

ODD FELLOWS

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a world wide Fraternal organization, dedicated to the brotherhood of man and the elevation of human character. Its origin is from England and is traced back to remote history when people united for a common cause. The name Oddfellows

was derived from the fact that its purpose was to aid and assist rather than exploit its members and their fellow man. Norwich Lodge #385 is a subordinate Lodge of this organization.

Norwich Lodge was chartered June 25, 1867. It received its official seal July 20, 1867

and adopted its first by-laws Oct. 5, 1867.

The Hilliard Oddfellows voted to sell bonds to their members in ten, twenty-five and fifty dollar denominations at 6% interest for 15 years. The bonds were to raise funds for the erection of a building to house the lodge. The lot was purchased in 1871, construction began on May 17, 1882 and was completed in 1883. The building was dedicated on March 15, 1883. It is the building which still houses the Lodge.

The Hilliard Rebekah Lodge #160 is a ladies auxiliary of the Oddfellows, and serves the same functions as the Oddfellows.

WHO?

In 1854, Kirkpatrick & Ralston constructed a steam saw mill on the south border of Hilliard.

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