

Bethinking of Old Orleans

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**St. Peter's Church
Brockville**

In the year 1911 District No. 6 of Murray built a new school at Brockville. The old building which is

the one pictured here was moved about 700 feet to a new site. At that time there were many families in the Brockville vicinity that did not have transportation to get to church, either to St. Rocco's in Hurlberton or St. Mary's in Holley. Father DiFillippi of St. Rocco's asked Bishop Colton to buy the old school in Brockville and fit it up for a church. The Bishop, being in accord with this idea, had the building purchased from Oren Mansfield.

During the winter of 1912-1913 Pasquale DiLaura, an energetic young man at the time, went to work with all his will and determination, to renovate the old school, making it into a House of God. He worked untiringly all winter as a carpenter, plasterer and painter. When it came time to build the altar, Renaldo DiValerio and James DiLaura gave a hand. Old pews from the Presbyterian Church in Holley were used for the seating. On Easter Sunday 1913 the church was dedicated as St. Peter's Church of Brockville. Shortly thereafter Bishop Colton gave Father DiFillippi money to build a recreation hall 30 by 50 feet at the rear of the church.

St. Peter's was an active congregation for around twenty years when it became too much of a burden for one priest to serve in addition to St. Rocco's and St. Mary's. Also, by the 1930's transportation was readily available to nearly everyone and so the church was razed. The hall however, was used by the American Legion of Fancher until it burned in 1935.