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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1874-1940

Extent

1 folder of textual records
13 volumes of textual records

Administrative History

The Orange Order is a Protestant Christian fraternal organization, formed in Ireland in 1795 in honour of William of Orange's 1690 victory at the Battle of the Boyne. The Grand Lodge of British North America was founded in Brockville, Ontario in 1830, although there is evidence that Orangemen were active in Canada during the War of 1812.

According to the constitution of Canada's Loyal Orange Association, an applicant must be an observant Protestant Christian and be loyal to Queen and country. Members are called to be kind to others and to assist in benevolent activities within the community.

In Canada, lodges are organized within individual communities, with local district lodges, county lodges, and regional lodges forming a link to the Grand Lodge of British North America. Members of the Loyal Orange Association often strive to rise in the Biblically-based Degree system, from Orange Degree (initiation) to Blue Degree, Royal Arch Purple Degree, and Scarlet Degree. Degrees are conferred after application and advanced study. Members of the Orange Order celebrate the Battle of the Boyne every July 12, often marching in parades and playing in bands.

Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298 was originally founded in the village of Masonville (now an area in north London, Ontario) in 1844. A new warrant was issued on April 15, 1855, and the lodge moved its activities to London proper.

Meetings were held in many London locations throughout Boyne Lodge's history, including:

- Edge Block – 402 ½ Richmond Street (up to Dec. 1898)
- Albion Block – Richmond and Carling Streets (Jan. to Sept. 1899)
- Duffield Block – 215 Dundas Street (Oct. 1899 to Jan. 1904)
- Coote Block – 12 Market Lane (Feb. 1905 to Dec. 1907)
- Sherwood Hall – 471 ½ Richmond Street (Jan. 1908 to Sept. 1909)
- Grand Opera House Block – 473 Richmond Street (Oct. 1909 to Jan. 1914)
- Orange Hall – Dundas Street at Market Lane (Feb. 1914 to Nov. 1923)
- Ulster Hall – Dundas and Clarence Streets (Dec. 1923 to Dec. 1927)
- Orange Hall – 388 Clarence Street (Feb. 1928 to Dec. 1940)

Due to declining membership, Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298 closed in December, 1940. The remaining members transferred to other London lodges.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains minutes of meetings, financial records, and membership lists of Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Rule books and forms, used by Boyne Lodge, are also included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Minutes of meetings
- Series 2: Financial records
- Series 3: Membership list
- Series 4: Forms and rule books

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased at an auction of the effects of the Orange Lodge building at 388 Clarence Street in June, 1975.

Related Material

Copies of annual returns for this lodge are available in the District #1 Loyal Orange Lodge London Ontario fonds. For more information, please see AFC 99.

Note

Material was originally stored in boxes B4266-001, B4266-002, and B4266-003.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

Series 1 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1886-1940

Extent

6 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of meetings for Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Minutes of regular and advanced degree meetings are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 1.1: Regular meeting minutes

Sub-series 1.2: Advanced degree minutes

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Sub-series 1.1 Regular meeting minutes

Dates

1886-1940

Extent

5 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains minutes of regular and special meetings of Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Discussions of the closing of this lodge, in 1940, are also included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
L.O.L 298 London [vol.]	1886-1900	AFC 81-1-6
Minute book [vol.]	1900-1907	AFC 81-1-10
Minute book of Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge [vol.]	1907-1913	AFC 81-1-11
L.O.L. 298 London [vol.]	1913-1927	AFC 81-1-2
Boyne L.O.L. 298 [vol.]	1927-1940	AFC 81-1-9

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Sub-series 1.2 Advanced degree minutes

Dates

1914-1938

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains a minute book detailing the activities during advanced degree meetings of Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Records of Blue Degree and Royal Arch Purple Degree meetings are included

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Degree book [vol.]	1914-1938	AFC 81-1-8

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Series 2 Financial records

Dates

1874-1900, 1908-1940

Extent

6 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the financial records for Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Ledgers, roll books, and a daybook are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 2.1: Cash daybook
- Sub-series 2.2: Cash ledgers
- Sub-series 2.3: Roll books

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Sub-series 2.1 **Cash daybook**

Dates

1908-1949

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains a financial daybook for Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Records of receipts and expenses are sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Journal – cash daybook [vol.]	1908-1940	AFC 81-1-1

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Sub-series 2.2 **Cash ledgers**

Dates

1874-1900

Extent

3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains financial ledgers for Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Records of receipts and expenses are sorted by accounts.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
L.O.L. 298 ledger [vol.]	1874-1882	AFC 81-1-5
Ledger of Boyne L.O.L. 298 [vol.]	1883-1888	AFC 81-1-3
L.O.L. 298 ledger [vol.]	1889-1900	AFC 81-1-4

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Sub-series 2.3 Roll books

Dates

1909-1940

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains the financial secretary's roll books for Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Attendance lists and records of dues paid are included sorted by individual member.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Financial secretary's roll book [vol.]	1909-1922	AFC 81-1-13
Financial secretary's roll book [vol.]	1923-1940	AFC 81-1-7

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Series 3 Membership list

Dates

1908-1940

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a record of the membership of Boyne Loyal Orange Lodge #298. Details of initiation, advanced degrees earned, suspensions, and deaths are included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Boyne L.O.L. 298 membership index [vol.]	1908-1940	AFC 81-1-12

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Series 4 Forms and rule books

Dates

1916, 1923, 1926, 1937

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains rule books published by the Loyal Orange Association of British America. Rituals of the various degrees, suggested scripture readings, and items for other occasions are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
L.O.L. forms and rule books	1916, 1923, 1926, 1937	AFC 81-1-14