

# Walton Community Hall

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Location: Blyth Road, Walton, Ontario  
Year built: 1873

THE NEW CONNEXION METHODIST congregation in the Walton area built their church in 1873 at the corner of the North Line (County Rd 12) and the 14<sup>th</sup> Concession of McKillop, between Leadbury and Walton. Since about 1870, they had been holding services in a school house in Leadbury. The church was built by Mr. Leatherland of Seaforth for a cost of \$2000. In 1874, the Walton church became the head of the circuit.



New Connexion Methodist Church and Manse when it was located on the southeast part of Lot 1 Concession 18 Grev Township.



The Community Hall as it is today.

The congregation bought ½ an acre of land — the southeast part of Lot 1 Concession 18 in Grey Township — in 1884, and made plans to move the church there. However, they did not do so until 1904, 20 years later.

When the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches united in 1925, the New Connexion Methodist congregation joined with Duff's Presbyterian Church to form Duff's United Church. The building was sold to the Loyal Orange Lodge.

By the 1930s, members of the community were on the lookout for a suitable building to act as a community hall. The old church building was bought in 1938 for \$50 and moved to its present location. It has served admirably as a community hall since that time.

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