

WHAT HE DID HERE:

McCallum funnelled his profits into local real estate, eventually becoming the largest landowner in Cobourg. Bernard McAllister, who worked in the tax office, said that **Peter McCallum “did more to build up Cobourg than any other man**, all with his own money and ...was the largest taxpayer in the town.” He also served as a Commissioner of the Town Trust with responsibility for overseeing finances of the harbour and railway.



351 William St. today...

With his wife, Margaret Ross (1813-1878), whom he married shortly after arriving in Canada, he had six children. In 1844 the family moved into a Georgian style home which he built on William Street. The attractive portico and veranda were added circa 1900.



23-29 King Street West today...

Two of the McCallum sons, Charles and Peter Jr., continued the family business. When Peter became a lawyer, Charles continued running the store on his own and was succeeded by his son, also Charles. When Charles Jr. died in 1929, the store was closed.

The children and grandchildren of Peter McCallum Jr. continued to live in Cobourg until the 1950s. Bernard McAllister wrote in his memoirs that he'd known five generations of McCallums and never heard anything mean or dishonourable about them.