

Registered 1994 - Westport Community Hall - Circa 1909



Located on Back Road Westport, Brier Island, this building was constructed from the Islands largest single lumber harvest from the sea. The Norwegian barque "Aurora" filled with a cargo of one million feet of lumber, was bound out of Saint John for Buenos Aires and struck a ledge off Cow Cove, Brier Island. The captain and crew were saved as was most of the deck and hold cargo. The salvaged lumber built Westports' grand Oddfellows Hall for only \$1300. The Independent Order of Oddfellows Juanita Lodge #81 (Howard Titus, Albert Payson, and Lloyd Bailey) bought the land for \$100 in March 1909 from James Gower, a Brier Island fisherman, and construction began. In 1981 the Oddfellows sold the building to the village commissioners of Westport and it is now used as a community hall. The upper floor still has the original collapsible wooden chairs bolted to the floor in a horseshoe formation keeping the character of the oddfellows meeting room alive.