Ancient Order Of Hibernians
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, roll 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