

PROMINENT FAMILIES OF THE PERIOD

FREEMAN SCHERMERHORN CLENCH 1795-1877

His furniture is admired worldwide.



WHO HE WAS, AND HOW HE GOT HERE:

Freeman S. Clench left his home in Schenectady, and moved to Canada in 1816. After the War of 1812 many Americans were heading for the mid-west, but Clench, for reasons unknown (though he was rumoured to be fleeing the sheriff), headed north. He settled in Kingston for a few years, where he worked as a cabinet maker and married Eliza Cory in 1820. In 1824, he moved his family to Cobourg and established a cabinet-making



*Freeman S. & Eliza Cory Clench
(paintings by Paul Kane)*

business that **produced furniture that rivalled the best in the colony.**

Today his pieces are much sought after by collectors.

