

Title:	Niagara Lodges of the Loyal Orange Association of British America collection, 1849-1991		
Creator:	Niagara Lodges of the Loyal Orange Association of British America No. 12 Johnston Lodge Merritton No. 75 St. Catharines. Queen Alexandra Lodge Ladies Orange Benevolent Association No. 77 Merritton [Centreville] No. 117 St. Catharines No. 130 Merritton. Livingstone Lodge No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory No. 270 Niagara No. 341 Grantham No. 454 Wainfleet. Royal Black Preceptory Peace No. 573 Niagara District [Excelsior] No. 603 Wainfleet [Maple Leaf]. No. 720 St. Catharines. Enniskillen No. 844 Merritton No. 1221 Virgil No. 1334 Fonthill No. 2532 Niagara District [Victoria] No. 2732 Grimsby and Smithville [Sugarloaf].		
Dates of Material:	1849-1991	Record Group Number:	RG 57
Summary of Contents:	<p>Series I. Minute Books</p> <p>Box 1 No. 720 St. Catharines. Enniskillen, 1907-1925, 1927-1973. Note: 1937-1941 is included in Niagara District Minute Books 1913-1921[9 volumes]</p> <p>No. 117 [St. Catharines], 1856- 1875</p> <p>Box 2 No. 77 Merritton [Centreville], 1858-1970; some volumes include loose papers. [8 volumes]</p> <p>No. 77 and No. 844 Building Committee, 1898-1899</p> <p>No. 844 Merritton, 1875-1880</p> <p>No. 12 Johnston Lodge Merritton, 1890-1929</p> <p>L.O.L Merritton District, 1896-1910, includes No. 720 Enniskillen Blue Degree</p> <p>Box 3 No. 270 Niagara, 1851-1875</p>		

Niagara District [incl. nos. 573, 720, 1769, 2524, 2584], 1913-1921; includes minutes of No. 720 St. Catharines 1937-1941]

Lincoln County, 1884-1922, 1942-1969; includes papers and last minutes before onset of Regional Municipality of Niagara

No. 341 Grantham, 1894-1963 [3 volumes]

No. 1221 Virgil, 1893-1908 [with No. 124 Royal Arch Purple]

No. 1334 Fonthill, 1871-1890

No. 2732 Grimsby and Smithville, 1925-1947

No. 2 Fort Erie. Queen Elizabeth Past Mistress's [sic] Club, 1941-1958

No. 75 St. Catharines. Queen Alexandra Lodge Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, 1909-1921 [2 volumes]

Orange Hall / Patricia Hall Committees 1910-1932

Patricia Hall Committee 1932-1948

Box 6 No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory. 1874-1968; includes loose papers [9 volumes]

No. 341. Grantham. Including Royal Arch Purple, Royal Blue, Royal Purple, Special Royal Arch Purple, 1862-1959 [non-inclusive]

No. 844 Merritton and No. 77 Merritton. Royal Purple, Blue, Royal Arch Purple Mark, 1875-1912 [non-inclusive]

Box 7 No. 720 St. Catharines. Enniskillen. Blue Degree. Royal Purple, 1913-1963.

No. 130 Merritton. Livingstone Lodge.. Blue Degree. Royal Arch Purple, 1922-1927

No. 77 Merritton. Blue Apron Degree [True Blue], 1896

No. 77 Merritton. White Rose Degree, 1898

No. 77 Merritton. Royal Arch Purple, 1920-1981; includes some Blue Degree entries]

No. 77 Merritton. Hall Committee, 1949-1972

No. 454 Wainfleet. Royal Black Preceptory Peace, 1956-1964

No. 341 Lincoln County. Royal Scarlet Chapter. Companion Minute Book, 1849-1934

No. 341 Lincoln County. Royal Scarlet Chapter. Companion Minute Book, 1907-1924; includes Fonthill, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Welland, St. Catharines, Wainfleet

Series II. Financial Records and Roll books

Box 4 No. 341 Grantham, Treasurer's Book 1860-1960. Volume 1860-1939 is in an oversize box [3 volumes]

No. 75 Ladies Orange Benevolent Society. St. Catharines [Queen Alexandra] Roll Book 1909-1947 [2 volumes]

No. 720 St. Catharines [Enniskillen] Proposition Book 1912-1940

No. 720 St. Catharines [Enniskillen] Roll Book 1916-1923, 1956-1982. Note: 1956-1982 is in an oversize box.

No. 720 St. Catharines [Enniskillen] Treasurer's Book 1950-1973

No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory. Degree Book [Royal Black Knights of Ireland] ca. 1878

No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory. Financial Record 1932-1973 [3 volumes]

No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory. Financial Statement/Degree Roll Book 1910-1920, 1948-1953 [3 volumes]

No. 159 St. Catharines. "Arbah" Royal Black Preceptory. Roll Book, 1874-1909

Box 5 No. 341 Grantham. Visitor Books, 1951-1964 [2 volumes]

No. 77 Merritton. Money Book, 1921-1930

No. 77 Merritton. Roll Book, 1865-1920. Note: 1865-1890 is in an oversize box, 1891-1904 is labeled King William III.

No. 77 Merritton. Treasurer's Book, 1903-1975 [2 volumes]

No. 844 Merritton. Roll Book, 1870-1885, 1889-1909. Note: 1883-1885 misidentified as a roll book, actually contains minutes; 1889-1909 also includes entries for No. 720 St. Catharines. Enniskillen, 1951-1984 and located in an oversize box.

No. 573 Niagara District [Excelsior]. Register Book. County Lodge of Niagara Region, 1970-1990

No. 573 Niagara District [Excelsior]. Roll Book, 1912-1941

No. 2532 Niagara District [Victoria]. Roll Book, 1914-1921

No. 1221 Virgil. Roll Book and Register, 1893-1918

No. 603 Wainfleet [Maple Leaf]. Treasurer's Book, 1947-1954

[Sugarloaf]. Treasurer's Book, 1896-1902; includes loose papers

Series III. Printed and/or Published Materials

Box 8

- 1 LOL Loyal Orange Association of British America. Constitution and Laws, 1929, 1941, 1947 (2 cop.), 1952, 1953, 1962, 1970, 1975 [9 volumes]
- 2 LOL Grand Black Chapter of British America. Rules and Regulations, 1925, 1930, 1946, 1955, 1959, 1980 (2 cop.) [7 volumes]

Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth. Rules and Regulations. [n.d.] lacking cover.
- 3 LOL Grand Black Chapter of British America. Royal Black Institution in Canada: Origin, Aim, and Purpose. [n.d.] (4 copies)
- 4 LOL Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Report of Proceedings. 1957, 1959-1961, 1963-1964, 1966-1968, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1983 [13 volumes]
- 5 LOL Grand Orange Lodge of British America. Report of Proceedings. 1932, 1935, 1958, 1960 [4 volumes]
- 6 LOL Grand Orange Lodge of Canada. Report of Annual Sessions. 1974, 1979-1980, 1982-1986 [8 volumes]

- 7 LOL Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West; [5 volumes] includes:
 Calendar. 1988. Fourth Annual Ontario Fraternal Calendar Programme. Annual Convocation of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West. 1949, 1963, 1964
 Souvenir Program. 1960. 100th Anniversary of the Grand Orange Lodge, Ontario West. Grand Black Chapter
- 8 LOL Grand Black Chapter of British America. [2 items]; includes
 Centennial Year Souvenir Book, 1974.
 Report of the Proceedings (Winnipeg, Manitoba), 1966.
- 9 LOL Catalogue no. 91 Ambrose, Kent & Sons, Limited. Regalia Manufacturers. Kent Building. 156 Yonge Street, Toronto. Regalia, Badges, Jewels, Lodge Room Supplies, Emblems, Uniforms, Costumes, Paraphernalia, Etc. for Loyal Orange Lodges, Royal Scarlet Chapters, Royal Black Preceptorries, Orange Young Briton Lodges.
- 10 LOL Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Officers' Reports. 1930, 1973 [2 volumes]
- 11 LOL Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Directory. Officers for 1990-91.
- 12 LOL Anniversary Programs of the Battle of the Boyne. 1947 at St. Catharines, 1964 at Simcoe, 1968 at Tillsonburg, 1971 at St. Catharines (2 cop.), 1990 at Midland [6 volumes]
- 13 LOL Commemoration of the Relief of Londonderry, 1954, 1963 [2 volumes]
- 14 LOL monograph. Denniss, Gary. The Spirit of the Twelfth. Gravenhurst Printing, Gravenhurst, 1982. [1 volume]
- 15 LOL monograph. Committee on Orange History. History of the Orange Association in the Dominion of Canada No.1: One Man's Loyalty. The Committee, Toronto, 1953. [1]
- 16 LOL Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. Proclamation. Seventy-second Annual Session. North Bay, Ont., 1931.
- 17 LOL Ode cards. LOL No. 77 Merriton [sic] in pencil on verso. (10 cop.)
- 18 LOL Popular Songs. McMahan & Dee Inc., 1925. Stamp on front: Property of Sutherland 826 (6 copies)

19 LOL items

Colporteur Song Sheaf. Review and Herald Pub. Assoc.
Washington, D.C. [n.d.]

Stamp on cover: Ontario-Quebec Book and Bible House Box 337
Oshawa, Ont.

The Evening Telegram Song Sheet. Evening Telegram, Toronto,
[n.d.].

Hymns on cardboard, typed by hand. O God Our Help in Ages Past
and Soldiers of Christ Arise.

20 LOL band books. Band Books each with unique elements. Some
handwritten music inside, including The Grantham March.
[5 volumes]

Series IV. Papers and Records

Box 9 Folder A - Declaration for Incorporation Merritton Council No. 79
Royal Templars of Temperance, January 9, 1889 [with Constitution,
1888]

Folder B - Miscellaneous printed materials

Folder C - Minutes of the Building Committee 1952, L.O.L. 341
Grantham

Folder D - Ritual Changes - Royal Blue Degree (3 copies)

Folder E - Miscellaneous Correspondence

Folder F - Deeds, Mortgages, Purchase Agreements, and related
documents

Annual Returns - 3 bundles tied with string (various dates 1930s to
1970s)

Receipt Books for Dues - 2 bundles tied with string (various dates
1950s to 1980s)

Bank of Nova Scotia - bundle tied with string (cheques and pass
book)

Envelope A - Newspapers

Dups

Series V. Certificates and Clearance Certificates [Transfer Certificates]

Box 10 Beamsville
Blank Certificates and Tube "A"
Disher, Wm; [s.1., Ontario West]
District of Niagara County of Lincoln
Dunnville
Grimsby
Hamilton and Burlington
Merritton [Centreville]

	<p>Niagara [Town] and Virgil Niagara Falls ----- Ontario ----- Out of Province Pelham [Fonthill and North Pelham] Port Colborne St. Catharines Thorold and Port Robinson Ulster [with Britain] Wainfleet [Marshville] Welland Wellandport</p>
<p>Physical Description / Condition:</p>	<p>2.35 m of textual records. Material is in good condition.</p>
<p>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</p>	<p>The collection consists of records accumulated by various lodges of the Loyal Orange Association of British America in the Niagara Region. The collection includes minute books, financial records, related publications and certificates.</p> <p>The collection is comprised of five series: minute books, financial records and roll books, printed and/or published material, papers and records and lastly, certificates and clearance certificates. The collection was originally described by Chantal Cameron.</p> <p>The Loyal Orange Association of British America is a Protestant fraternal society. The Loyal Orange Association originated in Ulster, Ireland during the late eighteenth century. Its purpose was to promote Protestant rights and privileges. The association was exclusively Protestant, fraternal, democratic, and benevolent.</p> <p>Orange principles were brought to Upper Canada by Protestant Irish settlers after 1815. The first Canadian Orange Lodge was formally established in Brockville, Leeds County, 1830. By the late 19th and early 20th century, the Loyal Orange Association of British North America had gained considerable popularity and political influence. Many prominent politicians, including several prime ministers, were members. Orangemen were particularly concerned with issues such as separate school funding, language rights, immigration, religious freedom and conscription. Further, they demanded the execution of Louis Riel and opposed the Jesuits Estates settlement.</p> <p>Administrative sketch courtesy Archives of Ontario.</p>

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	Collection received from Paul Hutchinson.		
Subject Headings:	610	Loyal Orange Association of British America.	
	650	Orangemen zOntario xSocieties and clubs xHistory.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zSt. Catharines.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zMerritton.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zNiagara Region.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zGrantham (Ont : Township).	
	650	Clubs zOntario zNiagara-on-the-Lake.	
Added Entries:	650	Clubs zOntario zGrimsby.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zWainfleet.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zSmithville.	
	650	Clubs zOntario zFonthill.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 12.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 75.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 77.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 117.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 130.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 159.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 270.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 341.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 454.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 573.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 603.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 720.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 844.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 1221.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 1334.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 2532.	
	710	Loyal Orange Association of British America. Lodge No. 2732.	
Related material held at other repositories:			
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