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**FONDS DESCRIPTION**

**Dates**

1915-1987

**Extent**

3 volumes of textual records

**Administrative History**

The Royal Black Preceptory is a Protestant Christian organization, founded in Ireland in 1797. While being a separate organization, the Royal Black Preceptory is affiliated with the Orange Order, a fraternal organization formed in Ireland in 1795 in honour of William of Orange's 1690 victory at the Battle of the Boyne. Any prospective member of the Royal Black Preceptory must be an Orangeman first, having risen to the Royal Arch Purple degree.

According to the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West, an applicant must be an observant and studious Protestant, dedicated to charitable outreach and responsible citizenship.

In Canada, lodges are organized within individual communities, with local district preceptories (also known as encampments) linked to the Grand Black Chapter of British North America through a regional chapter like the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West. Members of the Royal Black Preceptory often strive to rise in the Biblically-based Degree system. Degrees are conferred after application and advanced study. Members refer to each other as "Sir Knight."

Oxford Royal Black Preceptory was founded in Tillsonburg on February 23, 1915 by members of other Royal Black Preceptories in the Oxford and Elgin County area. The inaugural officers were:

J.W. Allin – Worshipful Preceptor
William Woulds – Deputy Preceptor
W.S. Scott – Chaplain
Louis Livingston – Registrar
W.A. Allin - Treasurer

**Scope and Content**

This series contains minute books and a degree roll and financial statement book from Oxford Royal Black Preceptory #926.

**Arrangement**

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minutes of meetings

Series 2: Degree roll and financial statement book

**Finding Aids**

Item lists are available.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Unknown.

**Conditions Governing Access**

No restrictions on access.

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## Series 1 Minutes of meetings

**Dates**
1915-1977

**Extent**
2 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**
This series contains minute books detailing the regular and special meetings of Oxford Royal Black Preceptory #926.

**Item List**

| Title | Dates | Box |
|---|---|---|
| Minute book [vol.] | 1915-1944 | AFC 125-1-1 |
| Minute book [vol.] | 1945-1977 | AFC 125-1-2 |

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## Series 2 Degree roll and financial statement book

**Dates**
1927-1987

**Extent**
1 volume of textual records

**Scope and Content**
This series contains dual-purpose financial statement/degree roll book for Oxford Royal Black Preceptory #926. The first half contains records of dues paid between 1927 and 1951. The second half contains membership lists, with details of degrees earned and dates of death, between 1932 and 1987.

**Item List**

| Title | Dates | Box |
|---|---|---|
| Degree roll book and financial statement [vol.] | 1927-1987 | AFC 125-1-3 |