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COVENANT ROYAL BLACK PRECEPTORY #346 FONDS

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1892-1960

Extent

1 folder of textual records
4 volumes of textual records

Administrative History

The Royal Black Preceptory is a Protestant Christian organization, founded in Ireland in 1797. While being a separate organization, the Royal Black Preceptory is affiliated with the Orange Order, a fraternal organization formed in Ireland in 1795 in honour of William of Orange's 1690 victory at the Battle of the Boyne. Any prospective member of the Royal Black Preceptory must be an Orangeman first, having risen to the Royal Arch Purple degree.

According to the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West, an applicant must be an observant Protestant, dedicated to charitable outreach and responsible citizenship.

In Canada, lodges are organized within individual communities, with local district preceptories linked to the Grand Black Chapter of British North America through a regional chapter like the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West. Members of the Royal Black Preceptory often strive to rise in the Biblically-based Degree system. Degrees are conferred after application and advanced study. Members refer to each other as "Sir Knight."

Covenant Royal Black Preceptory #346 was instituted on September 23, 1874. Meetings were held in the Ulster Hall at Dundas and Clarence Streets in London, Ontario (before 1922 to 1927) and at 388 Clarence Street (beginning January, 1928).

Scope and Content

This fonds contains meeting minutes, dues books, and miscellaneous documents of Covenant Royal Black Preceptory #346.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Minutes of meetings
- Series 2: Dues books
- Series 3: Miscellaneous documents

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Portions were donated by the London Orange Hall Board on July 10, 2001. Other documents were 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 boxes B4264, B4267, and B5617.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Series 1 Minutes of meetings

Dates

1895-1897, 1923-1932

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains minute books detailing the activities of regular and special meetings of Covenant Royal Black Preceptory #346. An inventory of the property of Covenant Preceptory is also included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Minute book [vol.]	1895-1897	AFC 97-1
Minute book with property inventory [vol.]	1923-1932	AFC 97-1

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Series 2 **Dues books**

Dates

1892-1960

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains dues books for Covenant Royal Black Preceptory #346. Records of dues received are sorted by individual member name.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Roll [vol.]	1892-1932	AFC 97-1
Dues ledger [vol.]	1928-1960	AFC 97-1

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Series 3 Miscellaneous documents

Dates

1946-1960

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains miscellaneous documents of Covenant Royal Black Preceptory #346. Thank-you cards, correspondence, and receipts are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1946-1960	AFC 97-1-1