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Guide to the

Order of United Americans records

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Summary

Creator: Order of United Americans

Title: Order of United Americans records

Date: 1849-1886

Size: .31 linear feet (1 volume, 1 folder)

Abstract: The Order of United Americans was formed in New York City in 1844 as a nativist benevolent association of American-born laborers. It quickly attained nationwide membership. Though it did offer some retirement benefits to its members, it was mainly considered a means for disseminating anti-Catholic and anti-foreign propaganda. Many of its tactics and rituals were taken up by the Know-Nothing party in the 1850s. Records include correspondence, official notices, programs, orations, and a New York City scrapbook. The volume contains several orations delivered on Washington's birthday. A large gap occurs in the records with nothing inserted between 1867-1874. Also includes a group portrait under separate cover.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Anti-Catholicism -- 19th century

Nativistic movements -- United States -- History -- 19th century

Patriotic societies -- United States -- 19th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Names

Order of United Americans

Washington, George, 1732-1799