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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1909-1930

Extent

2 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.

Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge #2101 was founded on September 13, 1909 in south London, Ontario. A Lodge in the same area – Diamond Loyal Orange Lodge #925 – had gone dormant several years prior; a committee was formed in 1909 in order to revive the south London Lodge. Organizers sought to apply for the dormant warrant for Diamond Lodge, as a lower number indicates an older and more well-established Lodge; the warrant for Diamond Lodge was no longer available, however, so a new application was made.

The first official meeting of Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge was held at the South London Foresters Hall on October 8, 1909. The membership moved to the Orange Hall above the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company (the corner of Dundas Street and Market Lane) in February, 1914. Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge ceased operations sometime after 1930, but before 1960.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains the administrative records of Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge #2101. A cash book, recording receipts and expenditures, and minutes of meetings are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Treasurer's cash book

Series 2: Minutes of meetings

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.

A minute book for Diamond Loyal Orange Lodge #925 is available at Western Archives. For more information, please see AFC 79.

Note

Material was originally stored in boxes B4268 and B4269.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

Series 1 Treasurer's cash book

Dates

1909-1930

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a cash book, kept by the treasurer of Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge #2101. Receipts and expenditures are recorded and are sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Treasurer's cash book [vol.]	1909-1930	AFC 90-1

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 2 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1909-1918

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the minutes of regular and special meetings held by Beaver Loyal Orange Lodge #2101. Minutes of preliminary meetings, as well as a detailed account of the Lodge's founding, are also included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minutes [vol.]	1909-1918	AFC 90-1