

I.O.D.E. Earl Mountbatten Chapter Records 1903– 2014

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- Creator:** Earl Mountbatten Chapter
- Extent:** 85 cm of textual records and scrapbooks (2.5 boxes).
- Abstract:** This archive is comprised mostly of records relating to activities of the Earl Mountbatten Chapter of the I.O.D.E., which is one of several small chapters belonging to the St. Catharines Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E. There is some information on other chapters of the I.O.D.E. within the Niagara Region, especially St.Catharines. The bulk of the material is minutes of meetings, related reports and scrapbooks.
- Materials:** Handwritten and typed minutes of meetings, reports, publications for regulation, promotion and public outreach, scrapbooks of postwar, press and publicity, educational work, reports and correspondence.
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Administrative History:

The I.O.D.E. as we currently know it today was founded in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray of Montreal, who recognized a need for loyal support of Canadians departing to fight in the Boer War with the Empire forces in South Africa. She encouraged the formation of a federation of women to promote patriotism, loyalty and service to others. The first chapter was formed in Fredericton, New Brunswick on January 15th 1900. Primary chapters were formed in quick succession across Canada. In 1901, Edith Boulton Nordheimer was elected the first national president, the location of the head office became Toronto, Ontario and the federation was incorporated as Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and Children of the Empire Junior Branch. The Earl Mountbatten Chapter was formed in 1947 and is continuing to be a functioning chapter at the time of writing this finding aid. During the 1970's the name I.O.D.E. was officially adopted. It is a federally chartered not-for-profit, charitable organization. Structured to report under the jurisdiction of the National chapter are the Provincial chapters, the Municipal chapters and the Primary chapters. The I.O.D.E. is associated with the Victory League in England and Daughters of the British Empire in the United States and it is proud of its heritage and traditions. Queen Elizabeth II is the current patron of the organization and although chapters sometimes disband there are always new chapters forming, including e-chapters that meet through 21st century electronics.

Sources:

I.O.D.E. Canada. Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. <http://www.I.O.D.E.ca/default.aspx>. 28 July 2010.

I.O.D.E. Earl Mountbatten Chapter Records, Brock University, 29 July 2010.

Scope & Content: The fonds include materials representing the operation of the Earl Mountbatten Chapter between 1947 and 2007. The bulk of the material is minutes of meetings, reports and scrapbooks. One divided binder was taken apart and divided sections were placed into file folders. The scrapbooks include a large variety of material in basic chronological sequence. Some of the material that you would normally expect to find in folders, i.e. correspondence, has been pasted in the chapter's scrapbooks.

Published items that are found in folders may sometimes also be found in the scrapbooks with additional pertinent information.

The majority of the minutes are either hand-written or typed and pasted in bound record books. They comprise the bulk of Series I which is arranged alphabetically by type of material, then chronologically. Publications such as magazines, small books, booklets, leaflets, cards and newspaper clippings are found in the folders of Series II, also arranged alphabetically by type of material. Series III includes six scrapbooks, which are arranged chronologically, hold numerous photographs, correspondence and details of both the community and the work of the I.O.D.E. in the community. Brief representation of several local, the municipal and the provincial chapters can be found amongst the volumes of information pertaining to the Earl Mountbatten Chapter.

Organization: The records were arranged into 4 series:
 Series I, Administration, 1947-2007
 Series II, Published Material, 1945-2007, n.d.
 Series III, Scrapbooks & Photographs, 1948-2001, n.d.
 Series IV, History, 1903-2014

Inventory:	Series I. Administration, 1947-2014.
1.1-1.2	Annual reports, 1967-2005 (non-inclusive), 2010. Also includes an education report (2010) and a chronology of education activities from 1952-2008.
1.3	Financial records, 1948-2010. Contains a history of dues; statements of revenues from fundraisers; lists of equipment purchased for residents of Linhaven through fundraisers; and allocation of chapter fund dollars (2001-2010).
1.4	Record book for convenor's event organization and expenses, October 1952 to November 1968.
1.5-1.12	Record books for minutes of meetings, October 1947 to January 1955, February 1955 to February 1960, March 1960 to December 1965, January 1966 to March 1974, April 1974 to February 1981, March 1981 to December 1990, April 1991 to November 2003, December 2003 to January 2006.

- 1.13-1.14 Minutes of meetings, 1990-2011 (non-inclusive).
- 1.15 Minutes of executive meetings, 1984, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993.
- 1.16 Provincial information, 1965-2010. Includes by-laws, meeting minutes, list of provincial meeting dates and locations (1994-2010), and a list of I.O.D.E chapters in Ontario.
- 1.17 Regents, Members, Officers lists, 1947-2014.
- 1.18 Member profiles, 1947-2010.
- 1.19 Correspondence, 2003-2012, n.d.

Series II. Published materials, 1945-2010, n.d.

- 1.20 Constitution and by-laws, 1945, 1969, 2005-2010. Includes booklets of the I.O.D.E Constitution and by-laws (1945, 1969); Earl Mountbatten chapter by-laws (2010), a chronology of I.O.D.E by-laws and motions of interest from 1948-2005, and a photocopied charter of the Earl Mountbatten chapter dated November 13, 1947.
- 1.21 Echoes: the Official Publication of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, No. 268-270 (1967-1968), No. 284 (1971).
- 1.22 Echoes, 1996-2008 (non-inclusive).
- 1.23 Earl Mountbatten Chapter I.O.D.E News, 2002-2010.
- 1.24 Leaflets and cards, 1954-2007, n.d.
- 3.1 Miscellany, 1997, n.d.
- 3.2 Newspaper clippings, [circa 1960] to 2010.
- 3.3 Queen Elizabeth II and Royal Family, 1963, 2003.
- 3.4 Recipe book and cards, [circa 1950], 1969.
- 3.5 *I.O.D.E.: the Third Twenty-Five Years 1950-1975* by May G. Kertland.
- 3.6-3.7 *Earl Mountbatten Chapter I.O.D.E 1947-2007: The First Sixty Years* by Lorraine Leyden. Includes research notes and a draft, as well as a spiral-bound copy.

Series III. Scrapbooks & Photographs, 1948-2011, n.d.

- 3.8 General photographs, 2003-2011. Contains group photos of members at meetings and participating in I.O.D.E activities.
- 2.1 Municipal chapter photograph, b.w., 8x10, n.d.
- 2.2-2.7 Scrapbooks, 1948 to 1964, 1954 to 1977, 1976 to 1996, 1995 to 1997, 1998 to 1999, 2000 to 2001.

Series IV. History, 1903-2014.

- 3.9 I.O.D.E City Chapters, 1903-2010. Contains a list of the I.O.D.E chapters in St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and Thorold, including the dates they disbanded; a brief biography of Margaret Polson Murray (founder of the I.O.D.E); a brief history of the I.O.D.E in St. Catharines; photocopies of I.O.D.E chapter charter applications and disbandment forms; news clippings; a 60th anniversary history of the Municipal Chapter of the St. Catharines I.O.D.E (1912-1972); photocopied minutes of the St. Catharines primary chapter (1908-1910); and a photograph of members of the Second Dragoons chapter (1933).
- 3.10 I.O.D.E Park, 1976-2007. Contains meeting minutes, reports and other documents concerning a parcel of land in St. Catharines donated by the I.O.D.E in 1917 to be used as a park, and the dedication and naming of the park in 2007.
- 3.11-3.12 Earl Mountbatten Chapter History, 1947-2014. Contains a chronology of the history of the Earl Mountbatten I.O.D.E chapter, as well as some related documents such as news clippings and programs.

Related Archives: McComb, Isabel. Isabel McComb Brighty Fonds. 17RG. 1876-1941.

Second Dragoons Chapter. I.O.D.E. Second Dragoons Chapter Fonds. RG310. 1967-1983.

Duke of Kent Chapter. I.O.D.E. Duke of Kent Chapter Fonds. RG311. 1934-1980.

Related Material: Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. Who Called? 1949. [Special Collections FC 3164.2 N85 1949]