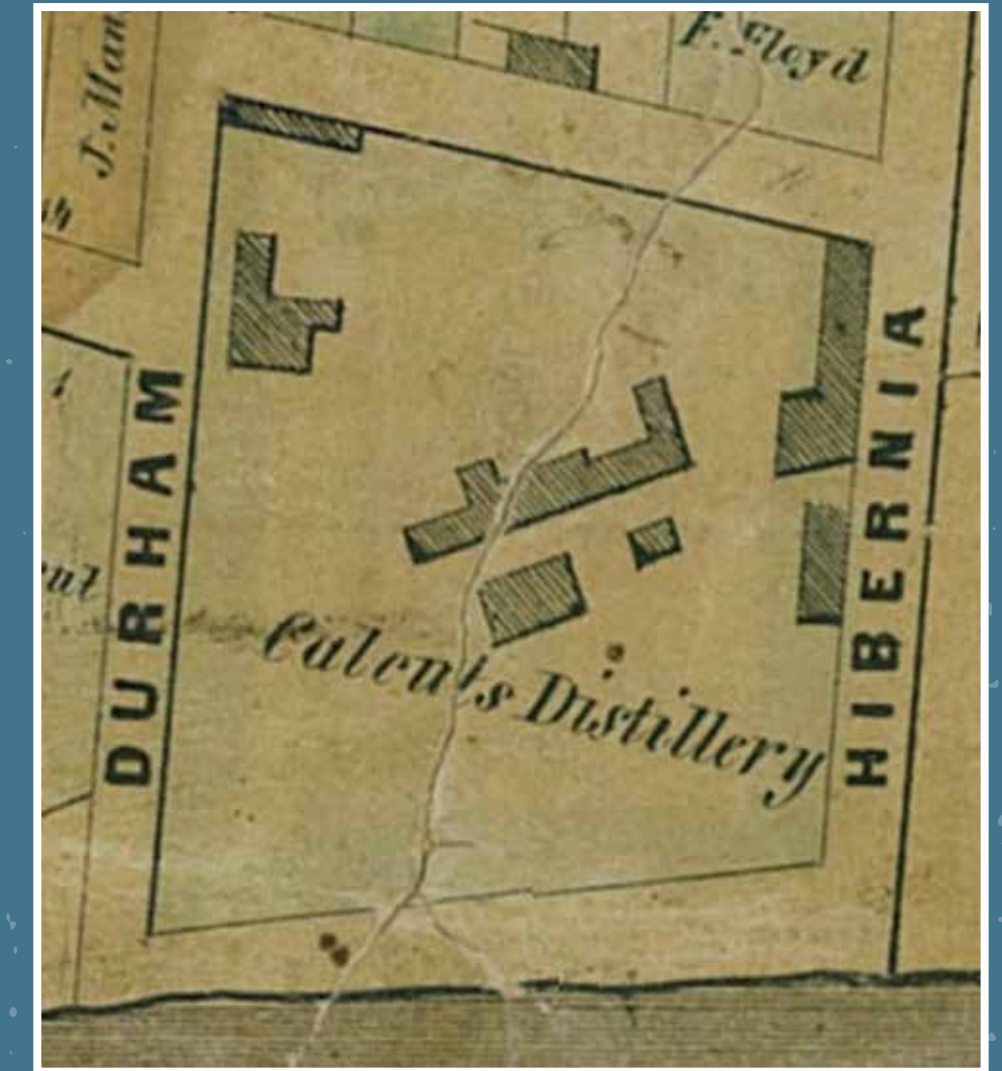


ARTIFACTUALLY SPEAKING JUGS & CROCKS



In 19th century Cobourg it seems that makers of beer and wine were as common as micro-breweries are today, and that outlets for their products were more numerous. From the collection of jugs and the merchants' names upon them, it appears that **no self-respecting grocer would have been caught without a ready supply of brew for his thirsty customers.**

From about 1832, James Calcutt's distillery and brewery were located on what is now the site of the Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre and the adjacent Harbour Breeze Condominiums. **Recent excavations uncovered stone walls and a brick sewer pipe from the Calcutt operations.**



Most of the jugs in this exhibit are on loan from the Town of Cobourg's collection.

THOMAS BATTELL (1831/1833 - 1890)

In his book "Cobourg 1798-1948" Edwin Guillet tells us that the Battell family were in Cobourg as of 1828 so it would appear that Thomas lived his whole life in Cobourg. His store is known to have been on King Street West just east of the Freeman S. Clench home. **Thomas' sister, Margaret Letitia Battell, married Freeman Clench's son, William C Clench,** and this may have been Thomas' ticket to having a store so near the Clench home.



Best guess: This jug was in use between 1865 and 1890.

1865 Gazeteer - groceries and provisions on King Street

1870 County Directory - grocer

1871 Cobourg Census - grocer

1881 - merchant

1887 - listed in Farmers' Almanac

