

# I.O.D.E. Second Dragoons Chapter Fonds 1967-1983

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- Creator:** I.O.D.E. Second Dragoons Chapter.
- Extent:** 7 cm of textual records (placed at back of Earl Mountbatten chapter box).
- Abstract:** This archive is comprised of records relating to activities of the Second Dragoons Chapter of the I.O.D.E., which was formerly one of several primary chapters in the city of St. Catharines. The bulk of the material is minutes of meetings and reports.
- Materials:** Handwritten minutes of meetings, reports and news clippings.
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## Administrative History:

The I.O.D.E. as we currently know it today was founded in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray of Montreal, who recognized a need for loyal support of Canadians departing to fight in the Boer War with the Empire

forces in South Africa. She encouraged the formation of a federation of women to promote patriotism, loyalty and service to others. The first chapter was formed in Fredericton, New Brunswick on January 15<sup>th</sup> 1900. Primary chapters were formed in quick succession across Canada. In 1901, Edith Boulton Nordheimer was elected the first national president, the location of the head office became Toronto, Ontario and the federation was incorporated as Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and Children of the Empire Junior Branch. The Second Dragoons Chapter was formed in 1933 and was disbanded in 1983, which was their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During the 1970's the name I.O.D.E. was officially adopted. It is a federally chartered not-for-profit, charitable organization. Structured to report under the jurisdiction of the National chapter are the Provincial chapters, the Municipal chapters and the Primary chapters. The I.O.D.E. is associated with the Victory League in England and Daughters of the British Empire in the United States and it is proud of its heritage and traditions. Queen Elizabeth II is the current patron of the organization and although chapters sometimes disband there are always new chapters forming, including e-chapters that meet through 21<sup>st</sup> century electronics.

**Sources:**

I.O.D.E. Canada. Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. <http://www.iode.ca/default.aspx>. 28 July 2010.

I.O.D.E. Earl Mountbatten Chapter Records, Brock University, 29 July 2010.

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**Scope & Content:** The fonds include materials representing the operation of the Second Dragoons Chapter between 1974 and 1983. The bulk of the material is minutes of meetings and reports. Individual papers were taken from one disorganized file folder and arranged into three separate file folders. Reports, lists, notes and correspondence are arranged chronologically. Most news clippings are undated. Handwritten minutes are in bound record books.

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**Organization:** Loose material has been placed into appropriate file folders. All material is contained within the archival box of a sister chapter.

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**Inventory:**

1.1-1.2 Record books for minutes of meetings, November 1967 to February 1975, April 1975 to January 1982.

- 1.3 Newspaper clippings, 1976, 1980, 1981, n.d
- 1.4-1.5 Reports, lists, notes and correspondence, February 1975-February 1980, March 1980-February 1983, n.d.
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**Related Archives:** McComb, Isabel. Isabel McComb Brighty Fonds. RG 17. 1876-1941.

Earl Mountbatten Chapter. I.O.D.E. Earl Mountbatten Chapter Fonds. RG 309. 1945-2007.

Duke of Kent Chapter. I.O.D.E. Duke of Kent Chapter Fonds. RG 311. 1934-1980.

**Related Material:** Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Who Called? 1949. [Special Collections FC 3164.2 N85 1949]