

The Poplars - 1894

THE POPLARS

18 Spencer Street Cobourg, Ontario

In 1815, United Empire Loyalist, John Kelly Spencer, purchased 160 acres in what is now the centre of Cobourg from the son of Cobourg's first settler, Eluid Nickerson. Spencer then subdivided it into lots. In 1827 he built the Poplars on the northeast portion of his property. Its subsequent owners, the Beattys and the Daintrys, have made significant contributions not only to Cobourg's history but also Canada's.

This handsome residence is one of the finest examples of Regency style in Ontario with its well proportioned hip roof and large bow windows.

The Poplars today still exudes a restrained elegance and pioneer charm.

THE CAP FOUNDATION:

In June 1981, a number of concerned citizens purchased the Poplars and formed the Cobourg Architectural Preservation Foundation. This group is restoring the historic Poplar home to a period house museum of the mid 1850's.

Although the restoration is still proceeding (1984), the CAP Foundation has opened the completed main floor to the public and will be presenting a Bicentennial exhibition on Cobourg's history.

HOURS: Open Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. August 1 - September 3

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