Information Sheet

Daughters of Rebekah. Cuba Lodge No. 739 (Cuba, Mo.).
Twenty-four volumes and seven folders.

THIS COLLECTION IS IN OFF-SITE STORAGE. AT LEAST TWO DAYS’ NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR ITS RESEARCH USE.

This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri. If you would like more information, please contact us at shsresearch@umsystem.edu.

These are the record books and miscellaneous papers of the Rebekah lodge in Cuba, Crawford County, Missouri. The Cuba Lodge’s collection includes earlier records of Martha Lodge No. 19 at St. James in Phelps County, which consolidated with the lodge at Cuba in 1978.

The records for both the St. James and Cuba lodges consist of minutes of meetings, attendance rolls of officers, membership records, guest registers, annual reports to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and miscellaneous papers. The records span the lives of both lodges, but in neither case are the collections entirely complete. The records for both lodges are most complete regarding membership matters, but there are gaps in the minutes of meetings.

Martha Lodge No. 19 was the earlier of the two neighboring Daughters of Rebekah organizations. Nine charter members organized the lodge in St. James on 26 July 1888. The earliest volume contains the names of charter and subsequent members, rolls of officers, records of receipts and disbursements, and names of visitors through 1925. The remaining volumes consist of a membership register showing the names, date and method of admission, ages, and occupations of lodge members (1936-1976), a roll book showing attendance of officers (1969-1976), registers of visitors to the lodge (1916-1978), and a minute book (1976-1978). There are no minutes of meetings from 1926 through 1975. There is also a folder containing annual reports for 1931-1933, and membership lists for 1976-1983.

By the late 1970s, Martha Lodge mustered only four or five active members, and it consolidated with the Rebekah lodge at Cuba in neighboring Crawford County. Volume 6 contains records the last meeting of Martha Lodge on 19 June 1978, after which the minutes continue in the same record book as Cuba Lodge No. 739.

Cuba Lodge No. 739 was organized in February 1921. There were forty-one charter members; Alice Braughton was the first presiding officer (i.e., “Noble Grand”). Membership reached its peak in 1930 (sixty-seven members), and its lowest ebb in 1942 (twenty-one members). The lodge carried thirty members on its rolls before its dissolution, but only a few were active. Cuba Lodge No. 739 held its last meeting on 9 November 1984, after which it consolidated with Damaris Lodge No. 20 at Rolla (See WHMC-Rolla Collection R969).

There are no minutes of meetings of Cuba Lodge prior to 1944, but membership records and rolls of officers are complete for the life of the lodge. There is also a nearly complete set of annual reports to the state lodge, 1921-1983. The annual reports include a financial statement, summary of membership, and names of officers for each calendar year.
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Volumes 1-6: Record books of Martha Lodge No. 19 (St. James, Mo.), 1888-1978.

Volume 01: Record book, 1888-1925
Volume 02: Members Register, 1936-1943
Volume 03: Officers Roll Book, 1969-1978
Volume 04: Visitors Register, 1916-1978
Volume 05: Visitors Register, 1947-1962
   [This volume continues as the minute book of Cuba Lodge No. 739, 23 Feb 1979—10 Jun 1983. Subsequent minutes after that date are in the records of Cuba Lodge, see Volume 14.]

Volumes 7-24: Record books of Cuba Lodge No. 739 (Cuba, Mo.), 1921-1984.

Volume 07: Minute book, 28 Jan 1944—31 Dec 1948
Volume 08: Minute book, 14 Jan 1949—9 Apr 1954
Volume 10: Minute book, 9 Jan 1959—10 May 1963
   [For minutes of meetings, 1979-1983, see Volume 6 above, in records of Martha Lodge No. 19]
Volume 14: Minute Book, 23 Sep 1983—9 Nov 1984
Volume 15: Members Register, 1921-1982
Volume 16: Membership ledger, 1921-1978
Volume 17: Officers Roll Book, 1921-1967
   [The cover bears legend “Cash Book,” but the first page is headed “Secretary’s Ledger”]
Volume 23: Treasurer’s record book, 1 Jan 1944—31 Dec 1963
Volume 24: Treasurer’s record book, 10 Jan 1964—27 Apr 1984

Folders 1-7: Miscellaneous papers, Martha Lodge and Cuba Lodge, 1921-1983.

Folder 01: Annual Reports [Martha Lodge], 1931-1933; Membership Lists, 1975-1978
Folder 02: Annual Reports [Cuba Lodge], 1921-1960
   [The reports for 1924, 1928, 1929, 1939, 1940, and 1953 are missing.]
Folder 03: Annual Reports [Cuba Lodge], 1961-1983
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