



Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Canton Lincoln No. 17 Records (R0533)

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Dates: 1895-1905

Creator: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Canton Lincoln No. 17 (Joplin, Mo.)

Abstract: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Canton Lincoln No. 17 Records is the minute book of the Odd Fellows (Patriarchs Militant) lodge in Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, covering the years 1895 through 1905.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Canton Lincoln No. 17 Records can be found in the following collections:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Blendville Lodge No. 573 Records (R0984)
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Carterville Lodge No. 314 Records (R0501)
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Carterville Lodge No. 314 Records (R0534)
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Joplin Lodge No. 287 Records (R0967)
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Webb City Lodge No. 79 Records (R0502)

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Historical Note:

Canton Lincoln was organized as an “encampment” lodge, in which members of subordinate Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodges attained “higher” degrees. The drill team or parade unit in the lodge is known as Patriarchs Militant. Canton Lincoln met twice a month in Joplin at various locations such as the Missouri National Guard armory, the hall of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Joplin Lodge No. 287, and a hall owned by one of its members.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

Minutes begin on November 24, 1895, and continue through December 26, 1905, and the volume is two hundred pages in length. Routine business consisted of initiating new members, working on various degrees of the order, raising funds, and arranging to attend Independent Order of Odd Fellows and public events. During the period covered by the minutes, J. B. James, A. Houghton, William Chapin, and J. M. Brooks were commanders of the lodge.

Activities included box lunches, socials, and smokers. The events were fund-raisers as well as social events. Canton Lincoln’s drill team won the prize competition at the Odd Fellows convention in Dallas, Texas, in 1896. Of note is the occasion in 1899 when past commander and drillmaster R. A. Spears embezzled money for uniforms given to him by members. It is not clear from the minutes whether the money was ever recovered. A happier occasion was the celebration in 1903 of the 84th anniversary of Odd Fellowship. The meeting, held in conjunction with the Barton and Jasper cantons, drew a crowd estimated at 4,000-5,000 people.

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