

The Victoria Hall Volunteers wish to express their sincere appreciation to those who have so generously opened their homes for your enjoyment. In consideration of them, we ask that you please —

DO NOT SMOKE IN ANY HOME

OBSERVE INDICATED BOUNDARIES

OBSERVE HOURS OF TOUR

DO NOT HANDLE FURNISHINGS

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN UNDER 12 OR PETS.

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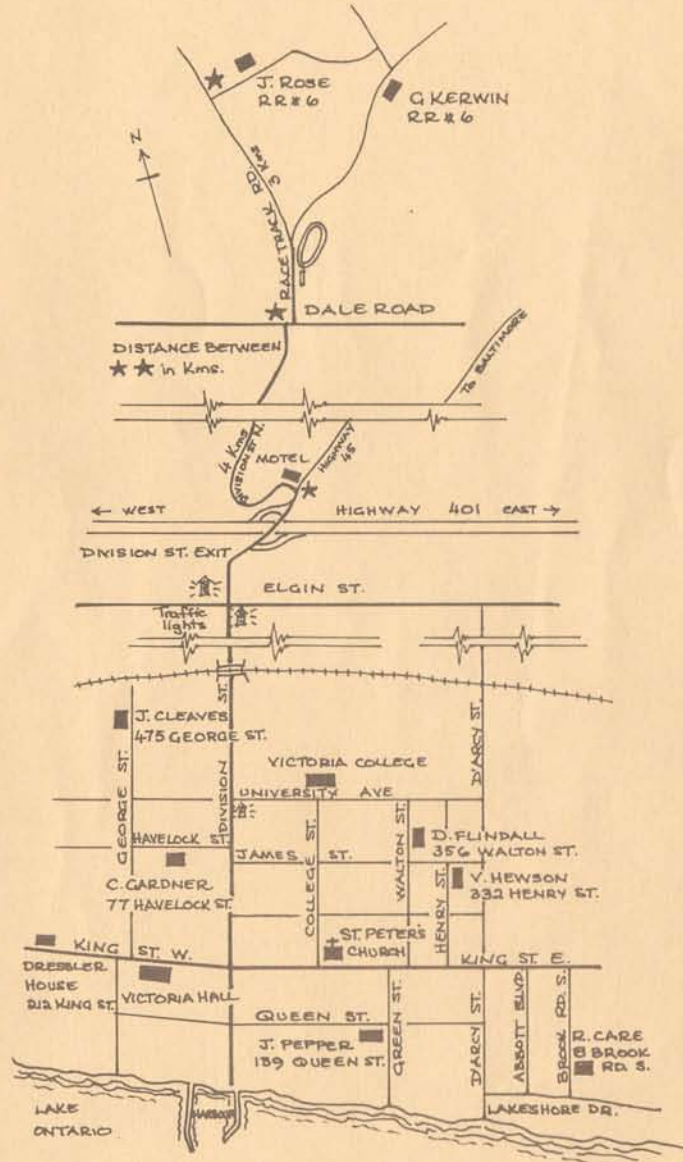
You may visit the homes in any order you wish.

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Light refreshments will be available throughout the day in the Concert Hall, Victoria Hall.

The Art Gallery of Northumberland which is in Victoria Hall will also be open.

# COBOURG PUBLIC LIBRARY



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# COBOURG SESQUICENTENNIAL HOUSE TOUR

Saturday June 13 1987

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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**Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaves**

**475 George Street**

A large collection of Empire and Victorian furniture accompanied the owners of this house when they moved to Cobourg from New York state. The house was built in 1871 by Thomas Dumble.

In 1884, a Montreal heiress, Lydia B. McDougal, married J.D. Hayden, bought the house and greatly enlarged it. Hayden served as mayor of Cobourg and was the founder of the prestigious Cobourg Horse Show which continued into the 1920s. It was at the 1914 horse show that Raymond Massey first met Katharine Cornell and was inspired to become an actor!

Of special interest are the cherrywood dining table and the tiger maple rope beds with their charming coverlets which were made by Mr. Cleaves' mother.

**2. Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Currie Gardner**

**77 Havelock Street**

This handsome house was built in 1876 as a wedding gift to Ida Hayden from her parents upon her marriage to Professor Alfred Reynar of Victoria College in Cobourg. It remained in the Reynar family until 1980 when it was purchased by the present owners.

After much decorating, but with only one minor structural change, the house was ready to receive a fine collection of family portraits and furniture. The inlaid floor in the room to the left as you enter is worthy of notice.

The gardens have been developed by the new owners.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jody Pepper**

**139 Queen Street**

Built in 1873 by Colonel Taylor, this house was owned by Miss Ida Cornell from 1917 to 1963. She was the favourite "Aunt Lydia" to famous Broadway actress Katharine Cornell who lived across the street to visit from her own family home. Katharine's house, now in apartments, still stands diagonally across the corner).

The present owners bought Aunt Lydia's house in 1984 and blended their own tastes with the practical needs of a young family. Noteworthy are the many fine pieces of Canadian pine furniture, especially in the master bedroom. A chest bears the name of Matthew Hobart, who operated a cabinet-maker's shop on King St., Cobourg in 1852.

**4. Dr. and Mrs. David Flindall**

**356 Walton Street**

This clapboard house with its wide verandah was built in 1876 by Nathanael Burwash, professor and later chancellor of Victoria College in Cobourg and then principal when it moved to Toronto. (The original Victoria College, built in 1836, still stands in Cobourg and its restoration is likely to begin soon). Major Lachlin Burwash, noted Arctic explorer, and son of Nathanael, grew up in this house.

In 1977 the present owners moved in. The house is decorated with Canadian antique furniture, much of which has been refinished by the owners. In 1985 the needs of a growing family demanded more room and an extensive reorganization of space was undertaken on the ground floor at the rear of the house. The deck was added at that time.

**5. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hewson**

**332 Henry Street**

To this house, then brand new, Victor Hewson's great-grandfather brought his wife in October 1859. They reared their family here and, in time, the house passed into other hands. The present Hewson family bought it back in 1966 and lovingly began its restoration. Partitions were removed, the bake oven was uncovered and made operative, kitchen cupboards and wainscoting were refinished.

Recently, the kitchen wing has been extended by a tasteful board and batten addition. Many pictures and pieces of furniture which were original to the house have been brought back and augmented by other period pieces to form the gracious home we see today.

**6. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Care**

**8 Brook Road South**

Greenland Cottage, a red brick, gambrel-roofed house with white casement windows, was built in the late 1800s as a gardener's cottage for a King St. estate. Over the years, the cottage was owned by a number of people. The present owners bought it in October 1985 and it was completely stripped inside, a five-sided bay added to the front, a side verandah closed in and the attic roof lifted to make the master bedroom. The Dutch door went from the front to the kitchen entrance.

The resulting effect is one of light -- it is bright, sunny and charming, a fitting setting to visit Grandpa and Grandma who have brought the country into town and filled their house beside the stream with family antiques and paintings.

**7. Dr. and Mrs. John W. Rose**

**R.R. 6, Cobourg**

The walled garden beside this early Canadian farmhouse is some preparation for the surprise of finding the house furnished with fine eighteenth century family pieces brought by the owners from England.

Old prints, Persian carpets, collections of Staffordshire figures and pink lustreware and several paintings by the owner-artist Liz Rose contribute to the gracious atmosphere of this country home.

Don't miss the secret garden.

**8. Mr. and Mrs. George Kerwin**

**R.R. 6, Cobourg**

An artist's eye has inspired the 1975 conversion of this 19th century barn into a charming residence-cum-studio by its owners, Claire Kerwin, R.C.A. and her husband, George.

A spiral staircase gives access to three sun-drenched levels of living space, each filled with paintings, Persian carpets and antiques, and each commanding spectacular views of the rolling Northumberland countryside to the south.

#### Also on View:

You are welcome to visit the magnificently restored **Victoria Hall**, on downtown King St., opened in 1860 by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) and now, after a \$6.5 million restoration, the pride of old Cobourg. See also architect Kivas Tully's other gem, **St. Peter's Anglican Church** (1854) at King and College Streets, just east of downtown. A few blocks west of downtown is Academy Award-winning actress **Marie Dressler's Birthplace**, now a popular eating-house (Dressler House, 212 King St. West). You are welcome to visit its collection of Dressler memorabilia and movie stills.