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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1874, 1876-1928, 1956-1981, predominant 1956-1980

Extent

5 folders of textual records
5 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.

Thorndale Loyal Orange Lodge #248 was founded as West Nissouri Loyal Orange Lodge in 1839. A new warrant was issued on April 20, 1850. Meetings were held in the Orange Lodge building at 237 King Street in Thorndale.

Thorndale Lodge was declared dormant on June 5, 1980.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains minutes of meetings, cash books, tax and insurance records, and correspondence of Thorndale Loyal Orange Lodge #248. Copies of annual returns are also included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Minutes of meetings

Series 2: Financial records

Series 3: Correspondence

Series 4: Annual returns

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the London Orange Hall Board on July 10, 2001.

Note

Material was originally stored in box B5620.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1958-1976, 1980

Extent

1 folder of textual records
2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a minutes detailing the activities during regular and special meetings of Thorndale Loyal Orange Lodge #248.

File/Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Minute book [vol.]	1958-1963	AFC 88-1
Orange Lodge Thorndale L.O.L. 248 [vol.]	1964-1976	AFC 88-1
Thorndale L.O.L. #248 minutes	1980	AFC 88-1-3

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Series 2 Financial Records

Dates

1876-1928, 1956-1980

Extent

1 folder of textual records
3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

Within the cash books, receipts, expenses, and dues paid are sorted by date. Tax records and insurance papers for the Thorndale lodge property are also included.

File and Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Cash book [vol.]	1876-1928, 1956-1962	AFC 88-1
Cash book [vol.]	1907-1912, 1963	AFC 88-1
Cash book [vol.]	1964-1979	AFC 88-1
Thorndale L.O.L. #248 tax records and insurance documents	1973-1980	AFC 88-1-1

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Series 3 Correspondence

Dates

1874, 1976-1981

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the correspondence of Thorndale Loyal Orange Lodge #248. Letters regarding a property dispute and the attempt to have this lodge declared dormant are included. A letter, presumably a draft, written to a departing lodge member is also included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Farewell letter	1874	AFC 88-1-4
Thorndale L.O.L. #248 correspondence	1976-1981	AFC 88-1-2

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Series 4 Annual returns

Dates

1903, 1956-1974

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains copies of annual returns sent to the District Lodge. Lists of officers, membership details, and information about lodge property is included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Thorndale L.O.L. #248 annual returns	1903, 1956-1974	AFC 88-1-5