

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Cotton Hill Lodge No. 306**  
**846**      **(Malden, Mo.).**  
            **Minute book, 1943-1946.**  
            **One volume.**

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This is a minute book for Cotton Hill Lodge No. 306, a chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows located at Malden in Dunklin County, Missouri.

The location of Cotton Hill Lodge No. 306 is never given in the minutes, but utility bills were paid to the City of Malden, which is located in Cotton Hill Township in northeastern Dunklin County, Missouri. This volume contains minutes of regular membership meetings of the chapter from 4 February 1943 through 21 November 1946.

The meetings of Cotton Hill Lodge No. 306 were devoted almost entirely to routine business, including the admission of members, election of officers, and payment of bills. Attendance during the Second World War was understandably sparse, averaging about ten members per meeting. Efforts to promote the lodge at the Malden Army Air Force training base appeared to have little or no success. After the war attendance increased, but still it averaged only 15 or so. Special activities on the evening of 4 April 1946 attracted 26 local members and 65 visitors from nearby lodges, but that was a one-time occurrence.

Activities of the chapter included assisting with funerals and expenses of deceased members, installations of officers, and the advancement of members in the degrees of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

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