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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1951-1992

Extent

2 volumes 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. The first Canadian lodge was established in Montreal in 1843. The order's 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 District #19 lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded prior to 1937 and has jurisdiction over lodges in the Ontario counties of Oxford and Brant. Bi-annual or annual meetings are held at various locations throughout District #19's territory.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains a minute book detailing the meetings of the District #19 chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A minute book of the Advisory Board is also included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minute books

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from a manuscript dealer in 2009.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Series 1 Minute books

Dates

1951-1992

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of meetings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows District #19 and copies of minutes from the Grand Lodge of Ontario Advisory Board.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 1: District #19 minute book

Sub-series 2: Copies of Advisory Board minutes

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Sub-series 1.1 **District #19 minute book**

Dates

1951-1992

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of meetings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in District #19 (Oxford and Brant).

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
District #19 minute book [vol.]	1951-1992	AFC 115-1

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Sub-series 1.2 Copies of Advisory Board minutes

Dates

1982-1988

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Administrative History

The Grand Lodge of Ontario's Advisory Board was comprised of high-ranking members of various Ontario lodges. The Advisory Board dealt with financial, property, administrative, and charitable contribution matters. This particular department of the Grand Lodge of Ontario no longer appears to exist.

Scope and Content

This series contains copies of the minutes of meetings of the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge of Ontario Advisory Board. These minutes were accumulated by John L. Savage, a member of both the I.O.O.F. District #19 and the Grand Lodge of Ontario Advisory Board. Savage served as secretary of the Advisory Board during the 1980s.

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Adv. Bd. minutes [vol.]	1982-1988	AFC 115-1