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**9 - Lot 16 Conc A/B - 1799-1816 - Eluid NICKERSON** is generally considered to be the first settler in present Cobourg. His first cabin was built over the lot line, on lot 17 by mistake.

**10 - Lot 16 Conc 1 - Charles SHAW** Charles Shaw was the original owner of this lot. He was the son of the quite famous Col. Aeneas Shaw (picture), one of the first officials to move his family to York. Charles was an absentee landlord. From 1806 onward families like the **BATES** of Lot 15 Conc 1 bought the land and farmed.



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**11 - Lot 17 Conc A/B - Nathaniel HERRIMAN** Dr Herriman wrote "My grandfather received from the government a grant of 200 acres, now the site of Cobourg, at least in part. The north hundred he sold for a yoke of oxen. It was then covered with forest trees and the family occupied a small house of some kind some distance from the lake where they made a small clearing. In those, days there was no grist mill nearer than Kingston — and settlers who were so far advanced as to have grain to be ground, were obliged to take it to that far-off place."



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**12 - Lot 17 Conc 1 - Josiah and Catherine Chrysler WHITE A Lady's Perspective!** "My father and mother came from England , settled in the United States,.....when the Revolutionary War broke out in 1774. .... came over to Canada..... near Belleville.

The Country at that time was a complete wilderness, but by energy and perseverance, for a long time, we got on very happily. Mother used to help to chop down the trees attended the household duties, and, as the children grew up , they were trained to industrious habits. We were very useful to her, attended the cattle, churned the butter, making cheese, dressing the flax, spinning....

Flax was cultivated in those halcyon days. One year we grew 700cwt. We spun and wove it into table linen, wearing apparel....My mother died in 1834. She was in the 104<sup>th</sup> year of her age. My father was killed by the raising of a barn.

I was married to Mr White in 1812, and came to Cobourg in 1813. It was quite a wilderness, but a few small clearings, and only three houses in the place, a rough corduroy road that led to the lake.

After staying at Burnham's clearing for four or five years , by that time Mr. White had saved enough to buy a farm we have lived upon ever since.

Land at that time in Cobourg was of very little value. A good-sized block, leading from Smith's building to the English Church, could have been bought for a saddle. By degrees others came in, so as to make a snug little community."

*(The above are excerpts from "Reminiscence of Mrs White, of White's Mills, Near Cobourg , Upper Canada, formerly Miss Catherine Chrysler, of Sydney, near Belleville, aged 79.)*

*("Original painting of Jane White nee O'Connor, wife of Josiah Charles White, pioneer of Cobourg's 'White's Mill', in possession of Jacqueline Crerar, descendant.")*

**13 - Lot 18 Conc A/B - Nathan WILLIAMS** and his sons, John, William, Joshua, Ebenezer and Richard are listed in the first census of 1804. At this time, Joshua had 30 of 100 acres cultivated. Nathan had cultivated 16 out of 276 acres and William had also cultivated 30 acres out of 100.



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