

# HISTORIC SITE

## **Duke of Wellington Orange Hall**

The Orange Order started in Ireland in 1795, and after the formation of the Grand Lodge of British North America in 1829 spread across Canada, most notably in Ontario and in New Brunswick. The first two Peterborough County lodges were established in 1846, and at least twenty more had been formed by 1868. This Orange Hall, home to the Duke of Wellington Loyal Orange Lodge, which was built in 1852, promoted loyalism and Protestantism, chiefly with the Irish in this area, and also served as a community centre for the lumbering hamlet of Nassau Mills. After Trent University acquired the property in 1963 the building was closed, and the chapter was relocated first to Smith Township and later to Peterborough.

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