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**THAMESFORD INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS #258
FONDS**

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FONDS DESCRIPTION**

Dates

1913-1927

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Biographical Sketch

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a benevolent fraternal organization; originally founded in the United States in 1819, it separated from the British Odd Fellows in the 1830s. Its mandate is to “improve and elevate the character of mankind;” charitable work community involvement make up a large part of Oddfellowship. Belief in a supreme being is the only requirement for membership; there are women’s and children’s groups within the I.O.O.F. family as well. The motto, “Friendship, Love, and Truth” is exemplified in the initiatory degrees of the I.O.O.F. and is represented by a three-linked chain. While the order is inter-faith, the lessons taught are derived from the Christian Bible.

The Thamesford #258 chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on August 12, 1887. The Thamesford chapter is still active today, meeting twice monthly in the Thamesford, Ontario Legion Hall.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute book detailing the meetings of Thamesford Independent Order of Odd Fellows #258.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute book

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

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Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of meetings of Thamesford Independent Order of Odd Fellows #258.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1913-1927	AFC 111-1