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005 Small Manuscripts Collection
006 Junior Order of United American Mechanics
140 Pledge Book
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240 0.24 cf
241 3 volumes in 1 @ 0.24 box
261 The Junior Order of United American Mechanics (Jr. O.U.A.M.) was founded in Philadelphia in 1853 as a secret, nativist, patriotic and benevolent society. Membership was limited to American born men. The society paid sick benefits to members and funeral benefits to beneficiaries.
270 The pledge book is from the Caesar Rodney Council No. 8 and contains information on each new member as well as promises they swore to uphold. The record shows name of member, place of birth, age, and whether they believed in one Supreme Being, suffered from hereditary or constitutional disease, were in sound health, ever a member of the order, and if ever rejected by any Council of the order. They proposed to uphold the American public school system, prohibit ignorant, pauper and criminal immigrants, enforcement of stringent naturalization laws, and to give the American born preference. Each pledge is signed by the member and two witnesses and dated.

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- needs sorting
- needs unfolding
- needs foldering/reboxing
- other:

ARCHIVIST:

- review for identification/needs further identification
- needs processing
- determine origin/purpose
- other:

CONDITION:

- totally disorganized
- order not apparent
- origin questionable
- other:

330 Chronological by date of pledge.
331 No index.
332 Form with handwriting.
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360 Fair condition with acid damage

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