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**Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Madison Lodge #6 and Canton #5,
Winchester, Va. Records
969 THL**

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DATE: 1843-1990

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Records, Madison Lodge #6 and Canton #5, Winchester, Va. Records consists of minute books, ledgers, membership records, programs, and other materials related to the history of this organization. The bulk of the material is from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a fraternal order originally founded in 1819. It was originally modeled on a similar group in England, but in 1843 it broke from the parent organization and became the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1851 it became the first fraternal order to create a women's auxiliary when it formed the daughters of Rebekah. The Odd Fellows continued to grow in the nineteenth century and established lodges across the United States, to become one of the largest fraternal orders.

Madison Lodge #6 in Winchester, Va. was officially instituted in January 1838. In 1918, the group purchased a hall on the corner of Boscawen and Cameron Streets in Winchester. This building was sold in 1989, though the group continue to lease the hall for meetings.

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RELATED MATERIAL: Grand United Odd Fellows Lodge #1461 Records, 554 THL MMF

ACQUISITION INFORMATION: Items are on long term loan.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1 Madison Lodge #6 (Winchester, Va.)

Loose Papers, 1 folder

Minute Book, Dec. 1971 – Nov. 1973

Minute Book, Nov., 1973 – Mar., 1978

Minute Book, Dec., 1985 – Dec. 1986

BOX 2 Madison Lodge #6 (Winchester, Va.)

Dues Book, 1898 - 1903

Minute Book, 1882-1887

Minute Book, 1903-1907

Minute Book, 1897 – 1903

BOX 3 Madison Lodge #6 (Winchester, Va.)

Minute Book, 1907 – 1910

Minute Book, 1911 – 1913

Minute Book, 1913 – 1914

Minute Book, 1916 – 1918

BOX 4 Madison Lodge #6 (Winchester, Va.)

Minute Book, 1919 – 1922

Membership Records, no date

Reports, 1915 – 1921

Membership Reports, 1894 – 1898

Minute Book, 1922 – 1926 (includes envelope of loose papers from volume)

Minute Book, 1926 - 1928

BOX 5 Canton Lodge #5

Ledger and Membership Record, 1919 – 1921

Ledger and Membership Record, 1921 – 1923

Minute Book, 1908 – 1921

Certificates, Annual Report, 1920

BOX 6

Ledger and Membership Record, 1915 - 1918

Ledger and Membership Record, 1911 – 1914

Ledger and Membership Record, 1907 – 1918

Sheet Music, Hymns and Carols

BOX 7

Initiation Ledger, Madison Lodge #6, 1948 – 1949

Programs, Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1936, 1961, 1967, 1968, 1979

Programs, Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1961, 1968

Report, Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1965

Bank Book, Madison Lodge #6, 1923 - 1927

Book, *A Digest of the Decisions and Legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows* (Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1903)

Book, *Digest and Laws, Grand Lodge of Virginia IOOF*, 1948

Notebooks, circa 1925, 3 items

History of Madison Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., undated, 3 pages

Memorial Service Programs, IOOF Rebekahs and WOW, 1956, 1957

IOOF Register, Grand Lodge Session, 1933- 1934

“The Independent Odd-Fellow,” Vol. III, No. VIII, November, 1843; 1 booklet, 12 pages, printed