

Ontario's Historic Societies Collection, 1883-1998

**Ontario City Library
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Descriptive Summary

Title

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Creator

This collection has been compiled by Library Local History staff over the years.

Extent

Number of containers: 1

Linear feet: 1.5

Abstract

Ontario has had five historical societies preceding the current Ontario Heritage. The first was the Ontario Colony Pioneer Association which lasted from 1883 to 1918. Historic interest and organized preservation took a back seat until 1955 with the start up of the West End Historical Society, which lasted until 1981. Around the same time (1961-1981) was the Chaffey College Historical Society. In 1974, the Ontario Historic Landmarks Society was formed. In 1992 it dropped "Landmarks" from its name as it was deemed to limiting. The new name became the Ontario Historical Society. The current organization, Ontario Heritage came into being in 1998 and continues to the present.

The goals of all of these societies were to preserve, publicize and honor historic buildings, events and pioneers of Ontario. This collection includes meeting minutes, flyers and brochures of society events, news clippings and publications such as a calendar and membership rosters, cards and meeting notices. All such items relating to the current Ontario Heritage are located in the Model Colony Reading Room clipping files under Historic Societies.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

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Container List

Folder

- 1 **Ontario Colony Pioneer Association** 1883-1918.
Minute book belonging to A. D. (Judge Archie Mitchell) – 1912-1945.
Association Constitution and by-laws (undated).
4 invoices circa 1914. 2 financial statements dated April 10, 1917
and January 9, 1918.
Undated accounting of disbursements/receipts for Pioneer
Picnic (precursor to the First Californian's later the All-States
Picnic).
3 lists of names of Ontario Pioneers dating from 1883.
- 2 **West End Historical Society** 1955-1981
Constitution and by-laws undated
Minutes – Mar 1955-Apr 1956
Membership rosters
Personal data sheets
News clippings – 1955-56
Two bank statements dated Nov 1956 and Apr 1961
Envelope labeled "mule car house fund"
Misc notes, postcards of future meetings
Notes for Pioneer Picnic dated May 17, 1981
- 3 **Chaffey College Historical Society** 1961-1981
Minutes 1961-1981
Membership rosters
Constitution and Articles of Incorporation
Misc. notes
- Ontario Historic Landmarks Society**
- 4 Newsletters 1976-1983
- 5 Newsletters 1984-1992
- 6 Meeting minutes and misc notes Feb. 1979-Jan. 1992
- 7 News clippings and press releases 1974-1983
- 8 Correspondence, flyers of programs, fundraising brochures,
Letterhead, meeting notices, 1980 calendar, membership cards
- Ontario Historical Society**
- 9 Minutes – Mar. and May 1992, Jan and Feb. 1994, flyers, one
Copy of newsletter, Hi Society News, vol. 1, issue 1 dated May 1,
1998
- 10 News clippings 1992-1998