

# **Improved Order of Red Men records**

## **1899-1963, 6.5 linear feet**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.
<b>Creator</b>	Improved Order of Red Men. Tohickan Tribe No. 386 (Green Lane, Pa.).
<b>Title</b>	Improved Order of Red Men records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1899-1963
<b>Extent</b>	6.5 Linear feet
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	3 records cartons, numerous volumes, several boxes of ephemera and publications
<b>Location Note</b>	Vault
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) was a fraternal beneficial organization that provided health, disability, and death benefits to members. The Improved Order of Red Men records, 1899-1963, consist of administrative, financial, and membership records of the Tohickan Tribe #386. The collection also includes a small amount of materials relating to the ladies' auxiliary, Order of Pocahontas, Macoby Tribe #269.</p>

## Biographical/Historical Note

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"The Improved Order of Red Men (IORM) [was] a fraternal lodge--a beneficial society. Members were provided health, disability and death benefits paid to widows and orphans. The IORM lodge was a men's organization but there was a women's auxiliary called the Order of Pocahontas." The Tohickan Tribe of the IORM received its charter from the parent organization and began building Redmen's Hall in Green Lane, Pennsylvania in 1907.

### **Bibliography:**

Goschenhoppen Historians. Fact sheet on Redmen's Hall, undated.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The vast majority of this collection is records from the Improved Order of Red Men, Tohickan Tribe #386, but there are also four volumes from ladies' auxiliary, the Order of Pocahontas, Macoby Tribe #269. The Tohickan Tribe records date from 1899 to 1963 and comprise administrative records, which include membership lists, property inventories, annual reports, and minute books, 1899-1963; financial records, which include collections books, cash books, treasurer's books, bank drafts to members, bills and receipts, tax records, and insurance records, circa 1900-1960; annual publications, 1899-1950; correspondence with other lodges and the state and national Great Councils, circa 1920-1930 and undated; and construction records. The Macoby Tribe records date from 1921-1942 and comprise a minute book, record of dues, membership records, and some correspondence.

An inventory of the collection is available on-site.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Publication Information**

Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.

### **Conditions Governing Access Note**

Contact Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition Note**

When the Goschenhoppen Historians purchased the meeting hall of the Improved Order of Red Men in 1971, these records were inside in the building.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Degree of Pocahontas. Macoby Tribe No. 269 (Green Lane, Pa.).
- Degree of Pocahontas.
- Improved Order of Red Men.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Green Lane (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Fraternal organizations
- Secret societies
- Women--Societies and clubs