IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN. WENONAH TRIBE NO. 182 (GREENFIELD, IND.) RECORDS, 1867–1969

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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1867-1969

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Collections and Badges to Artifacts. Costumes were transferred to

the Indiana State Museum.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Wenonah Tribe No. 182 of the Improved Order of Red Men was founded in Greenfield (Hancock County) in March, 1893, with 45 charter members. The lodge owned and conducted meetings at the southwest corner of East and Main Streets in Greenfield. Other lodges and branches of the Red Men organization that conducted their meetings in the building were the Wenonah Haymakers Association No. 132 1/2, organized in March, 1899, with 16 charter members and maintained the motto: "Fun and Good Fellowship;" Oronoco Council No. 59, Degree of Pocahontas, organized, December, 1895, with 45 charter members; Greenfield Lodge No. 153, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which was founded in July, 1853; Manitou Lodge and the Manitou Haymakers from Fortville; the Lenape Lodge No. 224 from Mohawk; Oneta Lodge No. 305; and Papago No. 305.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains records from Wenonah Tribe #182 of the Improved Order of Red Men and other lodges that conducted meetings in their building. Wenonah tribe records include meeting minutes, account books, attendance records, newsletters, question books, club room accounts, photographs and correspondence with other lodges, and the national branch of the Improved Order of Red Men, 1901-1969. Other records in the collection include meeting minutes, death records, question books, roll books, account books, and cash books from other Red Men lodges and auxiliaries and other fraternal lodges that conducted meetings in the Wenonah tribe's building in Greenfield; these include Greenfield Lodge #135 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 1867-1920; Oronoco Lodge #59, 1902-1953; Wenonah Haymakers Lodge #182 1/2, 1899-1916 and 1947-1956; Manitou Lodge #53, 1929-1947; Manitou Haymakers #53 1/2, 1913-1947; Oneta Lodge #305, 1923-1955; Lenape Lodge #224, 1914-1938; and Papago #305, 1920-1938.

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