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WESTERN ARCHIVES
AFC 107
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”)

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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.
Series 1  Minute / scrap book

Dates
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Extent
1 volume of textual records

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.

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