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Introduction

The Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies currently operating in the UK. Evolving from the medieval Trade Guilds, the Oddfellows began in the City of London in the late 17th and early 18th centuries and established local groups across England and Wales. In 1810 the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows was formed by a number of local social groups joining together. As the idea caught on, more and more groups started up around the country, generally meeting in pubs and church halls and now many Branches own their own meeting place or Oddfellows hall.

Today the Oddfellows is a social and care organisation. Every year, thousands of people join the Oddfellows, not just for the range of financial and practical benefits available, but increasingly for the network of social events membership offers and the opportunity for making friends.

[taken from [http:// www.odfellows.co.uk](http://www.odfellows.co.uk)]

Lodges in Shropshire (Westbury, Bishops Castle and Minsterley) have been included, as they formed part of the collection, which came from the Oddfellows - who retrieved them from a hall in Montgomery. It is presumed that the Shropshire Lodges on the borders came under the umbrella of the Montgomeryshire branch of the organisation.

In some cases, it is not possible to tell from the records the location of the lodge, only its name.

/AF Ark of Friendship Lodge, Montgomery**/MR Minute/ Resolution Books**

/1	Minutes	Jun 1881-Jan 1898
/2	Minutes	Mar 1920-Jun 1923
/3	Minutes	Dec 1937-Mar 1940

/DL Dulas Lodge, Mochdre**/MR Minute/ Resolution Books**

/1	Minutes	Aug 1912-jan 1925
/2	Minutes	Feb 1925-Dec 1935
/3	Minute Book (Independent Section)	Sep 1936-Mar 1946

/4	Minutes	Apr 1946-Jun 1949
/5	Minute Book	Dec 1952-Dec 1955
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Table of Contributions and Benefits	1912-1934
/DV	Dovey Lodge [?Machynlleth]	
/MR	<i>Minute/ Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Minutes	Jul 1903-Nov 1910
/2	Minutes	Jan 1913-Jan 1933
/FN	Friend in Need Lodge, Churchstoke	
/MR	<i>Minute/ Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Resolution/Minute Book	Dec 1869-Jan 1882
/2	Resolution Book	Nov 1892-Sep 1898
/3	Resolution/Minute Book	Jul 1905-Dec 1910
/4	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1911-Dec 1916
/5	Resolution/Minute Book, Female Lodge	Jun 1912-Sep 1916
/6	Resolution/Minute Book	Aug 1919-Jul 1925
/7	Resolution Book	Feb 1921-Jun 1926
/8	Resolution/Minute Book	Aug 1925-Jun 1931
/9	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1926-Aug 1930
/10	Resolution/Minute Book	Sep 1930-Apr 1935
/11	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1931-Aug 1938
/12	Resolution/Minute Book	May 1935-Oct 1940
/13	Minute book	Oct 1940-Sep 1946
/14	Minute Book, Independent Section	Jan 1947-Sep 1964
/15	Minute Book	Jan 1965-Jun 1988
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Cash Book	Dec 1869-1881
/2	Cash Book	Jan 1882-Dec 1890
/3	Contribution Book	1882-1890
/4	Bundle of Annual Statements [1886-1888 missing]	1884-1910
/5	Record and Cash Book - Juvenile Branch	Jan 1907-1952
/6	Contribution Book	Dec 1912-Dec 1916
/7	Contribution Book	Jun 1926-Dec 1961
/8	Investment Register	Mar 1931-Feb 1946
/9	Receipt and Payment Book	Jan 1939-Jun 1941
/DE	<i>Declaration Books</i>	
/1	Age Declaration Book	Mar 1870-Jun 1881
/2	Age Declaration Book	Apr 1882-Apr 1890
/3	Age Declaration Book	May 1890-Jun 1900
/4	Declaration Admission Book	Oct 1900-Jul 1912

/SU	<i>Subscription Books</i>	
/1	Subscription Book	Dec 1897-1902
/SR	<i>Sickness Registers</i>	
/2	Sickness Register	Jun 1924-Dec 1936
/ID	Idris Lodge, Dolgellau	
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Memorandum of Deposit	Aug 1908
/2	Two Bank Books, 1910-1919, 1924-1928	1910-1928
/3	National War Stock Bond and correspondence re bonds	1918-1931
/LM	Miners Pride Lodge, Minsterley [Shropshire]	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Minute book	Nov 1971-mar 1991
/MD	Montgomery District Lodges	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1909-Dec 1917
/2	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1918-Jul 1924
/3	Resolution/Minute Book	Jul 1924-Jun 1931
/4	Resolution/Minutes Book	Jul 1931-Jan 1937
/5	Minute Book	Feb 1981-Mar 1994
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Account Book	Jul 1847-Dec 1870
/2	Cash Book	Dec 1925-Jun 1936
/PP	Perseverance and Progress Lodge <i>[Progress Lodge, Sarn and Perseverance Lodge, location unknown, were amalgamated in 1913]</i>	
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Contribution Book [Contributions entered jointly from 1914]	Dec 1912-Mar 1941
/RL	Rheidol Lodge	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Minute Book <i>[the label on the volume is marked 'Rheidol', but inside the volume the lodge is given as 'Druid']</i>	Jan 1962-Nov 1968
/2	Minute Book	Oct 1965-Nov 1968
/3	Minute Book	Jun 1974-Jun 1986

/VP	Village Pride Lodge, Westbury [Shropshire]	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Minute Book	Dec 1942-Apr 1971
/WL	Waterloo Lodge, Bishops Castle [Shropshire]	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1879-Mar 1886
/2	Resolution/Minute Book, also some Trustees	Jan 1904-Dec 1916
/3	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1918-May 1926
/4	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1926-Jun 1931
/5	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1931-Jan 1935
/6	Minute Book of the Juvenile Branch	Sep 1934-Jul 1948
/7	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1935-May 1937
/8	Trustees Meeting Book	Dec 1935-Apr 1974
/9	Resolution/Minute Book	Jan 1937-May 1945
/10	Resolution/Minute Book	Jun 1937-Oct 1939
/11	Resolution/Minute Book	Nov 1939-Sep 1947
/12	Resolution/Minute Book	Nov 1947-May 1955
/13	Minute Book	Apr 1955-Feb 1960
/14	Minute Book	Mar 1960-Mar 1964
/15	Minute Book	Mar 1964-Jan 1970
/16	Minute Book	Jan 1970-Jan 1976
/17	Trustee Meeting Book	Aug 1980-Apr 1985
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Table of Contributions and Benefits	1912-1934
/2	Contribution and Benefit Sheets	1919-1978
/3	Nomination Book (Funeral Expenses)	Jun 1934-Aug 1987
/DE	<i>Declaration Books</i>	
/1	Initiation Declaration Book	Apr 1891-Dec 1898
/2	Initiation Declaration Book	Jun 1899-Oct 1905
/3	Initiation Declaration Book	Jul 1907-Jul 1915
/4	Declaration Book	Feb 1926-Aug 1941
/X	Miscellaneous Lodges	
/MR	<i>Minute/Resolution Books</i>	
/1	Minutes - Cambrian, Bechan and Dulas Lodge	Jan 1925-Dec 1990
/AC	<i>Finance</i>	
/1	Table of Contributions and Benefits - Prince of Powys Lodge, Welshpool	1912-1934
/RU	<i>Rule Books</i>	
/1	Bundle of Rule Books - Various Lodges	1881-1941

