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Finding Aid - Sons of Temperance, Chester Division No. 32 fonds (MS-2-424)

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Sons of Temperance, Chester Division No. 32 fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-424
Date:	1848-1893 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	6.5 cm of textual records 4 volumes : 21.5 x 34 x 3 cm, and smaller
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Sons of Temperance, Chester Division No. 32 fonds, MS-2-424, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Sons of Temperance was founded in 1842 by New York printers John and Isaac Oliver, who wanted to distance their order from some of the less respectable fraternal organizations that grew up around abstinence and prohibition movements. The organization expanded rapidly, remaining strongest in urban centres in the northeastern United States. In 1847 the Acadia Division was chartered in Nova Scotia by the Reverend William Ashley, who also served as the “deputy most worthy patriarch” for the National Division. Within five months Nova Scotia boasted ten divisions and 600 members, as well as a Grand Division. The Chester Division No 32 was instituted on 12 September 1848.

Custodial history

Records were purchased by Dalhousie University Archives from John Townsend in two accessions (144-80) and (7-82) in 1980 and 1982.

Scope and content

Fonds comprises materials related to the administration of the Sons of Temperance, Chester Division No. 32 from 1848-1893, including minute books, financial information, and registers.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

See the records of other Nova Scotian divisions: Sons of Temperance, Columbia Division No. 24 (MS-2-14); Sons of Temperance, Noel Division No. 221 (MS-2-537); Sons of Temperance, Rock Division, Maitland (MS-2-451); Sons of Temperance, Lorne Division (MS-2-450); Sons of Temperance, Wallace Bridge Division No. 792 (MS-2-395); and Sons of Temperance, Victoria Lodge No. 13, Bass River (MS-2-475).

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Sons of Temperance of North America.
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Minutes (Records) (documentary form)
- Nova Scotia--Social life and customs (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Temperance societies (subject)

Collection holdings

File: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 2 - Register for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1858-1867

Title: Register for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1858-1867

Reference code: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 2

Date: 1858 - 1867 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item includes a revised register, as well as a register for lady visitors.

Physical description: 1 volume : 15.5 x 19 x 1 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 H

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 3 - Minute book for Sons for Temperance, Chester Division, 1867-1869

Title: Minute book for Sons for Temperance, Chester Division, 1867-1869

Reference code: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 3

Date: 1867 - 1869 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume : 21.5 x 32.5 x 1.5 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 H

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 4 - Minute book for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1869-1880

Title: Minute book for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1869-1880

Reference code: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 4

Date: 1869 - 1880 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume : 21.5 x 34 x 3 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 H

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 5 - Financial scribes book for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1893

Title: Financial scribes book for Sons of Temperance, Chester Division, 1893

Reference code: MS-2-424, SF Box 94, Folder 5

Date: 1893 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume : 18 x 23 x 1 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 H

Publication status:

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