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**Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.
Sir Robert Borden Chapter fonds
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Sir Robert Borden Chapter 30th Anniversary Celebration

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Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Sir Robert Borden Chapter fonds. – [textual records, graphic material]. – 1915-2000. – 53cm of textual records. – 2 photographs : b&w.

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1 Minutes. – 1915-1996. – 16 folders

Series contains minutes of the Chapter and includes some reports and correspondence inserted in the minute books

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series
File list included below

1969.001/1 minutes (1915-1922)

1969.001/2 minutes (1922-1926)

1969.001/3 minutes (1926-1931)

1969.001/4 minutes (1936-1938)

1969.001/5 minutes (1938-1941)

1969.001/6 minutes (1941-1947)

1969.001/7 minutes (1947-1952)

1969.001/8 minutes (1952-1955)

1972.003/1 minutes (1955-1962)

1972.003/2A minutes (1962-1965)

1969.003/2B material included in the minute book (1962-1965) includes reports and correspondence

1972.003/3 minutes (1966-1971)

1972.003/4 minutes (1971-1978)

2000.008/1 minutes (1978-1984). Many minutes are typed and inserted in the book

2000.008/2 minutes (1984-1992)

2002.008/1 minutes (1994-1996) includes reports, officer lists, calling lists, and supplies lists

2 Membership. – 1933-1982. – 2 folders

Series contains membership lists and a list of Regents for the Chapter

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series
File list included below

1987.008/1 membership (1933-1940, 1946-1947, [1974?], 1976-1982)

1987.008/2 list of Regents for 1915-1975 (1975)

3 Financial records. – 1934-1975. – 15 folders

Series contains financial records of the Chapter, including receipt books (with names), disbursement books, cash books (includes events), financial statements, the General Fund, and the War Services Fund

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File list included below

- 1987.008/3 Treasurer's receipt book (1947-1949) includes names
- 1987.008/4 Treasurer's receipt book (1950-1953) includes names
- 1987.008/5 Treasurer's receipt book (1953-1960) includes names
- 1987.008/6 Treasurer's disbursement book (1947-1951)
- 1987.008/7 Treasurer's disbursement book (1951-1956)
- 1987.008/8 Treasurer's disbursement book (1956-1974)
- 1987.008/9 Treasurer's cash book (1960-1964) includes events
- 1987.008/10 Treasurer's cash book (1964-1967) includes events
- 1987.008/11 Treasurer's cash book (1967-1969) includes events
- 1987.008/12 Treasurer's cash book (1970-1975) includes events
- 1987.008/13 Treasurer's book (1934-1939)
- 1987.008/14 Treasurer's book (1939-1946)
- 1987.008/15 financial statements (1939-1945, 1947-1949, 1952-1956, 1960-1975)
- 1987.008/16 general fund (1946-1947)
- 1987.008/17 war services fund (1940-1947)

4 Administrative records. – 1950-1975. – 4 folders

Series contains minutes of the Chapter and includes some reports and correspondence inserted in the minute books

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File list included below

- 2000.008/3 ceremonies and procedure (1950)
- 2002.008/2 IODE constitution and by-laws (1969)
- 1987.008/21 provincial services report (1974, 1975)
- 1987.008/22 list of IODE service awards (1975) attached is a list of materials donated to the Vaughan Memorial Library in 1969

5 Historical records and events. – 1935-2000. – 10 folders. – 2 photographs

Series contains minutes of the Chapter and includes some reports and correspondence inserted in the minute books

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series
File list included below

2002.008/5 "history of Sir Robert Borden Chapter I.O.D.E." by Vera Eaton Longley (1962)

2002.008/6 "history of Sir Robert Borden Chapter I.O.D.E. 1963-1980" [1980?]

2002.008/7 "history of Sir Robert Borden Chapter I.O.D.E. 1981-2000" [2000?]

1969.001/10 list of members in 1915 (1965)

1987.008/18 certificate (1935) of a donation to the King George V Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund of Canada

1969.001/11 scrapbook (1963); oversize

1972.003/5 scrapbook (1965) includes photographs; oversize

1972.003/6 scrapbook (1975-1980); oversize

1987.008/19 30th anniversary celebration picture (1945). - 1 photograph : b&w ; 18cm x 25cm. - 24 women, sitting and standing at a table, in this posed picture. A cake for the 30th anniversary and silver tea services with tea cups are on the table. Written on reverse in ink: "Left to Right - Around Table / Mrs. A.G. Cowie (pouring) / " C.H.C. Coombs / " A.M. Wheaton / ? / Mrs. Beardsley / " H.D. Johnson / "R.C. Van Wart / " A.C. Cox / Others left to right / ? / Mrs. H.G. Whidden / " Greta Ritchie / " Albert (Helen) Levy / " Morley Welch / " Harry Hilborn / " Leslie Eaton / " Rex Porter (Linton) / Miss Edith Stairs / Mrs. R.S. Longley / " F.C. Welch / " G.C. Nowlan / " Bedford Duncanson / "C.H. Porter / " Reginald Hennigar / ? - Patricia Hennigar / "Ross Cochrane / 30th anniversary / (1945)

1987.008/20 50th anniversary (1965 October 5) celebration itinerary and excerpts from minutes that were read

1969.001/9 50th anniversary (1965 October 5) includes guest book and general correspondence

2002.008/3 75th anniversary essay prize winner (1990). - 1 photograph : b&w ; 20cm x 5cm. - Posed picture of two women and one boy. One of the women is presenting an envelope to the boy. Written on reverse in ink: "Sir Robert Borden Chapter / (Wolfville) / Jonathan Harris / receiving prize from Maxine Hill (Regent) & / Ruth Porter-Lindon, Educ. Secretary / 75th Anniversary (1990) / Prize was given to best essay about Sir Robert Borden / to be written by student in Wolfville schools. / A \$75 prize to celebrate the Chapter's 75th anniversary."2002.008/4 76th annual report for the provincial annual meeting (1995) and related

Administrative History

The Sir Robert Borden Chapter (hereafter called the Chapter) of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (hereafter called the I.O.D.E.) was organized from a group of women in Wolfville. Although the first meeting was held in August 1915, the group was not granted a Charter until 15 November 1915. There were 30 Charter members.

As per the Constitution and By-Laws, the I.O.D.E.'s objects (page 3) are:

- (a) to promote education of all kinds, and particularly the study of history and current questions, and to advance and assist such study by the preservation of tangible reminders of the course of history;
- (b) to care for the widows, orphans and dependants of Canadian and Commonwealth soldiers, sailors and airmen during war, in time of peace or under sickness, accident or reverses of fortune;
- (c) to forward all such good work as may be for the relief of those in poverty or distress irrespective of race, colour, creed or sex;
- (d) to assist in the progress of the arts;
- (e) to give donations for charitable purposes.

The Chapter's activities have focused on education, social efforts in the community, recognition of veterans, support of war efforts, and relief. Fundraising activities have supported student bursaries, school libraries, V.O.N. services, and the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital. In 1915, the original activities support efforts of the Red Cross. Later, the Chapter supported relief efforts in Halifax after the explosion. (unpublished histories 2002.008 files 5, 6 and 7)

Article II of the Constitution and By-Laws of the I.O.D.E. (page 9) indicates that

Municipal Chapters, of which one may be formed in any city, town, village, parish, municipality or other territorial division of any province or territory of Canada for municipal purposes (in which there are three or more Primary Chapters), are composed of representatives of the Primary and Junior Chapters in any municipality. Municipal Chapters may initiate and shall co-ordinate the work, direct the policy of and generally govern the Primary and Junior Chapters within their Municipal radius, in accordance with the policy of the National Chapter, the Provincial Chapter of the Province, the Letters Patent and Constitution of the Order and the by-laws of the Municipal Chapter.

The Executive Officers of a Primary Chapter are: Regent, Vice-Regents, Secretary, Treasurer, Education Secretary, "Echoes" Secretary, Services at Home and Abroad Secretary and Standard Bearer. (Constitution and By-Laws, page 17-19) Regents are elected annually. A list of the Regents since 1915 is available in the unpublished histories.

Custodial History

Since 1969, the Regents of the Chapter have been depositing the Chapters' records in the Vaughan Memorial Library. The records have naturally been moved to the Archives for their long-term preservation.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of five series:

1. minutes
2. membership
3. financial records
4. administrative records
5. historical records and events

Notes

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Further accruals are expected periodically.

See also "So long as the British Empire lives : patterns of continuity and change within the Sir Robert Borden Chapter Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire 1915-1965" by Phyllis Lorraine Coops [SP THESIS 1991]

See also "A history of Sir Robert Borden Chapter, I.O.D.E., 1963-1980" [SP COLL HS2340 .W6 H57 1980]

Related Records: 2002.008/8 "historical sketch of the provincial chapter of Nova Scotia IODE 1920-1980" [1980?]

Related Records: 2002.008/9 annual report of the National Chapter of Canada (1995) and related

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