

HERITAGE LOST



WHITEHALL

Even though it was **one of the earliest surviving homes in Cobourg**, still in fine shape and with a history of prominent owners, in 2001 Whitehall suffered the indignity of being dismantled and **shipped to a distant, more welcoming community.**

Zaccheus Burnham bought the property in 1805 and it remained in the family until 1873. Zaccheus had an interest in architecture and may well have designed his home which shows a mixture of design elements: **Regency** (square form with hipped roof), **Georgian** (five-bay facade) and **Neo-Classical** (slender columns).

Doug Sifton (Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre) was one of those leading the charge to halt the threatened removal of Whitehall. One of Doug's proposals was to establishing a county museum at the location, run by a private foundation. **Instead we have a town museum here, run by the Cobourg Museum Foundation and named in his memory. So all was not lost!**

