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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1908-1958

Extent

5 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 Royal Scarlet Chapter is the highest degree of the Orange Order, administered separately from the primary lodges (Orange, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple). The Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 London was formed in 1872. The Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 falls under the jurisdiction of the County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex. Rather than travelling between lodges, like Royal Scarlet Chapters in other jurisdictions, District #1 always held monthly meetings at London's central Orange Hall.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains minute books, a roll book, and a daybook of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 London.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Daybook

Series 2: Roll book

Series 3: Minutes of meetings

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 and B5620.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Series 1 Daybook

Dates

1919-1958

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a financial daybook for the Royal Scarlet Chapter of District #1 London. Records of receipts and expenses are sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Daybook [vol.]	1919-1958	AFC 105-1

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Series 2 Roll book

Dates

1917-1951

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a roll book of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 London. Members of the Royal Scarlet Chapter are listed both alphabetically and by primary lodge affiliation.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Roll book [vol.]	1917-1951	AFC 105-1

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Series 3 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1908-1939

Extent

3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains minute books of regular meetings of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 London.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1908-1928	AFC 105-1
Minute book [vol.]	1928-1934	AFC 105-1
Minute book [vol.]	1934-1939	AFC 105-1