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The Massachusetts lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen was founded in 1879 with the Deerfield Valley Lodge incorporated in 1880. The collection consists of records, mainly financial and membership, from Lodge No. 150 located in Shelburne Falls.

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Background on Ancient Order of United Workmen, Deerfield Valley Lodge No, 150

The Ancient Order of United Workmen, a fraternal benefit society, was originally founded in Pennsylvania in 1868. The Massachusetts lodge was founded in 1879 with the Deerfield Valley Lodge incorporated in 1880. According to membership

applications, by 1896 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had the largest jurisdiction in the Order. This fraternal benefit society served to provide affordable life insurance for its members, paying out a guaranteed death benefit of \$2,000. This fund was maintained by assessing members a fee each time a brother died. Annual fees averaged \$12 over the lodge's first fourteen years.

Scope of collection

The collection consists of records from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Deerfield Valley Lodge No. 150 located in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts dating from 1895-1920. Financial documents include receipts, reports, and check stubs. Membership information includes applications, transfer cards, and the 1912 member list. Documents record the officer rolls for various years and the transfer of bonds. Undated lodge by-laws are also included. Correspondence relates to lodge business and is mainly exchanged between the Deerfield Valley Lodge and the Grand Lodge in Boston.

Inventory

By-Laws

undated

1: 1

Correspondence

1898-1905

1: 2

Ephemera

undated

1: 3

Consists of a lodge ribbon and unaddressed envelopes.

Finance: Checks

1915-1918

1: 4

Finance: Receipts

1898-1919

1: 5

Finance: Reports

1897-1913

1: 6

Members: Applications

1896-1920

1: 7

Members: Clearance or Transfer Cards

1897-1907

1: 8

Members: List

1912

1: 9

Officers: Bonds

1897-1905

1: 10

Officers: Roll Call

1895-1902

1: 11

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Ancient Order of United Workmen. Deerfield Valley Lodge No. 150

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Shelburne Falls (Mass.)--History

Contributors

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Genres and formats

Application forms

Bylaws (Administrative records)

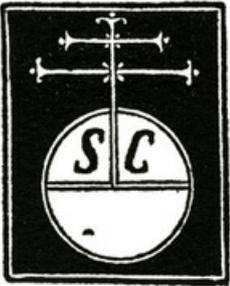
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