

Information Sheet

R 502 Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Webb City Lodge No. 79 (Webb City, Mo.).

**Minute books, 1888-1961.
Fifteen volumes.**

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Eleven charter members organized the Webb City Odd Fellows Lodge on 9 August 1888. The lodge held weekly meetings for most of the period covered by the minutes. Active membership averaged about ten members, but many more attended special events such as combined meetings with other Odd Fellows lodges in Jasper County. Lodges existed at Carterville, Alba, and Duenweg, but as membership in these lodges declined they were consolidated with Webb City in 1929, 1936, and 1958, respectively.

Routine lodge business recorded in the minute books includes the acceptance and initiation of new members, expulsions of members for conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows, work on the three degrees of the order, and payments of benefits to members. There was also a considerable amount of deliberation concerning the lodge hall. Meetings were held first in the Knights of Pythias hall. Later the lodge rented space from John J. Donohue, an arrangement that lasted until 1923, when the Odd Fellows purchased their own building. Over the years, the lodge subleased or rented its hall to other Webb City organizations such as the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, the Daughters of Rebekah, the Royal Neighbors, the American Legion, and the Lions Club. After 1945 the lower rooms of the hall were leased to a furniture store and a cafe.

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- Volume 1: Minute book, 9 August 1888--31 August 1892 (261 pp.)
- Volume 2: Minute book: 7 September 1892--15 April 1893 (98 pp.)
- Volume 3: Minute book, 5 April 1893--19 June 1895 (250 pp.)
- Volume 4: Minute book, 3 July 1895--29 December 1897 (152 pp.)
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Volume 13: Minute book, 2 July 1935--16 January 1940	(approx. 300 pp.)
Volume 14: Minute book, 2 January 1940--1 July 1952	(approx. 400 pp.)
Volume 15: Minute book, 8 July 1952--31 January 1961	(approx. 400 pp.)

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