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FONDS DESCRIPTION**

Dates

1865-1912, 1918

Extent

2 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 #3 East Middlesex was formed on February 14, 1865 with the cooperation of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #1 London. The Royal Scarlet Chapter District #3 falls under the jurisdiction of the County Orange Lodge of East Middlesex. It held meetings at various lodges in the townships of Nissouri and Dorchester.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute book and a roll book of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #3 East Middlesex.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute book

Series 2: Roll 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 1 Minute book

Dates

1865-1912

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a minute book of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #3 East Middlesex.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1865-1912	AFC 108-1

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Series 2 Roll book

Dates

1918

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a roll book of the Royal Scarlet Chapter District #3 East Middlesex. Members of the Royal Scarlet Chapter are listed by primary lodge affiliation.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Roll book [vol.]	1918	AFC 108-1