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AFC 120

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1877-1990, 1994

Extent

14 cm of textual records

16 volumes of textual records

Administrative History

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.

Egremont Independent Order of Odd Fellows #207 was originally instituted on July 25, 1877 in the village of Adelaide, Ontario. The inaugural officers were:

T.W. Evans – Noble Grand

J. Coulter – Vice Grand

Alfred Rogers – Recording Secretary

Edward Austen – Treasurer

Meetings were moved to the newly constructed Odd Fellows Hall in the nearby village of Kerwood in April, 1883. Jurisdictionally, Egremont Lodge was under the direction of London District #14. Egremont Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge ceased operations sometime after 1993.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains records of the daily operations of Egremont Independent Order of Odd Fellows #207 in Kerwood, Ontario. Minutes of meetings, membership records, financial records, bylaws, and insurance documents are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Minutes of meetings
- Series 2: Financial records
- Series 3: Question books
- Series 4: Lease
- Series 5: Officers' roll books
- Series 6: Insurance medical reports and doctors' notes
- Series 7: Membership documents
- Series 8: Semi-annual return
- Series 9: Bylaw documents
- Series 10: Correspondence
- Series 11: Bond documents
- Series 12: Regalia and supply documents
- Series 13: Miscellaneous documents
- Series 14: Attendance registers

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

For privacy reasons, access to documents in Series 6 has been restricted. Please consult the responsible archivist for more information.

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Series 1 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1877-1983

Extent

7 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of regular meetings of Egremont Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #207.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1877-1892	AFC 120-1-7
Minute book [vol.]	1892-1917	AFC 120-1-6
Minute book [vol.]	1918-1926	AFC 120-1-5
Minute book [vol.]	1926-1936	AFC 120-1-1
Minute book [vol.]	1936-1949	AFC 120-1-4
Minute book [vol.]	1949-1961	AFC 120-1-3
Minute book [vol.]	1961-1983	AFC 120-1-2

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Series 2 Financial records

Dates

1884, 1922-1925, 1934, 1953-1984, 1994

Extent

1 folder of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the financial records of Egremont Lodge #207. Order books, receipts, tax records, and other banking records are included

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 2.1: Cash book
- Sub-series 2.2: Municipal tax records

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Series 2.1 Cash book

Dates

1977-1984

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a cash book maintained by the treasurer of Egremont lodge. Money received is sorted by account and by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Financial secretary cash book [vol.]	1977-1984	AFC 120-2-9

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Series 2.2 Municipal tax records

Dates

1884, 1922-1925, 1934, 1953-1981, 1994

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the municipal tax records for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows hall in Kerwood, Ontario.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
I.O.O.F. hall – municipal taxes	1884, 1922-1925, 1934, 1953-1981, 1994	AFC 120-2-21

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Series 3 Question books

Dates

1877-1968

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

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

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Question book [vol.]	1877-1952	AFC 120-2-4
Question book [vol.]	1952-1968	AFC 120-2-3

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Series 4 Lease

Dates

1950

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a lease agreement between the trustees of Egremont Lodge and The Bank of Toronto for the Lodge Hall at part Lot 6, Concession 5, Adelaide Township.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Lease	1950	AFC 120-2-5

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Series 5 Officers' roll books

Dates

1901-1990

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the roll books of Egremont lodge. Lists of officers and committee members are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Officers' Roll Book I.O.O.F. [vol.]	1901-1930	AFC 120-2-7
Officers' Roll Book I.O.O.F. [vol.]	1931-1990	AFC 120-2-6

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Series 6 Insurance medical reports and doctors' notes

Dates

1899-1926, 1955

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains physicians' reports and notes to satisfy the requirements of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows insurance plan. Health details, benefit claims, and doctor's attestations are included.

Conditions Governing Access

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File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Medical examiner's reports, doctor's notes	1899-1926, 1955	AFC 120-2-10

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Series 7 Membership documents

Dates

1878-1965

Extent

3 folders of textual records
1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains records relating to the membership of Egremont Lodge. Petitions for membership, certificates for membership and transfer, and a membership roll book are included.

File/Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
I.O.O.F. Constitution Book [vol.]	1878-1965	AFC 120-2-8
Petitions for membership	1914-1924, 1965	AFC 120-2-12
Membership certificates	1942-1949	AFC 120-3-1
Transfer certificates	1954, 1959	AFC 120-2-11

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Series 8 Semi-annual return

Dates

1907

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a copy of a semi-annual return for Egremont 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 return	1907	AFC 120-2-13

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Series 9 Bylaw documents

Dates

1914-1990

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the bylaws and related documents of Egremont Lodge. Official booklets, as well as drafts and correspondence surrounding the bylaws, are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Papers related to I.O.O.F. by-laws and constitution	1914-1990	AFC 120-2-14
Bylaw booklets	1928, 1963, 1974	AFC 120-2-15

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Series 10 Correspondence

Dates

1912-1990, predominant 1940-1969

Extent

8 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence addressed to Egremont Odd Fellows Lodge. Letters from lodge members, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and other items of correspondence are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Grand Lodge of Ontario correspondence	1912-1990	AFC 120-2-19
1940s general correspondence	1940-1949	AFC 120-2-16
1950s general correspondence	1950-1959	AFC 120-2-17
1960s general correspondence	1960-1969	AFC 120-2-18

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Series 11 **Bond documents**

Dates

1919-1979

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains copies of bond certificates held by Egremont Lodge. Odd Fellows bonds and Canada Savings Bonds are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
I.O.O.F. bonds & Can. Savings Bonds	1919-1979	AFC 120-2-20

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Series 12 **Regalia and supply documents**

Dates

1920-1982

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains order forms, catalogues, and receipts for Odd Fellows supplies and regalia.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Supplies and regalia	1920-1982	AFC 120-2-22

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Series 13 **Miscellaneous documents**

Dates

1920-1984

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains miscellaneous documents collected by Egremont Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #207.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1920-1953	AFC 120-2-2
Miscellaneous documents	1921-1984	AFC 120-2-1

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Series 14 **Attendance registers**

Dates

1917-1965

Extent

3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains attendance records for Egremont Lodge. Lists of officers and members, as well as a registry of visitors from various local lodges, are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Attendance register [vol.]	1917-1922	AFC 120-3-4
Attendance register [vol.]	1923-1930	AFC 120-3-3
Attendance register [vol.]	1930-1965	AFC 120-3-2