

In 1948, Edwin completed a **popular history of Cobourg, Cobourg 1798-1948**, produced by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Cobourg in honour of the 150th anniversary of the first settlement there.

In his dedication to the book, Mr. Guillet noted that it was written

“with the cooperation of many Cobourg citizens, past and present, whose enthusiasm has recorded much of the life and spirit of the old town that must otherwise have been lost.”

This is a fascinating book complete with first hand reminiscences of Cobourg in the nineteenth century, vintage photographs and maps of the area and other unique stories and accounts of Cobourg's bygone days. Several pages of the book are dedicated to a detailed history of the **Cobourg and Peterborough Railway**, complete with period anecdotes and an account, with photographs, of a two-day hike along the right of way undertaken by Mr. Guillet and his sons in 1948.

Almost seventy years after publication, Cobourg 1798-1948 has taken on a new dimension of interest through the advertisements, photographs and well wishes of many Cobourg businesses and industries that were thriving in 1948. It is an interesting glimpse into the life and commerce of the town at the time.

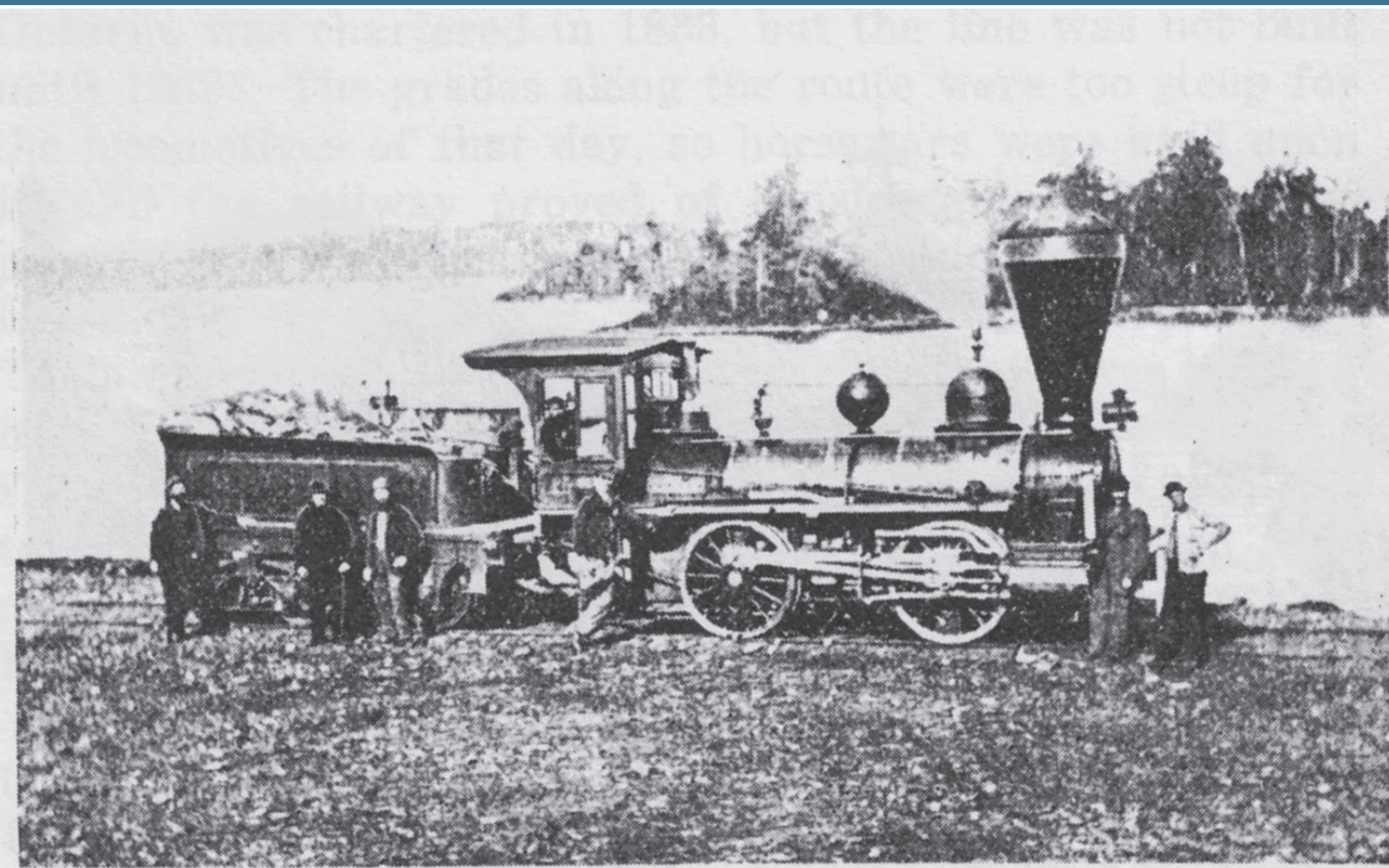
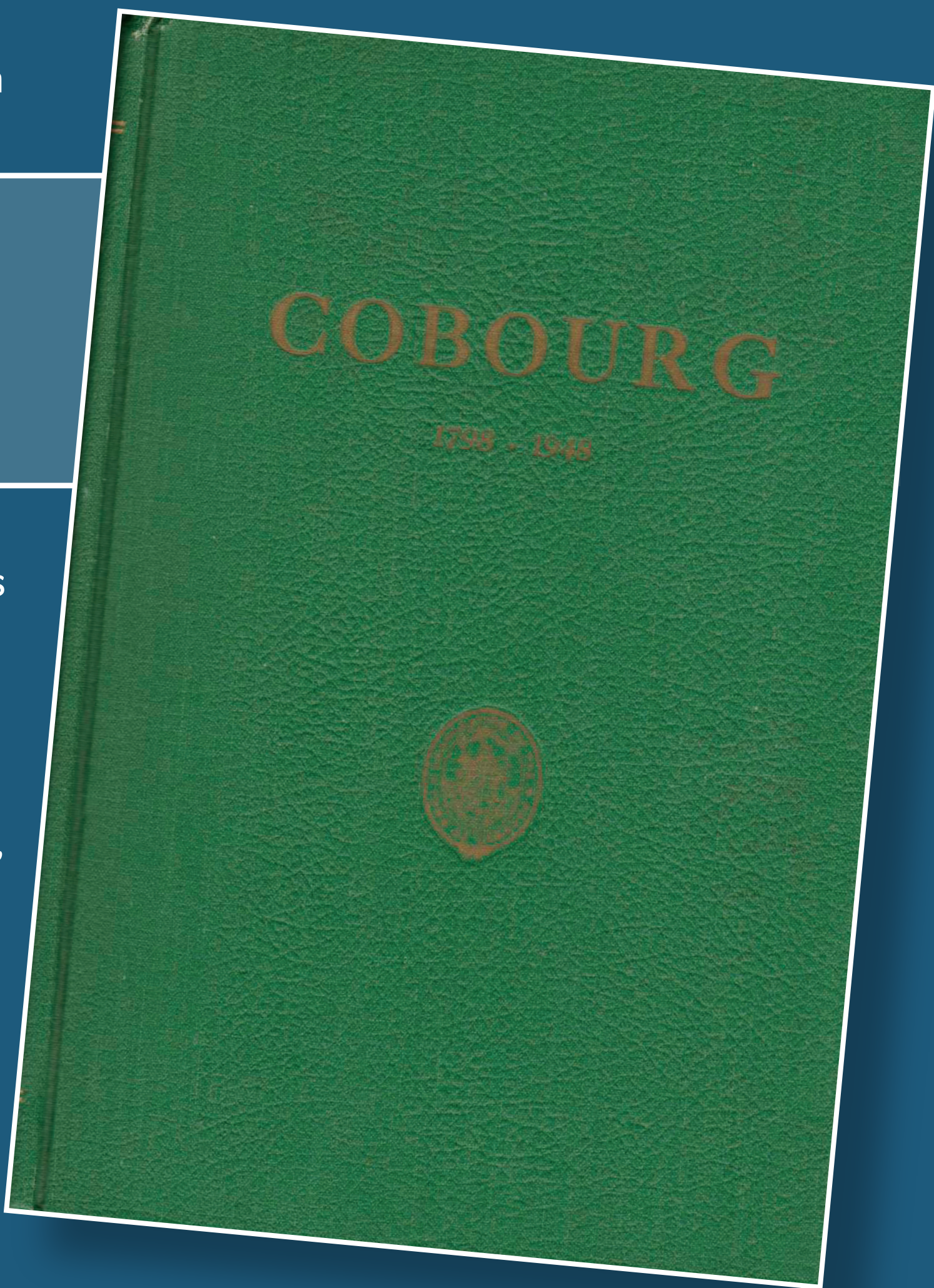
Other significant publications followed:

- *Pioneer Inns and Taverns*, 1954-56
- *The Pioneer Farmer and Backwoodsman*, 1963
- *Pioneer Days in Upper Canada*, 1964
- *Pioneer Travel in Upper Canada*, 1966
- *Early Life in Upper Canada*, 1963
- *Pioneer Settlements in Upper Canada*, 1972

From 1958 to 1962, Edwin Guillet was the research historian for the Ontario Department of Public Records and Archives. In 1963 he was appointed consultant on Canadiana to the Library of Trent University.

In 1960, he received an **Honourary Doctor of Laws degree from Queen's University** Kingston Ontario.

Edwin Clarence Guillet passed away on 26 June 1975 at the age of 76.



COBOURG AND PETERBOROUGH RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE, 1870
A typical locomotive operating on the nine-mile extension between the River Trent and the Marmora Iron Mines at Blairton

Blairton Locomotive from *Pioneer Travel in Upper Canada*

