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**FONDS DESCRIPTION**

**Dates**

1846, 1858, 1862, 1864, 1876-1968, 1977, predominant 1920-1967

**Extent**

55 cm of textual records  
20 folders of textual records  
6 volumes of textual records  
1 postcard  
5 photographs  
2 collars  
3 ribbons

**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.

The Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London was officially incorporated on October 10, 1891, subsequent to the incorporation of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Records indicate that the District #1 London lodge was operating under this name before the warrant was officially issued. District #1 London lodge organized local lodges in the London, Ontario area; all smaller lodges reported to, and communicated through, District #1 London lodge. District #1 London lodge was also responsible for conducting advanced degree meetings at the smaller local lodges.

The inaugural officers, as they appear on the 1891 warrant, were:

William Brodison – Worshipful Master

Thomas Johnston – Deputy Master

George Loney – Recording Secretary

Maurice Baldwin – Treasurer

### **Scope and Content**

This fonds contains the records of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. Records of some of the smaller lodges, sent to the District #1 London lodge, are included.

Correspondence, annual returns, programmes, reports, forms, financial records, and miscellaneous documents are also included. As well, a post card, photographs of some of the Lodge's officers, collars, and ribbons are included.

### **Arrangement**

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Annual returns
- Series 2: Correspondence
- Series 3: Miscellaneous documents
- Series 4: Financial records
- Series 5: Transfer certificates
- Series 6: Souvenir programmes
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- Series 16: Collars and ribbons

### **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.

### **Note**

Material was originally stored in boxes B4265, B4267, B4268, B4269, and B4270.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

No restrictions on access.

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**SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

**Series 1      Annual returns**

**Dates**

1901, 1904-1905, 1907-1924, 1926-1927, 1931-1967

**Extent**

30 cm of textual records  
1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains annual returns of London area lodges, as well as amalgamated annual returns from Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. Special returns detailing members who served during World War II are also included.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:  
Sub-series 1: Local Orange Lodge annual returns  
Sub-series 2: District Lodge annual returns  
Sub-series 3: Enlistment returns

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**Sub-series 1.1      Local Orange Lodge annual returns**

**Dates**

1901-1902, 1904-1905, 1907-1924, 1926-1927, 1931-1943, 1947-1967

**Extent**

25 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the district copies of annual returns sent from various Orange lodges in District #1's jurisdiction. Lists of officers and members and details of lodge assets are included.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Star of Bethlehem #2769 annual returns	1921-1923, 1934-1935, 1938-1943, 1947-1950	AFC 99-1-1
Star of Bethlehem #2769 annual returns	1951-1953, 1955-1967	AFC 99-1-2
Ahoghill #230 annual returns	1921-1923, 1932, 1934-1938, 1940-1943, 1947-1950	AFC 99-1-3
Ahoghill #230 annual returns	1951-1967	AFC 99-1-4
Pro Patria #2851 annual returns	1921-1923, 1935-1937	AFC 99-1-5
Beaver #2101 annual returns	1914, 1921-1923	AFC 99-1-6
Nassau #2170 annual returns	1914, 1922-1924, 1934-1943, 1947-1950	AFC 99-1-7
Nassau #2170 annual returns	1951-1959, 1961-1967	AFC 99-1-8
Boyne #298 annual returns	1901-1902, 1904-1905, 1907-1924	AFC 99-1-9

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Boyne #298 annual returns	1926-1927, 1932-1939	AFC 99-1-10
Langemark #2625 annual returns	1922-1924, 1934-1943, 1947-1951	AFC 99-1-11
Hackett #805 annual returns	1915, 1921-1923, 1931, 1934-1939, 1941-1942, 1947-1950	AFC 99-1-12
Hackett #805 annual returns	1951-1958, 1960-1967	AFC 99-1-13
Forest City #762 annual returns	1914, 1921-1923, 1934, 1937-1942, 1947-1954	AFC 99-1-14
Forest City #762 annual returns	1955-1967	AFC 99-1-15



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**Sub-series 1.2          District Lodge annual returns**

**Dates**

1934-1938, 1940-1956, 1959-1966

**Extent**

5 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the annual returns sent from Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. All of the information from the local lodge returns was compiled and sent to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Lists of officers and members, and details of lodge assets, are included. Many of the returns are incomplete.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
London District #1 annual returns	1934-1938, 1940-1950	AFC 99-1-16
London District #1 annual returns	1951-1956, 1959-1966	AFC 99-1-17

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**Sub-series 1.3          Enlistment returns**

**Dates**

1939-1944

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains special returns of London area lodges to District #1 London, detailing members who were serving in World War II. Names, ages, home lodges, and details of whether they were serving overseas are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
World War II enlistment returns	1939-1944	AFC 99-2-12

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**Series 2      Correspondence**

**Dates**

1927-1968

**Extent**

10 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains correspondence addressed to, or issued by, Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Correspondence	1927-1937	AFC 99-2-2
Correspondence	1932-1948	AFC 99-3-3
Correspondence	1938-1939	AFC 99-2-4
Correspondence	1939-1956	AFC 99-2-3
Correspondence	1940-1944	AFC 99-3-6
Correspondence	1957-1968	AFC 99-2-1

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**Series 3      Miscellaneous documents**

**Dates**

1920-1967

**Extent**

15 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains miscellaneous documents of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. Notes, reports to committees, and drafts of addresses are included.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1920-1948	AFC 99-2-8
Miscellaneous documents	1930-1948	AFC 99-3-2
Miscellaneous documents	1940-1945	AFC 99-3-5
Miscellaneous documents	1941-1944	AFC 99-2-5
Miscellaneous documents	1945-1958	AFC 99-2-9
Miscellaneous documents	1958-1967	AFC 99-2-7
Miscellaneous documents	1960	AFC 99-2-6

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**Series 4      Financial Records**

**Dates**

1920-1960

**Extent**

3 folders of textual records  
1 volume of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains financial records of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. Receipts, advertising records, and a dues book are included.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 4.1: Receipts
- Sub-series 4.2: Derry Day parade advertising records
- Sub-series 4.3: District #1 dues book

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**Sub-series 4.1          Receipts**

**Dates**

1922-1960

**Extent**

2 folders of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains receipts of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London purchases. Receipts for regalia, utilities, and advertising are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Receipts	1958-1960	AFC 99-2-10
Receipts	1922-1960	AFC 99-3-4

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**Sub-series 4.2      Derry Day parade advertising records**

**Dates**

1960

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains designs and receipts for advertisements sold in a Loyal Orange Lodge Derry Day parade souvenir booklet, issued by Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Advertising records	1960	AFC 99-2-11

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**Sub-series 4.3          Dues book**

**Dates**

1920-1925

**Extent**

1 volume of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains a District #1 London dues book. Entries of dues paid are sorted by individual member name.

**File and Item List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Dues book [vol.]	1920-1925	AFC 99-3-9



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**Series 5      Transfer certificates**

**Dates**

1846, 1862, 1864, 1889

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains transfer certificates compiled by Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. The individual lodges to which these members were transferring is not known.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Transfer certificates	1846, 1862, 1864, 1889	AFC 99-2-13

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**Series 6      Souvenir programmes**

**Dates**

1925-1956, 1958-1961, 1968, 1977

**Extent**

6 folders of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains souvenir programmes from local London area Loyal Orange Lodge events. Programmes from parades, banquets, conventions, and annual meeting dinners are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
District #1 London annual meeting and banquet programmes	1958-1961	AFC 99-2-16
Souvenir song sheets	[ca. 1950]	AFC 99-2-17
London area souvenir programmes	1925-1956	AFC 99-2-21
London area souvenir programmes	1960-1974	AFC 99-2-22
Miscellaneous London area souvenir programmes	1926, 1956, 1958, 1977	AFC 99-2-23
Provincial Grand Orange Lodges – convention programmes	1926, 1968	AFC 99-2-24

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**Series 7      Position papers**

**Dates**

1922-[ca. 1960]

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains essays, publications, and leaflets promoting the views of the Loyal Orange Lodge. Publications from the Grand Lodge of British America, the Grand Ontario Lodge of Ontario West, and the Loyal Orange Association in Ontario are included. Separate schools and bilingualism are discussed.

**File List**

Title	Dates	Box/File
Position papers – separate schools, bilingualism	1922-[ca. 1960]	AFC 99-2-20

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**Series 8      Reports of Proceedings**

**Dates**

1858, 1926, 1932, 1943, 1953, 1968

**Extent**

2 folders of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains reports of annual meetings of the Grand Lodge of British North America and the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, all held in London, Ontario.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Grand Lodge of British North America report	1858	AFC 99-2-25
Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West – reports of proceedings	1926, 1932, 1943, 1953, 1968	AFC 99-3-1

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**Series 9      Minutes of meetings**

**Dates**

1876-1953

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records  
5 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the minutes of executive and advanced degree meetings of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

- Sub-series 1: District #1 executive minutes
- Sub-series 2: District #1 advanced degree minutes

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**Sub-series 9.1          Executive minutes**

**Dates**

1876-1884, 1931-1945

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records  
2 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the minutes of Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London executive meetings. The 1944-1945 minute book has the records of two meetings only; it appears as if the usual record book was forgotten on these two occasions.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Minute book [vol.]	1876-1884	AFC 99-3-11
Records [vol.]	1931-1949	AFC 99-3-10
Minute book	1944-1945	AFC 99-3-8

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**Sub-series 9.2      Advanced degree minutes**

**Dates**

1878-1953

**Extent**

3 volumes of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains the minutes of advanced degree meetings, administered by Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London in various local lodges. Blue, Purple, and Royal Arch Purple degree minutes are included.

**Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Royal Arch degree book [vol.]	1879-1952	AFC 99-3-12
Royal Purple degree book [vol.]	1878-1953	AFC 99-3-13
Royal Blue degree book [vol.]	1878-1929	AFC 99-3-14

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**Series 10      Postcard and photographs**

**Dates**

1948

**Extent**

1 postcard : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm

5 photographs : b&w ; 6 x 9 cm

**Scope and Content**

This series contains five photographs of lodge officers, likely taken for an Orange Lodge publication. A post card of Paudash Lake, Ontario is also included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Postcard and photographs	1948	AFC 99-3-16



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**Series 11      Credential forms**

**Dates**

1936-1967

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains credential forms necessary to attend votes at Loyal Orange Lodge District #1 London. The name of the lodge member, the lodge number he represented, and the highest rank he achieved are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Credential forms	1936-1967	AFC 99-2-14

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**Series 12**      **Rule, regulation, and constitution booklets**

**Dates**

1935-1957

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains books of rules and regulations for various branches of the Loyal Orange Lodge. Constitutions for several lodges are also included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Miscellaneous rules, regulations, constitution booklets	1935-1957	AFC 99-2-15

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**Series 13      London Orange Hall prospectus**

**Dates**

1927

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains a prospectus for the proposed London Orange Hall at 388 Clarence Street. Names of directors and information about shares are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
London Orange Hall prospectus	1927	AFC 99-2-18

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**Series 14     Lodge cards and directories**

**Dates**

1940-1961

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains pocket lodge cards and directories for various London area Orange Lodges. Names of officers and details of time and place of meetings are included.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
London area lodge cards and directories	1940-1961	AFC 99-2-19

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**Series 15      Juvenile Orange Lodge #361 warrant**

**Dates**

1952

**Extent**

1 folder of textual records

**Scope and Content**

This series contains a warrant, issued by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, for a new Juvenile Orange Lodge chapter in London, Ontario. No further information about Juvenile Orange Lodge #361 is known.

**File List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Juvenile Orange Lodge #361 warrant	1952	AFC 99-3-7

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**Series 16 Collars and Ribbons**

**Dates**

1958-1960

**Extent**

2 collars

3 souvenir ribbons

**Scope and Content**

This series contains two collars, presumably worn in Orange Lodge ceremonies. Three souvenir ribbons, from Derry Day parades and the annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West are included.

**File and Item List**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box/File</b>
Ribbons and collars	1958-1960	AFC 99-3-15