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Abstract

The Blacksburg [Virginia] Odd Fellows Records consist of financial records, correspondence, minute books, brochures of several annual conferences, by-laws and odd issues of the Odd Fellows Journal for the men's lodge, Tadmore Light Lodge No. 6184 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The collection also contains correspondence, minutes and financial records for the women's group, the Household of Ruth.

Creator

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America. Tadmore Light Lodge #6184 (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

3.4 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

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Administrative History

The Blacksburg Odd Fellows Lodge is the Tadmore Light Lodge No. 6184 and was probably formed in December of 1904. It was a branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal and mutual relief society for people of color. The Household of Ruth was an auxiliary for wives of fellows.

Read more on the SCUA blog posts, "Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Tadmore Light Lodge, No. 6184 (Blacksburg, VA)" and Household of Ruth, No. 5533, both by archivist Anthony Wright de Hernandez.

Scope and Content

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Keywords

African Americans -- History

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America. Tadmore Light Lodge #6184 (Blacksburg, Va.)

Existence and Location of Copies

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Arrangement

The records are arranged in two series - Tadmore Light Lodge and Household of Ruth, and then arranged chronologically with undated items at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Tadmore Light Lodge Records

Unit Date 1902-1969

"Funeral Ceremony of the Use of the Lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"

Unit Date 1902

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Tadmore Light Lodge minute book

Unit Date 1904-1911

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

"Third Quarterly Circular: Sub-committee of Management"

Unit Date 1905

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Payment Records

Unit Date 1905-1906

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1905-1906

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

"First Quarterly Circular: Sub-committee of Management"

Unit Date 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Payment records

Unit Date 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Receipts**Unit Date** 1907**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Receipts****Unit Date** 1908-1909**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1908-1909**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Application for membership, Plymouth Christian****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Meeting minutes****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Receipts****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Proceedings of the Fifth General Meeting****Unit Date** September 12-17, 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge financial records****Unit Date** 1910-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Payment records****Unit Date** 1911**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)

Receipts**Unit Date** 1911-1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge minute book****Unit Date** 1912-1914**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge dues record book****Unit Date** 1912-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Ritual of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book Second****Unit Date** 1914**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1915**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**The King's Messengers (magazine), October****Unit Date** 1916**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Ritual of The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book First****Unit Date** 1916**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Ledger--Officers roll 1916-1919; meeting minutes, 1942-1962****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Members and semi-annual dues notebook****Unit Date** 1917**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)**"Second Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"****Unit Date** 1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 28 (folder)

Checkbook stubs

Unit Date 1920-1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Envelopes

Unit Date 1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

"Extract of the Biennial Report of A.T. Shirley, District Grand Secretary"

Unit Date 1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Committee of Management (correspondence)

Unit Date 1921-1925

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

W.E. Floding catalogs, lodge ephemera

Unit Date 1922

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1922

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Electric Light Department payment stubs

Unit Date 1922-1965

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

"Proceedings of the 10th Biennial Session and 33rd General Meeting;" Richmond, Virginia

Unit Date August 18-30, 1923

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

"First Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"

Unit Date 1924

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

"Second Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"

Unit Date 1924

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1926

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Dues records book

Unit Date 1926-1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

District Grand Lodge--correspondence

Unit Date 1927

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1929

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Applicant's agreement

Unit Date 1929

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

"First Semi-annual Circular: Committee of Management"

Unit Date 1930

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

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Container 45 (folder)

"Proceedings of the 14th Biennial Session and 37th General Meeting of District Grand Lodge #15," Fredericksburg

Unit Date 1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1931-1932

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Proceedings of the 15th Biennial Session and 38th General Meeting of District Grand Lodge #15, Petersburg

Unit Date 1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Committee of Management correspondence

Unit Date 1933-1934

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

Odd Fellows Journal

Unit Date 1934

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1934

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

District Grand Lodge Correspondence

Unit Date 1934-1937

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 52 (folder)

Endowment Department reports

Unit Date 1935-1937

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 53 (folder)

Odd Fellows Journal

Unit Date March 5, 1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 54 (folder)

Odd Fellows Journal

Unit Date May 7, 1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 55 (folder)

Odd Fellows Journal

Unit Date July 2, 1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 56 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 57 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit Date** 1937**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 58 (folder)**Thanksgiving services and Ogden Day celebration program****Unit Date** May 9, 1937**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 59 (folder)**Committee of Management correspondence****Unit Date** 1937-1939**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 60 (folder)**28th Biennial Movable Conference, souvenir program; Charlotte, North Carolina****Unit Date** August 8-13, 1938**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 61 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1938**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 62 (folder)**District Grand Lodge correspondence****Unit Date** 1938-1941**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 63 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** 1930**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 64 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1941**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 65 (folder)**Payment records****Unit Date** 1942**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 66 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1943**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 67 (folder)

Quarterly Bulletin

Unit Date February-May 1943

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 68 (folder)

Committee of Management correspondence concerning death of Edward H. Morris

Unit Date February 3, 1943

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 69 (folder)

Committee of Management correspondence

Unit Date 1944-1945

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 70 (folder)

District Grand Lodge correspondence

Unit Date 1944-1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 71 (folder)

Quarterly Bulletin

Unit Date February-May 1945

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 72 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1945-1946

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 73 (folder)

Endowment Department Report

Unit Date 1946

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 74 (folder)

Membership Drive announcement

Unit Date 1946

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 75 (folder)

District Grand Lodge correspondence

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 76 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 77 (folder)

Committee of Management correspondence

Unit Date 1948-1949

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 78 (folder)

22nd Biennial Session and 45th General Meeting, correspondence; Newport News, Virginia

Unit Date August 23-25, 1949

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 79 (folder)

Envelopes

Unit Date 1940-1949

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 80 (folder)

Committee of Management correspondence

Unit Date 1950-1952

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 81 (folder)

23rd Biennial Session and 46th General Meeting, correspondence; Richmond, Virginia

Unit Date August 28-30, 1951

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 82 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1951

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 83 (folder)

District Grand Lodge correspondence

Unit Date 1952

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 84 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1952

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 85 (folder)

Petition for membership

Unit Date 1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 86 (folder)

Ritual of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book First

Unit Date 1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 87 (folder)

Committee of Management Correspondence

Unit Date 1953-1955

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 88 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1954

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 89 (folder)

Odd Fellows Bulletin, Spring

Unit Date 1954

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 90 (folder)

Grand Lodge Session, Correspondence

Unit Date August 5-6, 1957

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 91 (folder)

26th Biennial Session of District Grand Lodge #15 and District Grand Household #11, souvenir program; Norfolk, Virginia

Unit Date August 5-8, 1957

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 92 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1957

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 93 (folder)

Envelopes

Unit Date 1950-1959

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 94 (folder)

Receipts

Unit Date 1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 95 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 96 (folder)

Envelopes

Unit Date 1960-1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 97 (folder)

Dues records, receipts**Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Tadmore Light membership ribbons;Odd Fellows membership badge****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Floding Company brochures****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Ritual Cards****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Gospel Hymns****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Clearance Cards, as member credentials****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Thanksgiving service program****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge 27th anniversary announcement****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Black wool uniform coatee with buttons with insignia BOOF****Unit Date** n.d.**box** 4**Series II. Household of Ruth Records****Unit Date** 1904-1951

Membership Questionnaire

Unit Date 1904-1943

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1916

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

"General Laws and Regulations of the Household of Ruth Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"

Unit Date 1918

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Minute Book

Unit Date 1918-1921

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Finance Book

Unit Date 1918-1921

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Order for Masonic Supplies

Unit Date 1919

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1921

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Receipt

Unit Date 1921

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Financial Records

Unit Date 1921-1927

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

First Annual Banquet invitation

Unit Date 1922

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Record Book of Minutes and Roll of Officers

Unit Date 1923-1935

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

District Grand Household correspondence

Unit Date 1924

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1925

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Diary, author unknown (probably from Blacksburg, VA), written during a convention in Farmville [VA]

Unit Date 1927

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

"General Laws and Regulations of the Household of Ruth Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"

Unit Date 1927

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Record Book of Taxes Collected

Unit Date 1934

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Bill for Odd Fellows Journal Subscription

Unit Date 1935

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Meeting Minute Book

Unit Date 1935-1946

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Financial Records

Unit Date 1937

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Receipt

Unit Date 1938

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit Date** 1940**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1947**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**District Grand Household #11 correspondence****Unit Date** 1949**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Membership Credential****Unit Date** 1950**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Excerpts from District Grand Household District Convention****Unit Date** 1951**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Applicant's Agreement****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Dues Cards****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)