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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 104 ORDER of the Eastern Star – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

½ box. 7 folders. 255 items. 1924-1981. Originals.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

The Park City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (no. 128) was organized in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in May 1910 with 21 charter members. Mollie Blackburn, of the Woodburn Chapter (no. 42), presided over the initial meeting. Euphilla E. Kelly, Grand Secretary of the State of Kentucky Order of Eastern Star, approved the chapter. Louise Beasley was chosen the first Worthy Matron and Nannie Jenkins was chosen Associate Matron. The chapter's charter was approved on 15 November 1910.

The first meetings were held in the YMCA building on State Street, then Ackerman Hall on College Street, then Neale Hall on State Street, then the Odd Fellows Hall on Park Row, and in 1926 moved to the Masonic Temple on State Street. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky met in Bowling Green in 1915 and 1931 with the Park City Chapter serving as host.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection chiefly consists of membership applications and transfer papers for members of the Park City Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The applications are in alphabetical order, and some names have as many as four transfers from other Eastern Star chapters. A brief, undated history is also included in the collection as well as song lyrics written for a chapter anniversary, a few yearbooks, and miscellaneous programs. Information about the Woodburn Chapter (no. 42) can be found in the Mackie E. Bennett Collection ([MSS 5](#)).

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Order of the Eastern Star</b>	<b>1924-1981</b>	<b>255 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Applications and transfers, A - G	1924-1956	90 items

Folder 3	Applications and transfers, H - O	1924-1956	66 items
Folder 4	Applications and transfers, P - Z	1924-1956	82 items
Folder 5	Brief history and words to an anniversary song	1952	3 items
Folder 6	Yearbooks	1952/53-1958/59	6 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous (programs, etc.)	1951-1981	7 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 104 ORDER of the Eastern Star – Bowling Green, Kentucky 1924-1981

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Clubs – Bowling Green

### ***SEE and SEE ALSO***

Park City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

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