

Daughters of Rebekah, Past Noble Grand Club, Joplin, Missouri Records (R0560)

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Collection Title: Daughters of Rebekah, Past Noble Grand Club, Joplin, Missouri Records

Dates: 1950-1961

Creator: Daughters of Rebekah, Past Noble Grand Club (Joplin, Mo.)

Abstract: The Daughters of Rebekah, Past Noble Grand Club, Joplin, Missouri Records contain the record book of the Past Noble Grand Club at Joplin in Jasper County, Missouri. The club consisted of past leaders of the various lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in Jasper County.

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 Daughters of Rebekah, Past Noble Grand Club, Joplin, Missouri Records can be found in the following collections:

Daughters of Rebekah, Blendville Lodge No. 298 Records (R0557) Daughters of Rebekah, Blendville Lodge No. 298 Records (R0811)

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Daughters of Rebekah, Daisy Lodge No. 329 Records (R0535)
Daughters of Rebekah, Duenweg Lodge No. 266 Records (R0537)
Daughters of Rebekah, East Town Lodge No. 342 Records (R0536)
Daughters of Rebekah, Jasper County, Missouri Records (R0513)
Daughters of Rebekah, Joplin Lodge No. 97 Records (R0806)
Daughters of Rebekah, Webb City Lodge No. 106 Records (R0838)
Daughters of Rebekah, Webb City Lodge No. 106 Records (R0807)
Daughters of Rebekah, Zinc Lodge No. 369 Records (R0810)
Daughters of Rebekah, Zinc Lodge No. 369 Records (R0556)
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Historical Note:

The Daughters of Rebekah were founded in 1851 as the women's auxiliary to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Membership in the Rebekahs was available to all women of good character, as well as men belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In cooperation with the Odd Fellows, Rebekah lodges have supported education, youth groups, and homes for orphans and the aged. Known today as the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, at the time of the collection's accession, the order had grown larger than the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, although membership in both organizations continued to decline.

Noble Grand was the highest office in lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. After leaving office, the officers became Past Noble Grands, and continued to act in advisory and ceremonial roles. The Past Noble Grand Club of Joplin consisted of former officers of the Blendville, Joplin, and Zinc lodges of Jasper County. Lodges rotated responsibility for hosting the meetings, which usually took place at the Odd Fellows Hall at Ninth and Main streets in Joplin.

In the 1940s, the Rebekah Webb City Lodge No. 106 merged with the smaller Carl Junction Lodge No. 253. The combined lodges later consolidated with Blendville Lodge No. 298 in 1992. The combined Blendville lodge also absorbed other Jasper County defunct lodges including Daisy Lodge No. 329 at Chitwood (1931), Duenweg Lodge No. 266 (1963), Joplin Lodge No. 97 (1991), and Zinc Lodge No. 369 at Joplin (1993). It eventually held its last meeting on February 27, 2001, when the countywide lodge transferred its assets and membership to the Rebekah Assembly state lodge.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the record book of the Past Noble Grand Club at Joplin in Jasper County, Missouri. The volume includes minutes of meetings from May 10, 1950, through October 11, 1961, lists of officers, and attendance records.

Container List:

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