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**FOREST CITY LOYAL ORANGE LODGE #762 FONDS**

**AFC 85**

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**AFC 85**  
**FONDS DESCRIPTION**

**Dates**

1896-1963

**Extent**

2 folders of textual records  
9 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.

Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762 was originally founded as Hillsburgh Loyal Orange Lodge in Dufferin County on January 30, 1856. Transferred to London on December 28, 1881, Forest City Lodge has held meetings at the 402 ½ Richmond Street, the Society Hall (644 Dundas Street) and at the Orange Hall (388 Clarence Street). Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge ceased operations sometime after 1963.

**Scope and Content**

This fonds contains meeting minutes, financial documents, and membership lists of Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762.

**Arrangement**

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Minutes of meetings
- Series 2: Financial records
- Series 3: Membership registers
- Series 4: Correspondence

**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 box B4271.

**Conditions Governing Access**

No restrictions on access.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

**Series 1      Minutes of meetings**

**Dates**

1924-1963

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records  
2 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains minute books detailing the activities during regular and special meetings of Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762. Minutes of regular and advanced degree meetings are included.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 1: Regular meeting minutes
- Sub-series 2: Advanced degree minutes

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**Sub-series 1.1          Regular meeting minutes**

**Dates**

1924-1927

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the minutes of regular meetings for Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Minutes	1924-1927	AFC 85-1-8

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**Sub-series 1.2**      **Advanced degree minutes**

**Dates**

1928-1963

**Extent**

2 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the minutes of Blue Degree and Royal Arch Purple Degree meetings for Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Royal Arch Purple Degree minutes [vol.]	1928-1959	AFC 85-1-1
Blue Degree minutes [vol.]	1928-1963	AFC 85-1-3



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**Series 2      Financial records**

**Dates**

1896-1963

**Extent**

6 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains records of dues, receipts, and expenses for Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 2.1: Dues ledgers

Sub-series 2.2: Cash daybooks

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**Sub-series 2.1      Dues ledgers**

**Dates**

1915-1935

**Extent**

3 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge's cash books. Entries of dues paid are sorted by individual member name.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Ledger [vol.]	1906-1912	AFC 85-1-11
Cash ledger [vol.]	1915-1925	AFC 85-1-2
Account book for Lodge #762 [vol.]	1926-1935	AFC 85-1-4

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**Sub-series 2.2          Cash daybooks**

**Dates**

1896-1963

**Extent**

3 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains daybooks detailing the financial activities of Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762. Receipts and expenses are entered according to date. The book dated 1896-1963 is the “good copy”; the other two are working copies only.

**Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Treasurer’s daybook [vol.]	1896-1963	AFC 85-1-10
Cash daybook [vol.]	1921-1929	AFC 85-1-7
Cash daybook [vol.]	1932-1937	AFC 85-1-6

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**Series 3      Membership registers**

**Dates**

1934-1953

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records  
1 volume of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series includes membership lists for Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762. The folder contains documents torn from a non-extant volume.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Register of members [vol.]	1934-1953	AFC 85-1-5
Forest City L.O.L. #762 register	1941-1944	AFC 85-1-9

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**Series 4      Correspondence**

**Dates**

1932

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series includes correspondence addressed to Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge #762.

**File and Item List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Correspondence	1932	AFC 85-1-12