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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1838-1849, 1852-1931

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.

Britannia Loyal Orange Lodge #156 was originally founded in 1833; a new warrant was issued on June 12, 1844. Britannia Lodge met in Southgate, a now non-existent village near what is currently the corner of Wonderland Road and 14 Mile Road, north of London, Ontario.

The earliest known officers (1838) were:

Bro. William Gaines – Worshipful Master

Bro. John Blackwell – Deputy Master

Bro. Thomas Shoebottom – Treasurer

Bro. Willam Slack – Secretary

Britannia Loyal Orange Lodge #156 ceased operations sometime after 1960.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains the administrative records of Britannia Loyal Orange Lodge #156. Minutes of meetings, dues records, and membership lists are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Record books

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 the recording secretary's books from Britannia Loyal Orange Lodge #156. Details of dues paid, minutes of meetings, and other lodge information are all recorded in the same book.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Record book [vol.]	1838-1849	AFC 91-1
Record book [vol.]	1852-1863	AFC 91-1
Record book [vol.]	1864-1878	AFC 91-1
Record book [vol.]	1879-1931	AFC 91-1