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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1859-1925

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.

The Royal Scarlet Chapter is the highest degree of the Orange Order, administrated separately from the primary lodges (Orange, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple). The Royal Scarlet Chapter of Adelaide District was formed prior to 1856 and falls under the jurisdiction of the County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex. The Royal Scarlet Chapter held meetings in Strathroy, Metcalfe Township, Adelaide Township, and Komoka.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute book of the Royal Scarlet Chapter of Adelaide District, East Middlesex.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute book

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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