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Biography

Odd Fellows Charity Lodge of Stockton (Calif.) was organized in February 1852. Initially, the Lodge's membership reached about 150, but internal disputes fostered by the regionalism that gave rise to the American Civil War led to the establishment of a second Odd Fellows Lodge in Stockton and a subsequent decline in the Charity Lodge's membership. Activities of the Lodge included participation in civic events, care of sick and diseased members and the operation of Stockton's first public library. Charity Lodge built its own meeting hall in 1865.

Scope and Content

The Odd Fellows Charity Lodge Records consist of correspondence, financial statements, reports, bills and other financial papers (1852-1867).

BOX 1: STOCKTON ODD FELLOWS RECORDS, 1852-1867

1.1: Aug 1852-Oct 1855 [27 items]

1.2: Jan 1856-Dec 1857 [35 items]

1.3: Jul 1858-Dec 1859 [21 items]

1.4: Undated material [4 items]

1.5: Miscellaneous Items

- *Footsteps in Odd Fellowship: History of the Origin, Progress and Work of Stockton Lodges* . Compiled by George H. Tinkham, 1896

- *Proceedings at the Celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Introduction of Odd Fellowship in the United States, held in the City of Stockton, Tuesday, April 26, 1859, including an Oration delivered by P. G. Rep. Nathan Porter, of San Francisco* . Published by authority of Charity Lodge, No. 6, and Stockton Lodge, No. 11, I.O.O.F. 1859

-The "Baby Lodge" 19th Anniversary 1903 announcement