

REPURPOSED BUILDINGS

VICTORIA COLLEGE

COLLEGE | ASYLUM | HOSPITAL | RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

This fine building dates from 1836, when it was opened by the Methodist Church as the **Upper Canada Academy**, providing high school equivalent schooling for boys and girls.

It is a fine example of **Greek Revival Architecture with a Doric columned portico and tall cupola**.

Like many other examples of repurposing, in spite of its varying uses this building **looks very much as it did when first built**.

In 1841 the institution was incorporated as **Victoria College** with Egerton Ryerson as Principal (President). The College granted degrees in Arts, Science, Law, Medicine and Divinity.

In 1878 **Faraday Hall**, as embellished a building as the original was austere, was added to house the Science Faculty.

BUT in 1892 **the institution left Cobourg** to become part of the University of Toronto

In 1901 the building was renovated into the **Cobourg Asylum for Women** with a new wing at either end (not yet built in this picture) and a large kitchen at the rear.



From 1917 to 1920 a separate wing functioned as a **Military Hospital**, mainly treating WWI victims of shell-shock.

In 1921 it opened as the **Ontario Hospital, treating females with mental disabilities**.

In 1963 the first male residents were admitted and in 1964 the hospital was renamed **D'Arcy Place**. It functioned at this location until the 1970s.

In 1987 it was purchased as a **retirement residence** and is now known as Victoria Retirement Living.



Ontario Military Hospital c1920