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COUNTY ORANGE LODGE OF EAST MIDDLESEX FONDS

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1938-1960

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 County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex was officially incorporated on March 14, 1903, although records indicate that an East Middlesex County Lodge was operating before a warrant was officially issued. The County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex organized district lodges in the east Middlesex County area; all district lodges reported to, and communicated through, the County lodge. The County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex had jurisdiction over:

District #1 – London City

District #2 – London Township

District #3 – Nissouri, Dorchester and Westminster Townships (“Dorchester District”)

The earliest known officers (1903) were:

Joseph Murray – County Master
Mark Roberts – Deputy County Master
David Baskerville – Chaplain
George Wade – Treasurer
Samuel Woods – Recording Secretary

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

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute / scrap book of the County Orange Lodge of West Middlesex.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute / scrap 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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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 **Minute / scrap book**

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Scope and Content

This series contains a minute book from the County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex.
Correspondence, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, and ribbons are pasted in throughout.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute / scrap book [vol.]	1938-1960	AFC 107-1