Information Sheet

Modern Woodmen of America. Camp No. 6670 (Norman, Mo.).
518 Record book, 1907-1930.
One volume.

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The Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal benefit society organized in 1883 by Joseph Cullen Root. It began as an all-male group, but in 1895 organized a women’s group, the Royal Neighbors of America, which had existed previously as an unofficial female auxiliary to the Modern Woodmen. The organization and its local groups, called “camps,” held social events and carried out benevolent work. Assessments of and benefits to members were an important part of the organization’s purpose. The Modern Woodmen exists today as a legal reserve fraternal assessment society.

The community at Norman was located in the southeastern quarter of Phelps County, near the border with Crawford and Dent counties. The camp counted members from Norman as well as the neighboring communities of DeCamp, Elk Prairie, Hobson, Seaton, Vilean, and Winkler. During the period covered by the record book the officers included J. A. Hale, J. G. Greig, F. W. Clayton, A. A. Livingston, and W. C. Wilson. The records of the camp include equal parts of minutes of meetings and financial records. Among the social events were picnics and other activities cosponsored with the local camp of the Royal Neighbors of America.

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Shelf List

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The pagination of the volume is irregular and there are many blank pages. Only those pages bearing entries have been filmed. The material appears in the following order:

List of officers, 1 January 1908

Minutes of meetings, 4 January 1908—2 December 1916
(there are also sporadic entries for 1924-1926)

Resolutions on the death of Walter Adams, 12 October 1907

Membership and rate index, n.d.

Subscribers to the Hall Fund, n.d.

Account with Neighbors, n.d.
Assessments for the Benefit Fund, 1908-1930

Account with Fraternal Neighbors, 1908-1911

Clerk’s account with Banker, 1908-1925

Benefit and General Fund Cash Account, 1908-1913

Enclosures

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Adams, Walter, -1912.
Greig, J. G.
Hale, J. A.
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