

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS PAPERS

Accession Number 26  
1906 -1908 and undated  
.5 linear feet (1 box)

**Provenance:** The papers were found in 2022 in records brought from the Washington County, Tennessee County Clerk's office and processed at that time.

**Access Note:** The papers are available for research use.

**Historical Note:** An international fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) traces back to 1730 in England. In 1819, the organization was formally chartered in the United States. Odd Fellows promote charity and philanthropic works. From 1852 until closed by the Civil War, the local Jonesborough lodge sponsored the Odd Fellows Female High School. This school building later served as the first public school in town.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of various I.O.O.F. documents and may have been papers belonging to C. E. Russell. The papers document activities related to the lodge and individual members. Included are by-laws, correspondence, published reports and pamphlets, among other items. Documents cover a time span from 1907 to 1908 with some material being undated. Records are arranged chronologically with undated materials filed last. The papers are housed in one box.

**Important subjects include:**

Fraternal organizations—Tennessee—Washington County  
Independent Order of the Odd Fellows  
Russell, Charles E.  
Clark, L. R.

Box and Folder/Item List

Box 1

1. Representative's certificate, Charles E. Russell, 1906.
2. Certificate of charges, L. R. Clark and C. E. Russell, 1907 - 1908.
3. Pamphlet: "Am I an Encampment Member?", 1907.
4. Semi-Annual Report, 1907 - 1908.
5. Correspondence, 1908.
6. By-laws and rules of Order, undated.
7. Petition for membership, blank, undated.
8. New member initiation, undated.