

Title:	Independent Order of Odd Fellows Fonds, 1947-1955		
Creator:	Ontario Editorial Bureau		
Dates of Material:	1947-1955	Record Group Number:	RG 75-62
Summary of Contents:	<p>Correspondence and Clippings</p> <p>1.1 Contains a list of District Deputy Grand Masters and a list of Rebekah District Deputy Presidents. Also included is a program for the Annual Sessions of 1948 which was held in St. Catharines. Forty women of the Rebekah Assembly were presented with the Decoration of Chivalry for meritorious service within the organization. Mrs. Arthur Burch of St. Catharines was named Grand Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Mr. William E. Knox was elected as Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, succeeding J.W. McCarthy. Mrs. Fred Bumstead was elected Provincial President of the Rebekah Assembly. She succeeded Mrs. Ruby Webb, 1947-1948</p> <p>1.2 Odd Fellows celebrate their 80th anniversary. There is a program for the Annual Sessions which was held in Toronto. Reg Thrush is the new Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Harry Carr is the new President of the Rebekah Assembly. A list of District Deputy Presidents is included, 1949-1950</p> <p>1.3 Included is a list of officers appointed to the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario and District Deputy Grand Masters for 1950-1951. There is a special appeal for Manitoba flood victims. Included is 1 b&w photo, 1950-1951</p> <p>1.4 Contains a list of Deputy Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly and Grand Masters of the Odd Fellows for 1951-1952. Sixty-one women received the Decoration of Chivalry for meritorious service. John H. McKinney is the New Grand Master, 1951-1952</p> <p>1.5 Contains a list of District Deputy Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly and District Deputy Grand Masters for 1952-1953. Miss Emma Bothwell was installed as Vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly. Mrs. Caroline Cutler succeeds Betty Anderson as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. T.R. McFadden was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, 1952-1953</p> <p>1.6 P.V. Ibbetson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd fellows is invited to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Miss Emma Bothwell is installed as the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Mr. Robert Williamson is installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Odd Fellows session studies polio, cancer and tuberculosis, 1953-1954</p>		

	<p>1.7 Contains a list of District Deputy Grand Masters and nominees for District Deputy Presidents of the Rebekah Assembly. Also included is a program for the 1954 Annual Sessions held at Toronto. Mrs. Meta Priestley is the new President of the Rebekah Assembly. Gordon R. McDonald is elected as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment Branch. Newton A. Foster is installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He succeeds R.K. Williamson. 1 b&w postcard is included, 1954-1955</p> <p>1.8 The Odd Fellows make a contribution to the Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund to help the homeless victims of the flood disaster in northwest suburban Toronto. The Odd Fellows holds its 100th Annual Sessions in Toronto, includes 1 b&w photo, 1955</p> <p>Publications,</p> <p>1.9 <i>The Ontario Odd Fellow and Rebekah</i>, 1950, 1952-1953</p> <p>1.10 <i>The Ontario Odd Fellow and Rebekah</i>, 1954</p> <p>1.11 <i>The Ontario Odd Fellow and Rebekah</i>, 1955</p>
<p>Physical Description / Condition:</p>	<p>7 cm. (1/4box) containing correspondence, clippings, promotional material and 2 b&w photos</p>
<p>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</p>	<p>The International Order of Odd Fellows is an international fraternal organization whose aims are to promote good fellowship between all men of all nations of the world. The symbol of 3 links stands for friendship, love and truth and the elevation of human character.</p> <p>The main activities of the Grand Lodge in Ontario during the time period represented by this file were the Cancer, Polio and Tuberculosis program; the hospital bed program and the maintenance of the fraternal newspaper.</p> <p>The Odd Fellows or Oddfellows were first documented in the 1700s, in London England, although some say that the roots can be traced back to the 12th or 13th Century. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) is religiously and politically independent. This group was founded in 1819 by Thomas Wildey in Baltimore, Maryland. The IOOF currently has chapters all over the world.</p>

	<p>The Daughters of Rebekah which are also known as the Rebekahs or the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, is also an international service organization.</p>		
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