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Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 1 Ledger

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Division No. 1
Ledger, 1897 – 1912
3 folders in 1 archive box

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Acquisition: The ledger was donated for photocopying by Bill Fisher in 2000 (?). Original is in the possession of (?)Mr. Fisher. No contact information in Accession database. Update January 2009 – Mr. Fisher no longer has the original. He contacted RSSC of DPL to request a photocopy of this photocopy.

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HISTORY

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America. According to the preamble of their constitution the purpose of The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is to promote friendship, unity and Christian charity among its members by raising or supporting a fund of money for maintaining the aged, sick, blind and infirm members, for the payment of funeral benefits, for the advancement of the principles of Irish nationality and for the legitimate expenses of the order.

The AOH in America is partitioned into Divisions, County Boards, and State Boards, and is governed by a National Board. The Division is the basic unit in the Order. Divisions usually support local charities within their geographic areas, while sending a portion of their monies to higher levels for support of state, national, and international charities.

Marlys Svendsen states in *Davenport: A Pictorial History* that Davenport's Irish Catholics formed the Ancient Order of Hibernians in 1884. Five years later the fraternal group acquired an old church on Brady Street which became an auditorium, and added a three-story addition to the front. Svendsen states the Hibernians ceased existence in 1937.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Contents of the ledger cover the dates of April 1897 to February 1912 with the exception of November 1909-September 1910 which are not included. The photocopies are arranged in the ledger's numerical order, and contain three basic series of information: minutes of meetings, rolls calls of members, names and residences of members. The photocopies are stored in three file folders. If nothing was written on a ledger page, that page was not copied.

Folder 1

Photocopy of gentleman sitting in a chair, wearing a hat and uniform
– no identification, but April 2, 1897 minutes mention a portrait of late Bro. T. J. O'Meria (sic) possibly Thomas J. O'Meara.

Photocopy of ledger cover "Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 1"

Photocopies of ledger:

Page 3	list of officers for 1898
Page 10-23	roll calls
Page 30-109	minutes of meetings April 1897 through December 1900

Folder 2

Page 110-187	minutes of meetings December 1900 – August 8, 1906
Page 188-199	minutes of meetings October 17, 1910 – May 15, 1911

Folder 3

Page 200-223	minutes of meetings June 19, 1911 – February 19, 1912
Page 224-237	blank pages not copied
Page 238-267	minutes of meetings January 6, 1907 – December 1907
Page 268, 270	roster of members for 1908
Page 278-305	minutes of meetings January 1908 – December 1908
Page 306, 310	roster of members 1909
Page 312-319	minutes of meetings February 1909 – October 1909
Page 320-383	blank pages not copied
Page 384-389	roll calls
Page 390-395	blank pages not copied
Page 396-398	name and residence of members of Div. No. 1