

Alaska State Library
Historical Collections

Guide to Collection

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.),
Juneau, Alaska**

Records of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Juneau, Alaska, 1897?-1975

MS 135

14 Boxes: 11 ½ x 18 x 3 ½ "
3 Boxes: 10 ½ x 15 ½ x 2"

Processed by: Marilyn Kwock, Aug. 1993
Revised by: mlk, July 1993
Revised by: Jacki Swearingen, Nov. 2016

ACQUISITIONS: The records were donated by Niels Finn Larsen of Juneau, through Betty Miller in May 1993. Accession #1993-19.

ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

COPYRIGHT: Request for permission to publish material from the collection must be discussed with the Librarian. **PHOTOCOPYING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PERMISSION TO PUBLISH.**

PROCESSING: The records were sorted according to lodge and record type in chronological order. One ledger was moved to Ms 123, Daughters of Rebekah, an affiliated group. The volumes were vacuumed and dry wiped, some wrapped in acid-free tissue.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was a social and charitable organization which, with the affiliated Daughters of Rebekah (see Ms 123), were active in local and statewide projects. In the Juneau, Alaska, area the Hall of Alaska Lodge A-1 first organized in Douglas city around the turn of the century. In the 1930s, the Douglas I.O.O.F. lodge merged with the Hall of the Silver Bow Lodge No. 2, which had been operating in Juneau concurrently. The Silver Bow Lodge was active until 1985. The group's Juneau building was sold in 1980, by the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., of Tacoma, Washington.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The records pertain to both the Hall of Alaska Lodge A-1 and the Hall of the Silver Bow Lodge No. 2. The volumes, mostly bound, include minutes, benefits records, and membership rosters, which contain officer and committee lists, brief notes on activities, and guest registers. There are also cash books, check books and *Register of annual reports* which record the financial activities of the lodges. The membership books list some personal data, such as occupation, age, death, etc. Many of the bound volumes are in fragile condition and have mold or water damage.

One publication, *Floor work for subordinate lodge degrees...1909*, was placed at the end of the collection.

Independent Order of Oddfellows I.O.O.F., Silver Bow Lodge #2-A, Juneau, Alaska. ALPHABETICAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DATA, self-published by Betty J. Miller, Juneau, Alaska, May, 1994, accompanies the finding aid for this collection in Box 1.

INVENTORY

Hall of Alaska Lodge #A-1, Douglas, Alaska

Box 1

1. Minutes book, 1905-1910. Fragile
2. Minutes book, 1917-1925. Fragile

Box 2

1. Minutes book, 1930-1932.
2. Minutes, 1937-June 1939. 70 l., looseleaf, typed
Includes *Report of the Trustees of Alaska Lodge A1 I.O.O.F....for 1937 and 1938* (at end of folder).

Box 3

1. *Index* (alphabetical book of members and lodges)
2. *Members register*, dated August 1898-April 1931. Includes biographical data.
3. *Trustees and committees* and *Roll of officers*, 1908-1919.
4. *Record of sick benefits*, dated 1913-1939.
5. *Register of annual reports*, dated 1908-1938.

Box 4

1. Cash book, dated 11/05-12/10. Fragile
2. " dated 1/11-7/13, and 6/18-12/20. Fragile
3. " dated 7/13-6/18. Fragile
4. " dated 1921-2/26.

Box 5

1. *I.O.O.F. secretary's cash book*, dated 8/31-6/39.
2. *Ledger*. Cash book by member, dated 1913-1939..
3. *First Territorial Bank*. First National Bank of Juneau check book and register in binder, dated 1934-1938.

Hall of Silver Bow Lodge No. 2A, Juneau, Alaska

Box 6

1. Minutes, dated 1/8/14-1/6/16
2. " dated 1/13/16-9/4/19
3. " dated 8/7/19-1/15/20

Box 7

1. Minutes, dated 1/1/20-1/25/23
2. " dated 2/1/23-8/12/26
3. " dated 8/26/26-3/28/29
4. " dated 4/4/29-2/25/32

Box 8

1. Minutes, dated 3/32-12/34
2. " dated 1935-1/38
3. " dated 1/38-4/40

Box 9

1. Minutes, dated 5/40-8/42, 7/43
2. " dated 8/42-11/44
3. " dated 11/14/44-2/11/47
4. " dated 2/18/47-5/17/49

Box 10

1. Minutes, dated 5/24/49-2/5/52
2. " dated 2/12/52-8/54
3. " dated 8/31/54-11/6/56
4. " dated 11/13/56-12/59

Box 11

1. Minutes, dated 10/20/64-3/18/69
2. " dated 4/69-11/2/71
3. " dated 1/72-10/7/75
4. *Register of annual reports*, 1910-1948
5. *Simplex ledger for lodges, No. 4*, by member, dated August 1905-1913. Includes rents received and cash out (at back).

Box 12

1. Books of checks, First National Bank, dated 8/44-12/45.
2. " " " " " , dated 12/55-7/60.
3. Register of visitors?, dated 1897?-1938.

Box 13

1. Cash book, dated 2/04-5/10
2. " " dated 1916-1922
3. " " dated 8/22-10/28
4. " " dated 11/28-2/34

Box 14

1. Cash book, dated 2/34-7/39
2. " " dated 7/39-10/44
3. " " dated 11/44-2/50

Box 15

1. Cash book, dated 3/50-6/55
2. " " dated 6/55-1/65
3. Cash book by member, dated 1914-1924?

Box 16

1. Cash book by member, dated 1926-1931?
2. *Floor work for subordinate lodge degrees, as authorized by the sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*, 1909, 88 p.

Box 17

Folder 1. Petitions for Membership, Transfer Certificates, 1916 - 1971

Folder 2. Applications for Degrees, 1932 - 1971.

Folder 3. Letter of Installation, 1954, Time Capsule in High School, 1956

Question Books for Subordinate Lodges, issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (2)

Folder 4. Book 1: entries dated 1917 - 1942

Folder 5. Book 2: entries dated 1942 - 1971

Folder 6. Ledger ("Invoices" on spine), containing various completed forms for the membership, 1890 - 1958, includes Petition for Membership, Application for Membership, Application for Degrees, Transfer Certificate, Dismissal Certificate, Withdrawal

Folder 7. Photograph: [I.O.O.F., no date]