

PROMINENT FAMILIES OF THE PERIOD

JOHN FIELD 1773-1880

He established a thriving business and a thriving family both of which contributed significantly to a maturing community.



The home of Corelli Collard Field, son of John Field King Street West c. 1890.

WHO HE WAS:

John Field was born in Somersetshire, England. After being apprenticed as an assistant in a number of stores in Taunton he went into business for himself in London. He learned the retail trade well and passed his Cobourg business to sons and grandsons.

HOW HE GOT HERE:

Field was almost 50 when he first visited Cobourg to assess the potential opportunities immigration might offer and to find a suitable location for opening a store. Two years later he returned with his wife Martha Woodbury (1780-1857) and their family. The rolling hills of Northumberland attracted Field because they reminded him of his native Somerset. John and Martha had 11 children. Almost all resided in Cobourg. **Many were members of the Congregationalists, leading the locals to nick-name the Congregational Church, the Field Church.** There are still descendants of the Field family living in Cobourg.



*Myra Field Kerr,
daughter of Wm
and Martha Field*