

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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I.O.O.F. Hall History

The history of the actual hall is fairly well documented as being built in the 1925-26 range of years.

I had a meeting with George Allen, former KCC General Manager and owner of the McGill Club several years ago. He told me that the Oddfellows and others groups, such as the local unions and the Knights of Pythias used to meet on the main floor of the building. When the bar was started (don't know what year), the Con. Copper Co. built the upstairs Cypress Hall for the groups to meet. George mentioned the metal posts in the middle of the main floor that support the upstairs. He also said that the small raised platform at the north side of the floor was so the union leaders could sit and look out over the members and that the same platform was built upstairs.

The reason that we had the meeting, was that George wanted me to write a book for him about the club. It was to be called, "McGill—The man, the town, the club" I started to do so, but decided that the info that he gave me at that time, was not enough to do a good job on the book. He later had someone else do it. Then in 1925 the Knights moved to Ely, the unions moved across the street to what is now the Antique store and the Oddfellows were given some money to build a hall across the street. Here is the contract.

BILLIARDS and
POCKET BILLIARDS
CIGARS
TOBACCO
CIGARETTES

McGILL CLUB (INC.)

B. E. WALKER S. J. DRAPER
J. E. MURPHY

ICE CREAM
SODA FOUNTAIN
CANDIES
BARBER SHOP
GAS, OILS, ETC.

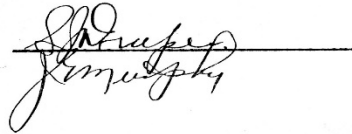
McGill, Nevada, May 1, 1925

Agreement

We the undersigned agree to purchase Eighteen shares of the
Cyprus Hall Building Association from the Steptoe Lodge # 40 I.O.O.F.
at per, One hundred Dollars per share.

We further agree that in the event of purchase of stock
from any other party at a higher price to pay same price to the
Steptoe Lodge I.O.O.F.

Signed , McGill, Club Inc.

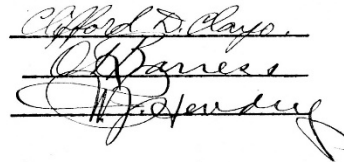


\$ 600.00 May 1st, 1925

\$ 600.00 June 1st, 1925.

\$ 600.00 July 1st 1925.

Signed Steptoe Lodge # 40 I.O.O.F.



I have searched my photo files to try to verify this information. Here is the only photo I could find with a date and it barely shows the hall. The caption has a date of 1926. Note the Sheriff's office is a laundry.



The next two photos were found in the attic, recently , during restoration work. The first may be of the members from other clubs around the state that helped open the hall in McGill. The second pic could be the first group of McGill members. The building across the street in the first pic is the L C Company store.



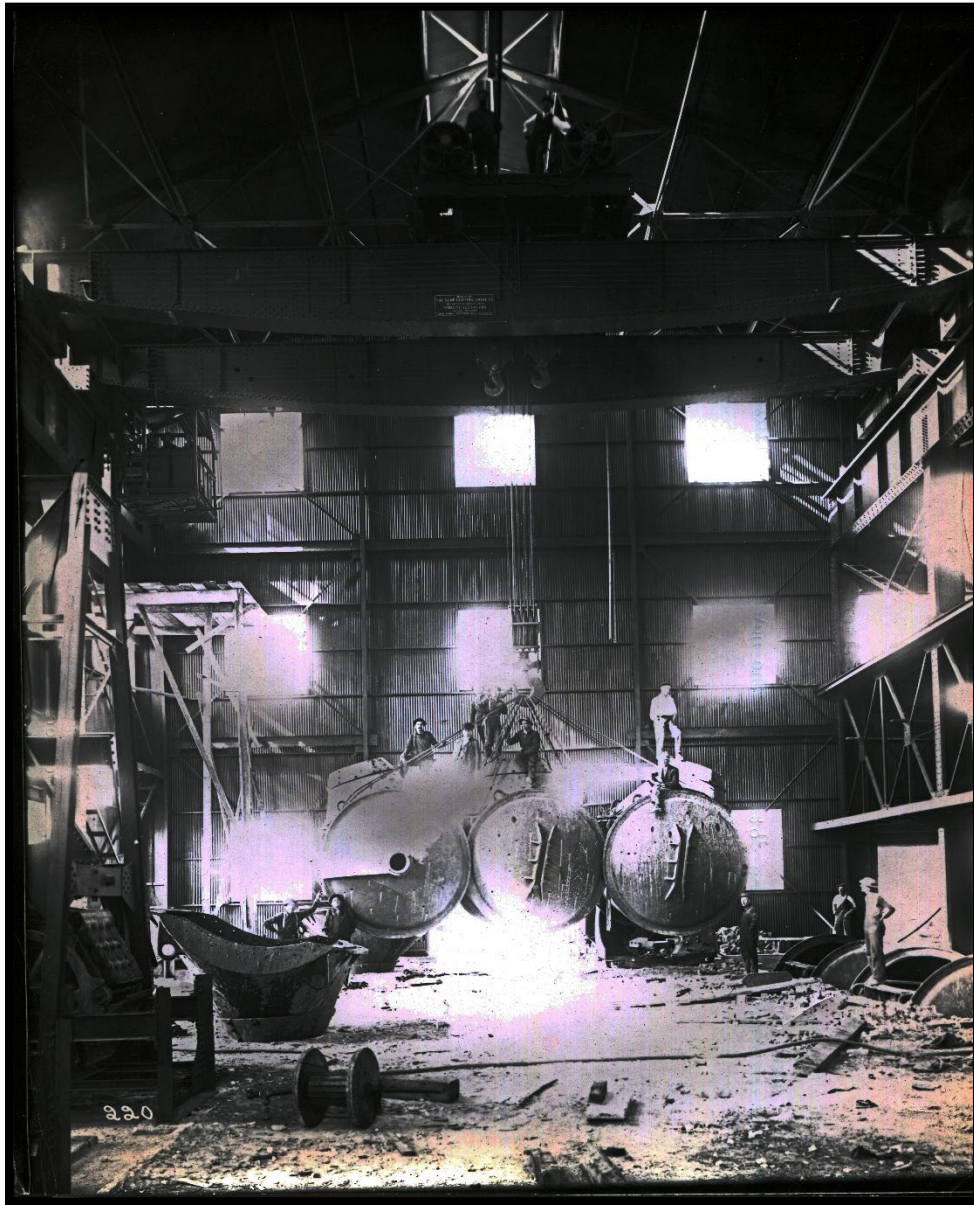


If you recognize anyone, let me know, please.

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Last week I promised that I would show you some of the other stuff found in the IOOF attic. These objects were given to some of the construction workers. The brown helmet was of leather and I think it was worn by the serfs that attended the Knights of olden days.

Old Photos



There is no date on this photo. The info on the back states that this was a test of the crane and that this crane was NOT moved to the NEW converter building in 1935. I don't understand what that means, as I thought there was only one converter building. OSHA would have a fit if this was done today.

