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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1921-1986

Extent

11 cm of textual records

23 volumes of textual records

Biographical Sketch

The Rebekahs are the women's branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a benevolent fraternal organization. Originally founded in the early 1850s, the Rebekahs are heavily involved in charitable work and community involvement. As with the men's organization, belief in a supreme being is the only requirement for membership. While the order is inter-faith, the lessons taught are derived from the Christian Bible.

Irene Rebekah Lodge #226 was founded in Kerwood, Ontario in 1921. Meetings were held at the Kerwood Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall. Irene Rebekah Lodge ceased operations in 1991.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains records of the daily operations of Irene Rebekah Lodge #226 of Kerwood, Ontario. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, financial records, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Minutes of meetings
- Series 2: Financial records
- Series 3: Rebekah Assembly report
- Series 4: Character report books
- Series 5: Anniversary guest book
- Series 6: Question book
- Series 7: Officers' roll book
- Series 8: Membership documents
- Series 9: Semi-annual returns
- Series 10: Correspondence
- Series 11: Bylaws
- Series 12: Miscellaneous documents
- Series 13: Ceremonial documents

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Kerwood, Ontario in 2009.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

Series 1 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1921-1951, 1956-1983

Extent

7 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of regular meetings of Irene Rebekah Lodge #226.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Minute book [vol.]	1921-1928	AFC 119-1-2
Minute book [vol.]	1928-1938	AFC 119-1-5
Minute book [vol.]	1938-1951	AFC 119-1-1
Minute book [vol.]	1956-1963	AFC 119-1-6
Minute book [vol.]	1963-1970	AFC 119-1-7
Minute book [vol.]	1970-1977	AFC 119-1-4
Minute book [vol.]	1977-1983	AFC 119-1-3

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Series 2 Financial records

Dates

1921-1983

Extent

1 folder of textual records
9 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains various financial records generated by Irene Rebekah Lodge #226. Cash books, day books, dues records, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 2.1: Cash books
- Sub-series 2.2: Day book
- Sub-series 2.3: Order books and receipts
- Sub-series 2.4: Dues register

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Sub-series 2.1 Cash books

Dates

1921-1976

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains cash books for Irene Rebekah Lodge. Money received is sorted by account and by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Cash book [vol.]	1921-1963	AFC 119-1-9
Treasurer's cash book [vol.]	1963-1976	AFC 119-1-8

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Sub-series 2.2 Day book

Dates

1921-1963

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a day book kept by Irene Rebekah Lodge. Daily receipts and expenditures are sorted in order of their occurrence.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Day book [vol.]	1921-1963	AFC 119-1-10

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Sub-series 2.3 Order books and receipts

Dates

1921-1983

Extent

1 folder of textual records
5 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains order/cheque books and receipts for Irene Rebekah Lodge. Purchases of goods and services are recorded on orders and stubs.

File/Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Order book receipts	1921-1963	AFC 119-1-16
Order book [vol.]	1921-1931	AFC 119-1-11
Order book [vol.]	1932-1941	AFC 119-1-12
Order book [vol.]	1941-1953	AFC 119-1-13
Order book [vol.]	1953-1970	AFC 119-1-14
Order book [vol.]	1971-1983	AFC 119-1-15

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Sub-series 2.4 Dues register

Dates

1921-1935

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a dues register for Irene Rebekah Lodge. Lists of members and their dues paid are recorded.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Dues register [vol.]	1921-1935	AFC 119-2-17

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Series 3 Rebekah Assembly report

Dates

1954

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a handwritten report to the Lodge by its designated representative at the 1954 Rebekah Assembly conference.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Rebekah Assembly report	1954	AFC 119-2-1

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Series 4 Character report books

Dates

1921-1952

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains character report books for Irene Rebekah Lodge. Current members assess prospective members based on defined character questions, and the results (accept or decline admission) are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Character report book [vol.]	1921-1941	AFC 119-2-2
Character report book [vol.]	1935-1952	AFC 119-2-3

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Series 5 Anniversary guest book

Dates

1981-1986

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a guest book, purchased for Irene Rebekah Lodge's 60th anniversary. Entries from this event, and from the 65th anniversary celebration, are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Anniversary guest book [vol.]	1981-1986	AFC 119-2-4

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Series 6 Question book

Dates

1921-1925

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains Irene Rebekah Lodge's question books. Information about a prospective member's name, occupation, residence, health, Odd Fellow/Rebekah affiliation, and belief in a supreme being are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Question book [vol.]	1921-1925	AFC 119-2-5

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Series 7 Officers' roll book

Dates

1921-1937, 1948-1952, 1978-1982

Extent

3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the roll books of Irene Rebekah Lodge. Lists of officers and committee members are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Officers' Roll Call [vol.]	1921-1937	AFC 119-2-8
Officers' Roll Call [vol.]	1948-1952	AFC 119-2-6
Officers' Roll Call [vol.]	1978-1982	AFC 119-2-7

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Series 8 Membership documents

Dates

1922-1967, 1972

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains records relating to the membership of Irene Rebekah Lodge. Petitions for membership, and certificates for transfer to other lodges are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Membership petitions	1922-1967	AFC 119-2-9
Transfer certificates	1928, 1972	AFC 119-2-10

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Series 9 Semi-annual returns

Dates

1932-1934

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains copies of semi-annual returns for Irene Rebekah Lodge. Lists of new and deceased members, as well as details of the lodge's financial situation, are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Semi-annual returns	1932-1934	AFC 119-2-12

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Series 10 Correspondence

Dates

1922-1983

Extent

8 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence addressed to Irene Rebekah Lodge. Letters from lodge members, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, the Rebekah Assembly, and other items of correspondence are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Local lodge correspondence	1922-1983	AFC 119-2-14
Rebekah assembly correspondence	1922-1981	AFC 119-2-13
1930s correspondence general	1930-1939	AFC 119-2-15
1940s, 1950s correspondence general	1940-1959	AFC 119-2-16

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Series 11 Bylaws

Dates

1926, 1969, 1984

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains official booklets of the bylaws of Irene Rebekah Lodge.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Bylaws	1926, 1969, 1984	AFC 119-2-17

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Series 12 Miscellaneous documents

Dates

1921-1950

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains miscellaneous documents collected by Irene Rebekah Lodge #226.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1921-1950	AFC 119-2-18

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Series 13 Ceremonial documents

Dates

[ca. 1960]

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains documents relating to ceremonies held at Irene Rebekah Lodge. Songs, poems, and ritual wording sheets are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Ceremonial documents	[ca. 1960]	AFC 119-2-19