

Manufacturers Lodge #485, Moline Illinois and Coal Valley#304, records 1872-1937

Size: 4 linear feet, 8 boxes

Acquisition: The collection was donated to SSIRC in 1992 by Carter Nicholson, a former member of the Swedish Olive Lodge in Moline, Illinois.

Access: The collection is open for research and a limited amount of copies can be requested via mail.

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Historical Sketch

The Manufacturers Lodge was organized in 1872 in Moline, Illinois, as an Odd Fellow Lodge. On May 9, 1933 the Coal Valley Lodge #304 merged with Manufacturers Lodge and in 1937 the Manufacturers Lodge merged with the Swedish Olive Lodge in Moline. No printed history accompanied the collection.

Content Note

The collection includes minutes from meetings for the time period 1872 – 1937. The minutes gives an insight into the activities sponsored by the lodge, financial transactions, elections of officers and benefits paid to ill members. The membership records include biographical data of the members, such as date of birth and residential addresses. The collection also includes various member certificates, sick reports, and burial information.

Inventory

Box 1, items 1-3

1. Meeting Minutes April 16, 1872 – January 7, 1876.
2. Meeting Minutes January 7, 1876 – December 27, 1881
3. Meeting Minutes January 3, 1882 – March 14, 1893

Box 2, items 1-2

1. Meeting Minutes March 21, 1893 – May 15, 1901
2. Meeting Minutes May 22, 1901 – May 26, 1908

Box 3, items 1-2

1. Meeting Minutes, 1908-1915
2. Meeting Minutes July 13, 1915 – June 21, 1921

Box 4, items 1-3

1. Meeting Minutes July 5, 1921- June 26, 1928
2. Meeting Minutes July 3, 1928 – February 7, 1933
3. Meeting Minutes January 3, 1933 – November 2, 1937

Box 5, item 1

1. Membership Records 1928 – 1936.

Box 6, items 1–5

1. Visitor's Ledger.
2. Obituary Records.
3. Roll Call of Officers, Roll Book
4. Financial Secretary's Cash Book
5. Sick Reports

Box 7, folders 1-6

1. Manufacturer's Constitution Membership 1872 – 1937.
2. Certificate of Membership.
3. Misc. Documents
4. Membership Applications.
5. Register of Members
6. Question Book for Subordinate Lodges, 1916-1919

Box 8, items 1-2 (Coal Valley #304)

1. Membership dues, 1916 -1933
2. Minutes, 1914 - 1933