

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

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SYCAMORE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS #151 FONDS

AFC 130

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1872-1879, 1894-1900, 1914, 1925, 1930-1943

Extent

6 cm 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.

Sycamore Independent Order of Odd Fellows #151 was originally instituted on November 24, 1874 in Arkona, Ontario. The charter members were:

W.H. Hoover
Alexander Thoman
A. Coppelberger
J.F. Hoover
Alexander Hoover

Members met in the Odd Fellows Hall in Arkona. Sycamore Lodge #151 ceased operations sometime after 1943.

Scope and Content

This series contains various loose documents belonging to members of Sycamore Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #151 in Arkona, Ontario. Bylaw and constitution booklets, correspondence, membership certificates, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Constitution and bylaw booklets
- Series 2: Correspondence
- Series 3: Membership and transfer certificates
- Series 4: Medical examiner’s report
- Series 5: Miscellaneous documents

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Conditions Governing Access

For privacy reasons, documents in series 4 have been restricted. Please consult the responsible archivist for more information.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 Constitution and bylaw booklets

Dates

1879, 1897

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains booklets outlining Sycamore Lodge's constitution, bylaws, and rules of order.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Constitution and bylaws	1879, 1897	AFC 130-1-1

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Series 2 Correspondence

Dates

1894, 1915, 1942-1943

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains letters from other Odd Fellows lodges and from the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Letters from Elgin Lodge #31 in St. Thomas and Cass City Lodge #203 in Cass City, Michigan, are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
General correspondence	1894, 1915	AFC 130-1-2
Grand Lodge of Ontario correspondence	1942-1943	AFC 130-1-3

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Series 3 Membership and transfer certificates

Dates

1872-1878, 1945-1946

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains membership and transfer certificates submitted to Sycamore Lodge. Certificates proving membership in other Odd Fellows lodges and encampments, as well as withdrawal certificates, are included

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Membership and transfer certificates	1872-1878, 1945-1946	AFC 130-1-4

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Series 4 Medical examiner's report

Dates

1938

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains physicians' reports to satisfy the requirements of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows insurance plan. One member's health details are included.

Conditions Governing Access

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File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Medical examiner's report	1938	AFC 130-1-5

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Series 5 Miscellaneous documents

Dates

[ca. 1900], 1925, 1939

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains miscellaneous documents collected by Sycamore Lodge. Sample forms, song sheets, pamphlets, and advertising flyers are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1925, 1939	AFC 130-1-6
Sample blank forms	[ca. 1900]	AFC 130-1-7