

THE ORANGE HALL

The first meeting of the Orange Lodge in Nobleton was held on November 6, 1854, and was attended by the following: William McKinlay, James McBride, John Pringle, Cunningham Knox, William Ramsey by certificate and Joseph Hunter, John Hollingshead, William Hurst and Thomas Brown by initiation.

The warrant for the new Lodge was dated November 21, 1854, and was signed by the Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of British America. The Lodge became L.O.L. #590 Nobleton and Mr. William McKinlay was the first Master of the Lodge.

Meetings were first held in the homes of the Brethern and the fee for initiation was set at five shillings. Membership was forty one, increasing by 1867 to fifty four persons and each member paid fifteen cents dues per month.

The first hall was built in August 1858, on a part of the west half of lot 6, concession 8, where the feed mill now stands and was used for a period of forty six years. In 1905, it was sold, land and buildings to Mr. Peter McCarthy for the sum of fifty dollars.

According to records, the present hall was purchased in 1900, from the Masonic Order, who had built it in 1888, for a meeting place. By December of 1900 L.O.L. #590 was settled in its' new home which still serves its' members.

Throughout one hundred and seventeen years, Orangeism has flourished in this Community with dignity, leaving its mark on our society and even in this day, the Hall hosts weekly euchres'.



