



Collection Summary

Title

Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodges of Jackson County, Missouri Collection

Date

1859-2000

Extent

7 boxes—6 archival boxes and 1 oversized archival box

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Name of Creator

Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.)

Biographical History

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a fraternal organization founded in England during the 18th century. In the United States, the first official lodge was founded as the Washington Lodge #1 in Baltimore in 1819. Although nothing has been documented, there are several explanations for the strange name. One explanation is that common laborers associating as a fraternity was peculiar or odd for the time. Another explanation is that the original Odd Fellows were part of various or odd trades. The Odd Fellows are divided into branches called lodges. The Odd Fellows became the first fraternal organization to include men and women when the Rebekah degree was added in 1851. Members can attain higher degrees within the Odd Fellows. The purpose of the organization is to provide help to the members and the community. The three links of Odd Fellowship's symbol represent Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Scope and Content

This collection includes fraternal records from Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges in the Jackson County, Missouri area ranging from as early as 1857 to as recent as 2000. A few of the records are from Encampments, a higher branch, and from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The collection includes correspondence, financial records, membership records and other materials relating to the organization and operation of the various lodges. The membership records often contain valuable genealogical information such as the members' birth or death dates. The financial information in the collection consists of ledgers, receipts, and financial reports. Many of the lodges have organizational records such as minutes and roll call books. One journal entitled, Trustee Term Commencing July 1, 1928 contains information regarding payments for burial and payments made to widows or children of lodge members. These records include death dates and widows and children's names. Certificates in this collection were issued by lodges to members for various reasons, such as membership or transferring to another lodge or for dismissal.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 19 series.

Box 1

Series 1, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, Kansas City, MO

Folder 1--Membership Records, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, 1895-1897

Folder 2--Membership Records, [Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161], 1921-1936

Folder 3--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, Jul 1905-Apr 1911

Folder 4--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, January 1947-December 1951

Folder 5--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, January 1952-November 1956

Folder 6--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, January 1957-November 1962

Folder 7--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, January 1963-December 1965

Folder 8--Minutes, Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161, Feb 1970-Oct 1973

Folder 9--Transfer Certificates to Baxter Rebekah Lodge #151

Folder 10--Transfer Request Certificates Issued by Baxter Rebekah Lodge #161

Series 2, Belton Lodge #891, Belton, MO

Folder 11--Folder 11--Membership Records, Belton Lodge #891, 1968-1999

Folder 12--Transfer Request Certificates Issued by Belton Lodge #891

Series 3, Elmwood Lodge #582, Kansas City, MO

Folder 13--Membership Records, Elmwood Lodge #582, 1918-1931

Folder 14--Officers Roll Book, Elmwood Lodge #582, 1975-1978

Series 4, Gates City Lodge #60, Kansas City, MO (Consolidated with Ridgely #435 in 1917)

Folder 15--Membership Records, Gate City Lodge #60, 1914

Box 2

Series 5, Grand Encampment of Missouri

Folder 1--Grand Encampment of Missouri

Series 6, Grand Lodge of Missouri

Folder 2--Grand Lodge of Missouri Election Ballot, 1980

Folder 3--Roll Call Book, Past Noble Grands, 1945-1960

Series 7, Kansas City Encampment #27, Kansas City, MO

Folder 4--Membership Records, Kansas City Encampment #27, 1894-1899

Folder 5--Minutes, Kansas City Encampment #27, 1869-1870, 1889-1904 [oversized]

Folder 6--Petition for Membership, Kansas City Encampment #27, Kansas City, MO

Series 8, Kansas City Encampment #110, Kansas City, MO

Folder 7--Correspondence, Kansas City Encampment #110, 1899-1900

Folder 8--Membership & By-laws, Kansas City Encampment #110, 1894-1900

Folder 9--Minutes, Encampment, Kansas City #110, 1894-1900, 1918-1900

Series 9, Miscellaneous

Folder 10--Application for Admission to the Odd Fellows' Home of Missouri

Folder 11--Certificate for a Member of a Rebekah Lodge Now Defunct

Folder 12--Certificate for a Member of a Subordinate Now Defunct

Folder 13--Dismissal Certificates

Folder 14--Encampment Transfer Certificates

Folder 15--Newspaper Clippings

Folder 16--Official Certificates, Misc. Lodges



Folder 17--Rebekah Dismissal Certificates
Folder 18--Rebekah Withdrawal Cards
Folder 19—Receipts
Folder 20--Transfer Certificates to Misc. Lodges
Folder 21--Transfer Certificates to Misc. Rebekah Lodges
Folder 22--Trustee Term Commencing July 1, 1928
Folder 23--Visiting Certificates
Folder 24--Withdrawal Certificates

Peerless Lodge #530 SEE: Union Lodge #168, Kansas City, MO

Series 10, Purity Lodge #201, Lee's Summit, MO

Folder 25--Ledger, Purity Lodge #201, Mar 1890-Jan 1938
Folder 26--Membership Records, Purity Lodge #201, 1902-1953
Folder 27--Membership Records, [Purity Lodge #201], 1904-1916
Folder 28--Minutes, Purity Lodge #201, Jan 1924-Mar 1927

Box 3

Folder 1--Minutes, Purity Lodge#201, Mar 1927-Dec 1930
Minutes, Purity Lodge #201, Jan 1938-Dec 1943 (See: Minutes, Raytown
Lodge #612 Raytown, MO, Mar 1935-Nov 1936)
Folder 2--Minutes, Purity Lodge #201, Jul 1952-Feb 1956
Folder 3--Minutes, Purity Lodge#201, Feb 1956-Jan 1965
Folder 4--Minutes, Purity Lodge #201, Jan 1965-Nov 1968
Folder 5--Officers Roll Book, Purity Lodge #201, Jan 1922-Jan 1948
Folder 6--Register of Reports, Purity Lodge #201, 1903-1927
Folder 7--Register of Visitors, Purity Lodge #201, [1922]-1936

Series 11, Raytown Lodge #612, Raytown, MO

Folder 8— Membership Records, [Raytown Lodge #612], 1907-1937
Folder 9--Membership Records, Raytown Lodge #612, 1940-1942
Folder 10--Minutes, Raytown Lodge #612, Dec 1923-Sep 1927
Folder 11--Minutes, Raytown Lodge #612, Jun 1931-Feb 1935
Folder 12--Minutes, Raytown Lodge #612, Mar 1935-Nov 1936 and Purity Lodge #201,
Lee's Summit, MO, Jan 1938-Dec 1943
Folder 13--Officers Roll Book, Raytown Lodge #612, Sep 1907-Dec 1935
Folder 14--Register of Reports, Raytown Lodge #612, Raytown, MO, 1907-1931

Box 4

Series 12, Rebekah District #33, Blue Springs, MO

Folder 1--Ledger, Rebekah District #33, Blue Springs, MO, 1950-2000

Series 13, Sloan Lodge #729, Kansas City, MO

Folder 2--Application for Membership, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 3--Bank Receipts, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 4--Blue Valley YMCA Building Fund Receipts, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 5--By-Laws, Sloan Lodge #729, 1954
Folder 6--Cards, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 7--Correspondence, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 8--Financial Report Received Post Cards, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 9—Ledger, [Sloan Lodge #729], Jan 1963-Dec 1969
Folder 10--Membership Directory, Sloan Lodge #729, 1939
Folder 11--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, A-C
Folder 12--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, D-F



Folder 13--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, G-J
Folder 14--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, K-N
Folder 15--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, O-R
Folder 16--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, S-T
Folder 17--Membership Records, Sloan Lodge #729, U-Z
Folder 18--Minutes, Sloan Lodge #729, Jan 1967-Dec 1969
Folder 19--Official Certificates, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 20--Past Dues Notices, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 21--Petition for Membership, Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 22--Transfer Certificates to Sloan Lodge #729
Folder 23--Transfer Request Certificates Issued by Sloan Lodge #729

Series 14, Sloan Rebekah Lodge #482, Kansas City, MO

Folder 24--Application for membership, Sloan Rebekah Lodge #482, 1908-1910
Folder 25--Membership Records, Sloan Rebekah Lodge #482, 1907-1946
Folder 26--Minutes, Sloan Rebekah Social Club, Jun 1962-Sep 1965
Folder 27--Minutes, Sloan Rebekah Social Club, 1962-1971
Folder 28--Register of Reports, Sloan Lodge #729, July 1943-Dec 1971
Folder 29--Request for Transfer Certificates Made to Sloan Rebekah Lodge #482
Folder 30--Transfer Certificates to Rebekah Sloan Lodge #482
Folder 31--Transfer Request Certificates Issued by Rebekah Sloan Lodge #482

Box 5

Series 15, Sterling Rebekah, Kansas City, MO

Folder 1--Ledger, Sterling Rebekah Lodge #799, 1930-1961
Folder 2--Minutes, Sterling Rebekah Lodge #799, Jan 1954-Sep 1958
Folder 3--Minutes, Sterling Rebekah Lodge #799, Dec 1959-Jan 1962
Folder 4--Transfer Requests Issued by Sterling Rebekah Lodge #799

Series 16, Summit Lodge #263, Lee's Summit, MO

Folder 5--Ledger, Summit Lodge #263, 1909-1914

Series 17, Union Lodge #168, Kansas City, MO

Folder 6--Membership Records, Union Lodge #168, 1889
Folder 7--Register of Reports, Peerless Lodge #530, 1896-1900 continued as Union Lodge #168, 1901-1962

Series 18, Unknown lodges

Folder 8--Ledger, [unknown lodge], 1914-1920
Folder 9--Ledger, [unknown lodge], Jan 1936-Dec 1939
Folder 10--Ledger, [unknown lodge], Jan 1958-Dec 1961
Folder 11--Ledger, [unknown lodge], Jan 1960-Oct 1973
Folder 12--Membership Records, [unknown lodge], undated
Folder 13--Membership Records, [unknown lodge], 1859-1862, 1879-1897
Folder 14--Membership Records, [unknown lodge], 1890-1903
Folder 15--Membership Records, [unknown lodge], 1897-1910

Box 6

Folder 1--Minutes, [unknown lodge], Oct 1947-Sep 1950
Folder 2--Roll Call Book, [unknown lodge], 1931-1958
Folder 3--Roll Call Book, [unknown lodge], 1971-1972

Series 19, Veitch Lodge #704, Kansas City, MO

Folder 4--Membership Records, Veitch Lodge #704, 1967-1989 [oversized]
Folder 5--Roll Call Book, Veitch Lodge #704, 1967-1975

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed in file folders. Some items within this collection are fragile and will require staff assistance. Some items are oversized and are housed in MGC's oversize archival storage.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by George and Lori Saunders.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following source was consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

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Related Materials

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