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Sons of England Benefit Society fonds. - [textual record]. - 1904-1907. - 3.50 cm of textual records (1 volume).

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Administrative history

The Sons of England Benefit Society was founded by George Clatworthy in Toronto in 1874 originally to provide cooperative insurance and purchase of burial plots. The society was organized into local lodges and served mainly working class families. It became a society to encourage patriotism, to promote loyalty to the monarchy and to provide assistance to particular settlers within the Society's mandate.

The organizing meeting of the Sons of England Benefit Society in Moose Jaw was held on May 28, 1904. Twenty Englishmen were present. The first executive elected were J. Crookall, president; R.F. Jackson, vice-president; E.B. Pragnell, secretary; E. Dean, chaplain; W.H. Wardell, treasurer. It was decided to name the lodge "The Moose Jaw Lodge #263 of the Sons of England Benefit Society". Meetings were held every second and fourth Saturday.

The Society in Canada ceased to exist in 1971.

Scope and content

This fonds contains a single series of a minute book of the Moose Jaw Lodge of The Sons of England Benefit Society that was kept from 1904 to 1907.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-folded in 2004.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession Number 6.BA donated to the archives by Ralph Bamford.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

001 - Minute Book. - 1904-1907. - 3.50 cm. of textual records (1 volume).