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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]. |
| Record Group Number: | RG 57 |
| Summary of Contents: | Series I. Minute Books  
No. 117 [St. Catharines], 1856-1875  
Box 2 No. 77 Merritton [Centreville], 1858-1970; some volumes include loose papers. [8 volumes]  
No. 77 and No. 844 Building Committee, 1898-1899  
No. 844 Merritton, 1875-1880  
No. 12 Johnston Lodge Merritton, 1890-1929  
L.O.L Merritton District, 1896-1910, includes No. 720 Enniskillen Blue Degree  
Box 3 No. 270 Niagara, 1851-1875 |
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]


   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. 720 St. Catharines [Enniskillen] Proposition Book 1912-1940


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


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. 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


**Series III. Printed and/or Published Materials**

Box 8


| 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  
| 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  
|       | Preceptories, 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]  
|       | 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. McMahon & Dee Inc., 1925. Stamp on front:  
|       | Property of Sutherland 826 (6 copies) |
19 LOL items
   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]
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<td>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. 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. 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. 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. Administrative sketch courtesy Archives of Ontario.</td>
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