

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

RG 311

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<b>Creator:</b>	Unknown.
<b>Extent:</b>	Folded flag occupying a 39 cm x 12.5 cm x 26.5 cm box.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This archive is comprised of a single flag and photograph of same. The flag was used by the former Duke of Kent Chapter of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire, which was one of several primary chapters in the city of St Catharines as their standard flag.
<b>Materials:</b>	A 3.7 m x 1.72 m flag that has a red background, four patches which are representative of the colours and stripes of the Union Jack flag and an elaborate crest which features notable early Canadian symbols such as maple and oak leaves, a beaver, a buffalo, a fish, etc. There is an accompanying photograph.
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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 Duke of Kent Chapter was formed in 1934 and was disbanded in 1980. 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 consist of the only item that is currently known to be in existence which belonged to the disbanded I.O.D.E. Duke of Kent Chapter that operated successfully between 1934 and 1980. It is described as their standard flag and a photograph showing samples of the flag's emblems and colours is provided.

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**Organization:** The large flag is folded to fit in an archival half-box. The photograph is tucked in beside the flag and it is in a protective plastic sleeve.

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**Inventory:**

- 1.1 The flag used by the former Duke of Kent Chapter, 1934 to 1980.
- 1.2 A 4x6 colour photograph of the flag taken with the flag face down and then doubled over on itself displaying two of the tri-colour patches and the crest.

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**Related Archives:** McComb, Isabel. Isabel McComb Brighty Fonds. 17RG. 1876-1941.

Earl Mountbatten Chapter. I.O.D.E. Earl Mountbatten Chapter Fonds. RG311. 1945-2007.

Second Dragoons Chapter. I.O.D.E. Second Dragoons Chapter Fonds. RG310. 1967-1983.

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