
WALKING HISTORY TOUR

Canton's Odd Fellows

The three-story building housed Canton's Odd Fellows, called Olive Branch Lodge No. 15, was the second fraternal organization to be formed in Canton. The meetings were held on the third floor of what was known as the Maple Building. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), founded in Baltimore in 1819, expanded rapidly and established local lodges across Illinois in the 19th century. These lodges offered mutual aid, social support, and community services—filling roles similar to modern-day insurance and social welfare. The Odd Fellows disbanded in 2019.

