange Lodge building at 388 Clarence Street in June, 1975.

**Note**

Material was originally stored in box B4271.

**Conditions Governing Access**

No restrictions on access.

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**AFC 104**  
**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

**Series 1      Roll book**

**Dates**

1872-1888

**Extent**

1 volume of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This sub-series contains the financial secretary's roll book for Delaware Loyal Orange Lodge #902. Attendance lists and records of dues paid are included sorted by individual member name.

**Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box</b>
Roll book [vol.]	1881-1888	AFC 104-1