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FONDS DESCRIPTION**

Dates

1909-1953

Extent

4 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.

Pottersburg Loyal Orange Lodge #2056, also known as Rev. Wm. Lowe Loyal Orange Lodge #2056, was founded on February 5, 1909. Meetings were held monthly in London Junction (the Dundas Street and Hale Street area of what is now London, Ontario).

The inaugural officers were:

Bro. William Lowe – Worshipful Master
Bro. Alex Garrett – Deputy Master
Bro. J.C. Richardson – Treasurer

Pottersburg Loyal Orange Lodge #2056 was amalgamated with Ahoghill Loyal Orange Lodge #230 in March, 1955.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains the minutes of regular meetings for Pottersburg Loyal Orange Lodge #2056.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minutes of meetings

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

Note

Material was originally stored in box B4264.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Scope and Content

This series contains minute books detailing the activities during regular and special meetings of Pottersburg Loyal Orange Lodge #2056.

File/Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minutes of meetings [vol.]	1909-1927	AFC 83-1
Minutes – L.O.L. 2056 [vol.]	1927-1931	AFC 83-1
Minutes – L.O.L. 2056 [vol.]	1931-1933	AFC 83-1
Minutes of regular meetings [vol.]	1933-1953	AFC 83-1