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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The bulk of the materials in the Independent Order of St. Luke Records, a social-welfare organization for African Americans, consist of handbooks, correspondence, receipts, programs, membership records, annual reports, and assessment reports of the Order, collected primarily from members in Blacksburg, Virginia. Also includes the minutes (1920-1938) of the Blacksburg chapters of the Busy Bee and Maggie L. Walker (Secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke) Circles.

Creator

Independent Order of St. Luke (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

1.1 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Administrative History

The Right Worthy Grand Council Independent Order of St. Luke was established in 1867 by Mary Prout of Baltimore, Maryland. It was organized to "promote the general welfare of society by uniting fraternally Negro persons of good moral character who are physically, morally, and socially acceptable, to educate and assist its members in thrift, to create and maintain funds out of which members...may receive benefits for themselves or their beneficiaries, [and] to provide death benefit protection to members" (Rules and Regulations handbook, 1933).

Scope and Content

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Keywords

African Americans -- History
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Montgomery County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into two series, Records and Oversize Materials, then arranged chronologically, with undated materials at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Records

Unit Date 1877-1969

Rules and Regulations Handbooks

Unit Date 1877, 1894, 1906, 1933, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Receipts, Cancelled Checks, and Bank Statements

Unit Date 1912, 1921, 1954, 1963-1968, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Honor Roll: Councils That Have Added Ten New Members

Unit Date 1915-1916

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1916-1928

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Checkbooks and Stubs

Unit Date 1916-1918, 1963-1964

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1919-1923, 1941, 1949, 1969, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Postcards (receipts)

Unit Date 1920s, 1939, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Minutes of the Blacksburg Busy Bee and Maggie L. Walker Circles

Unit Date 1920-1938

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Death Claims Paid Booklet

Unit Date 1921-1923

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Financial Report

Unit Date 1921, 1923

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Doctors' Excuses

Unit Date 1921-1934

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Convention Souvenir Programs

Unit Date 1923, 1927

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Membership Payment Records

Unit Date 1923-1937

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Regalia Catalog

Unit Date 1924

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Bank Statements

Unit Date 1925-1938, 1965-1967

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Returned Checks

Unit Date 1927, 1934, 1963-1968

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Monthly Report Sheets

Unit Date 1928-1929, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Excuses for Absences

Unit Date 1930, 1936, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence (including correspondence to Annie Scott)

Unit Date 1931-1949

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

"Fraternal Monitor"

Unit Date 1931, 1960, 1964

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

By-Laws

Unit Date 1933

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Annual Report

Unit Date 1935

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Proof of Death Instructions

Unit Date 1940

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Lapse Reports

Unit Date 1943, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1958

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Empty Envelopes (correspondence to Annie Scott and Christine Price)

Unit Date 1946-1950, 1960-1963

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

"Fraternal Bulletin"

Unit Date 1947-1958

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

VPI Electric Bill Receipts

Unit Date 1950, 1951, 1964, 1965, 1966

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Correspondence (to Annie Scott through 1963; to Christine Price, 1964-1969)

Unit Date 1950-1969

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Phone Bill

Unit Date 1950

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

"Dunne's Report" Pamphlets

Unit Date 1962-1967

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Annual Statement

Unit Date 1959-1960

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1962, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Centennial Calendar (1867-1967)

Unit Date 1967

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Price Lists

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Applications for Transfer

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Representatives Certificate

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Special Dispensation Blank Forms

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Legal Division Form

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Legal Reserve Division (blank applications)

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Notice of Death Forms (blank)

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Juvenile Department Application Forms (blank)

Unit Date n. d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Series II. Oversize Materials

Unit Date 1936-1970

Assessment Reports

Unit Date 1936-1963

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Semi-Annual Tax Reports

Unit Date 1937-1963

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Assessment Reports

Unit Date 1964-1970

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)