

1859 - Tyendinaga Township Hall

The only information regarding the Township Hall was found in the Tweedsmuir History Volume 3.

A meeting of Township Council 1859 was cleverly enacted by members of council about 1952 - namely Messrs. W. Stalsh, P. Moore, K. Vivian, S. Fitzgerald, M. Horriga, R. Glass and Charles Long. They impersonated the following gentlemen who represented the five wards of the township 100 years ago namely Nathaniel Appleby, Alex McLaren, Michael Sweeney, Robert Wilson, Patrick Seghe and Michael Nealan, (Clerk).

Time of meeting January 17, 1859. Place - home of Robert Lennox at Melrose.

Their most important business was the purchase of a site for the township hall, chosen from 4 tenders received and the selection of a contractor to erect the said building. The lowest tender was accepted and the gentleman was interviewed.

(It is likely this gentleman) was John Foin. His family came from Ireland and in 1830 settled in Tyendinaga Township. He studied Architecture in New York City returning to Tyendinaga in 1853. Probably the first building he designed and built was the Tyendinaga Township Hall at Melrose about 1859 (quote from the book Belleville City Hall by