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### Abstract

The Blacksburg [Virginia] Odd Fellows Records consist of financial records, correspondence, minute books, brochures of several annual conferences, by-laws and odd issues of the Odd Fellows Journal for the men's lodge, Tadmore Light Lodge No. 6184 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The collection also contains correspondence, minutes and financial records for the women's group, the Household of Ruth.

### Creator

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America. Tadmore Light Lodge #6184 (Blacksburg, Va.)

### Extent

3.4 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

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# Administrative History

The Blacksburg Odd Fellows Lodge is the Tadmor Light Lodge No. 6184 and was probably formed in December of 1904. It was a branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal and mutual relief society for people of color. The Household of Ruth was an auxiliary for wives of fellows.

Read more on the SCUA blog posts, "Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Tadmor Light Lodge, No. 6184 (Blacksburg, VA)" and Household of Ruth, No. 5533, both by archivist Anthony Wright de Hernandez.

# Scope and Content

The Blacksburg [Virginia] Odd Fellows Records consist of financial records, correspondence, minute books, brochures of several annual conferences, by-laws and odd issues of the Odd Fellows Journal for the men's lodge. There are also correspondence, minutes and financial records for the women's group - the Household of Ruth.

# Keywords

African Americans -- History

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America. Tadmor Light Lodge #6184 (Blacksburg, Va.)

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# Arrangement

The records are arranged in two series - Tadmore Light Lodge and Household of Ruth, and then arranged chronologically with undated items at the end.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I. Tadmore Light Lodge Records**

**Unit Date** 1902-1969

#### **"Funeral Ceremony of the Use of the Lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"**

**Unit Date** 1902

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Tadmore Light Lodge minute book**

**Unit Date** 1904-1911

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **"Third Quarterly Circular: Sub-committee of Management"**

**Unit Date** 1905

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Payment Records**

**Unit Date** 1905-1906

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1905-1906

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### **"First Quarterly Circular: Sub-committee of Management"**

**Unit Date** 1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

#### **Payment records**

**Unit Date** 1907

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Receipts****Unit Date** 1907**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Receipts****Unit Date** 1908-1909**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1908-1909**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Application for membership, Plymouth Christian****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Meeting minutes****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Receipts****Unit Date** 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Proceedings of the Fifth General Meeting****Unit Date** September 12-17, 1910**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Tadmire Light Lodge financial records****Unit Date** 1910-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Payment records****Unit Date** 1911**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)

**Receipts****Unit Date** 1911-1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge minute book****Unit Date** 1912-1914**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge dues record book****Unit Date** 1912-1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Ritual of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book Second****Unit Date** 1914**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1915**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**The King's Messengers (magazine), October****Unit Date** 1916**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Ritual of The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book First****Unit Date** 1916**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Ledger--Officers roll 1916-1919; meeting minutes, 1942-1962****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Members and semi-annual dues notebook****Unit Date** 1917**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)**"Second Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"****Unit Date** 1919**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 28 (folder)

**Checkbook stubs****Unit Date** 1920-1921**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 29 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** 1921**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 30 (folder)**"Extract of the Biennial Report of A.T. Shirley, District Grand Secretary"****Unit Date** 1921**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 31 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1921**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 32 (folder)**Committee of Management (correspondence)****Unit Date** 1921-1925**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 33 (folder)**W.E. Floding catalogs, lodge ephemera****Unit Date** 1922**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 34 (folder)**Miscellaneous****Unit Date** 1922**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Electric Light Department payment stubs****Unit Date** 1922-1965**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 35 (folder)**"Proceedings of the 10th Biennial Session and 33rd General Meeting;" Richmond, Virginia****Unit Date** August 18-30, 1923**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 36 (folder)**"First Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"****Unit Date** 1924**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 37 (folder)

**"Second Semi-annual Circular: Sub-committee of Management"**

**Unit Date** 1924

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 38 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1926

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 39 (folder)

**Dues records book**

**Unit Date** 1926-1936

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 40 (folder)

**District Grand Lodge--correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1927

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 41 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1929

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 42 (folder)

**Applicant's agreement**

**Unit Date** 1929

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 43 (folder)

**"First Semi-annual Circular: Committee of Management"**

**Unit Date** 1930

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 44 (folder)

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**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 45 (folder)

**"Proceedings of the 14th Biennial Session and 37th General Meeting of District Grand Lodge #15," Fredericksburg**

**Unit Date** 1931

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 46 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1931-1932

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 47 (folder)

**Proceedings of the 15th Biennial Session and 38th General Meeting of District Grand Lodge #15, Petersburg**

**Unit Date** 1933

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 48 (folder)

**Committee of Management correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1933-1934

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 49 (folder)

**Odd Fellows Journal**

**Unit Date** 1934

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 50 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1934

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 51 (folder)

**District Grand Lodge Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1934-1937

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 52 (folder)

**Endowment Department reports**

**Unit Date** 1935-1937

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 53 (folder)

**Odd Fellows Journal**

**Unit Date** March 5, 1936

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 54 (folder)

**Odd Fellows Journal**

**Unit Date** May 7, 1936

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 55 (folder)

**Odd Fellows Journal**

**Unit Date** July 2, 1936

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 56 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1936

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 57 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1937

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 58 (folder)

**Thanksgiving services and Ogden Day celebration program**

**Unit Date** May 9, 1937

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 59 (folder)

**Committee of Management correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1937-1939

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 60 (folder)

**28th Biennial Movable Conference, souvenir program; Charlotte, North Carolina**

**Unit Date** August 8-13, 1938

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 61 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1938

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 62 (folder)

**District Grand Lodge correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1938-1941

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 63 (folder)

**Envelopes**

**Unit Date** 1930

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 64 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1941

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 65 (folder)

**Payment records**

**Unit Date** 1942

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 66 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1943

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 67 (folder)

**Quarterly Bulletin****Unit Date** February-May 1943**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 68 (folder)**Committee of Management correspondence concerning death of Edward H. Morris****Unit Date** February 3, 1943**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 69 (folder)**Committee of Management correspondence****Unit Date** 1944-1945**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 70 (folder)**District Grand Lodge correspondence****Unit Date** 1944-1947**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 71 (folder)**Quarterly Bulletin****Unit Date** February-May 1945**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 72 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1945-1946**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 73 (folder)**Endowment Department Report****Unit Date** 1946**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 74 (folder)**Membership Drive announcement****Unit Date** 1946**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 75 (folder)**District Grand Lodge correspondence****Unit Date** 1947**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 76 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1947**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 77 (folder)

**Committee of Management correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1948-1949

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 78 (folder)

**22nd Biennial Session and 45th General Meeting, correspondence; Newport News, Virginia**

**Unit Date** August 23-25, 1949

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 79 (folder)

**Envelopes**

**Unit Date** 1940-1949

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 80 (folder)

**Committee of Management correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1950-1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 81 (folder)

**23rd Biennial Session and 46th General Meeting, correspondence; Richmond, Virginia**

**Unit Date** August 28-30, 1951

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 82 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1951

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 83 (folder)

**District Grand Lodge correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 84 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 85 (folder)

**Petition for membership**

**Unit Date** 1953

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 86 (folder)

**Ritual of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Book First**

**Unit Date** 1953

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 87 (folder)

**Committee of Management Correspondence****Unit Date** 1953-1955**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 88 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1954**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 89 (folder)**Odd Fellows Bulletin, Spring****Unit Date** 1954**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 90 (folder)**Grand Lodge Session, Correspondence****Unit Date** August 5-6, 1957**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 91 (folder)**26th Biennial Session of District Grand Lodge #15 and District Grand Household #11, souvenir program; Norfolk, Virginia****Unit Date** August 5-8, 1957**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 92 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1957**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 93 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** 1950-1959**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 94 (folder)**Receipts****Unit Date** 1963**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 95 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1969**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 96 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** 1960-1969**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 97 (folder)

**Dues records, receipts****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Tadmore Light membership ribbons;Odd Fellows membership badge****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Floding Company brochures****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Ritual Cards****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Gospel Hymns****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Clearance Cards, as member credentials****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Thanksgiving service program****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Tadmore Light Lodge 27th anniversary announcement****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Envelopes****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Black wool uniform coatee with buttons with ensignia BOOF****Unit Date** n.d.**box** 4**Series II. Household of Ruth Records****Unit Date** 1904-1951

**Membership Questionnaire****Unit Date** 1904-1943**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1916**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**"General Laws and Regulations of the Household of Ruth Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"****Unit Date** 1918**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Minute Book****Unit Date** 1918-1921**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Finance Book****Unit Date** 1918-1921**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Order for Masonic Supplies****Unit Date** 1919**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1921**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Receipt****Unit Date** 1921**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Financial Records****Unit Date** 1921-1927**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**First Annual Banquet invitation****Unit Date** 1922**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)

**Record Book of Minutes and Roll of Officers**

**Unit Date** 1923-1935

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**District Grand Household correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1924

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1925

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Diary, author unknown (probably from Blacksburg, VA), written during a convention in Farmville [VA]**

**Unit Date** 1927

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**"General Laws and Regulations of the Household of Ruth Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America"**

**Unit Date** 1927

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Record Book of Taxes Collected**

**Unit Date** 1934

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Bill for Odd Fellows Journal Subscription**

**Unit Date** 1935

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Meeting Minute Book**

**Unit Date** 1935-1946

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Financial Records**

**Unit Date** 1937

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Receipt**

**Unit Date** 1938

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1940**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1947**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**District Grand Household #11 correspondence****Unit Date** 1949**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Membership Credential****Unit Date** 1950**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Excerpts from District Grand Household District Convention****Unit Date** 1951**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)**Applicant's Agreement****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 26 (folder)**Dues Cards****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 27 (folder)