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Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire fonds. - [textual record]. - 1901-1976. - 8.00 cm of textual records and photographs.

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### **Administrative history**

The I.O.D.E. was founded in 1900 by Montreal native Margaret Polson Murray. It was originally named Daughters of the Empire Federation. The federation was incorporated in 1901 and renamed Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. It is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that strives to promote patriotism, loyalty, and service to others. The first chapter was formed in Fredericton, NB. The first chapter in Moose Jaw was formed on August 5, 1901. A number of women met with Mrs. Land of Toronto, secretary of the Dominion Daughters of the Empire and Mrs. Nicholas Flood Davin of Regina, provincial president. On a motion by Mrs. Grayson, seconded by Mrs. Darwin, a chapter was formed in Moose Jaw. The first executive elected were Mrs. K. Hamilton, regent; Mrs. Turnbull, 1st vice-regent; Mrs. Gass, 2nd vice-regent, Mrs. Simpson, 3rd vice-regent; Mrs. Hitchcock, 4th vice-regent. Mrs. Annable was elected secretary, Mrs. Chivers, treasurer, and Miss Nugent standard bearer. At the first meeting on September 25, 1901, a motion by Mrs. Bogue and seconded by Mrs. Annable was passed to name the charter the "Duchess of York Chapter." This organization was extremely active in the building of the Moose Jaw General Hospital. In 1907 the chapter disbanded to become the hospital auxiliary. On October 18, 1909 the charter was re-formed as the "Moose Jaw Chapter". Officers elected were Mrs. E.M. Saunders, regent; Mrs. Cruikshank, vice-regent; Mrs. R.L. Slater, secretary; Mrs. S.J. Taylor, treasurer, and Mrs. E. Stuart George, standard bearer. The Moose Jaw Chapter was still active in 1982, but disbanded sometime after that.

A second chapter of the I.O.D.E., the Lawrence of Arabia Chapter was formed on April 17, 1936 at a meeting attended by provincial organizing secretary Mrs. D.M. Balfour. Officers elected were Mrs. E.H. Davies, regent; Mrs. C. Koehn, 1st vice-regent; Mrs. P.H. Whitney, 2nd vice regent; Mrs. D.A. Copeland, secretary; Mrs. D.A. Price, treasurer; Mrs. C. Lansberry, educational secretary; Mrs. H.F. Tibble, Echoes secretary; Mrs. E. Scharf, standard bearer. Community service work included fund raising for the Memorial Wing of the Union Hospital, Saskatchewan Training School, St. Anthony's Home, new Canadians, social work, and public schools. Financial assistance was given to the Red Cross and Canadian Legion. Scholarships were presented to students, hampers prepared for needy families of war veterans, and items were made, collected and sent to Great Britain and Poland. The Lawrence of Arabia Chapter was disbanded in September 1976. The efforts of the chapter were honoured in 1977 when Mrs. Dot Voldeng of Regina, past provincial president of the I.O.D.E. presented a plaque of commendation to Mrs. Lillian Davies, charter member and first regent of the chapter. Mrs. Davies then presented the plaque to Mr. Austin Ellis, manager of the Moose Jaw Art Museum, to be hung in the gallery for public display.

The third chapter of the I.O.D.E. in Moose Jaw was the Jervis Bay Chapter, organized on February 6, 1950 by Mrs. Clara Smith of Regina, past provincial president and Mrs. J.S.

Williams of Moose Jaw. Members of this chapter were primarily war brides. This chapter disbanded in 1966.

In February 2000 an attempt was made to start a new local chapter. It was not successful.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of three series; business records of the minutes of meetings 1901 to 1906 and membership roster 1901 to 1905 of the Duchess of York Chapter, historical records in three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings (most undated) and photographs, primarily from the Lawrence of Arabia Chapter., I.O.D.E. publications and miscellaneous papers consisting of letterhead, application forms, certificates, pamphlets and receipts.

### **Physical description**

The minutes of the Duchess of York Chapter, 1901-1906 are photocopies from the original minute book which was loaned to the Moose Jaw Art Museum in 1980.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

Accession number 43.BA donated to the archives by the Lawrence of Arabia chapter of the I.O.D.E. through A.J. Rankin.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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#### File List

MJ-43/1 - Business Records. - [textual record]. - 1901-1969. - 4.00 cm of textual records.  
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This series consists of constitution and by-laws, instructions and procedures, minutes of meetings of the first chapter, receipts, programs, publicity and press reports.

001 - Constitution and by-laws 1955, 1969

002 - Instructions and procedures

003 - Minutes of meetings, 1901-1906, with roll call 1901-1905

004 - Grocery receipts 1956

005 - Programs 1956, 1957, 1965

006 - Press and publicity report 1956

007 - Information pamphlets 1952, 1954, 1968, and one not dated

008 - Blank forms and sheets of letterhead

MJ-43/2 - Historical Records. - [textual record]. - 1947-1973. - 3.50 cm. of textual records.  
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This series consists of three scrapbooks primarily of newspaper clippings and some photographs of chapter activities and events.

001 - History of I.O.D.E. 1946, [194-?]

002 - Scrapbook 1947

003 - Scrapbook 1954-1957

004 - Scrapbook 1956-1973

MJ-43/3 - Publications. - [textual record]. - 1975-1976. - 0.50 cm of textual records and photographs.

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This series consists of three issues of "Echoes", the official quarterly publication of the I.O.D.E.

001 - "Echoes", Autumn 1975, Winter 1975, Spring 1976