

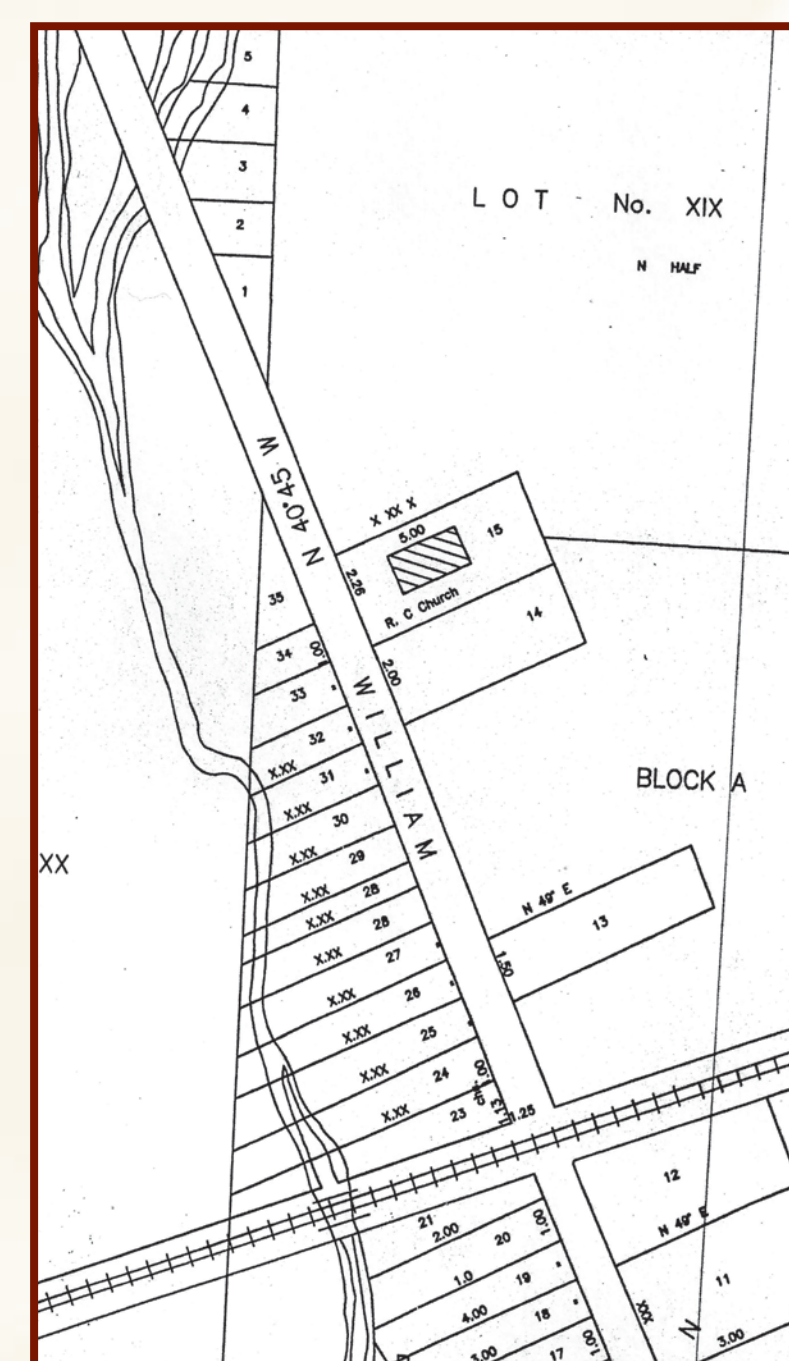
COBOURG'S CHURCHES 1837 & 2012

HERE THEN, HERE TODAY...

ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Michael's today

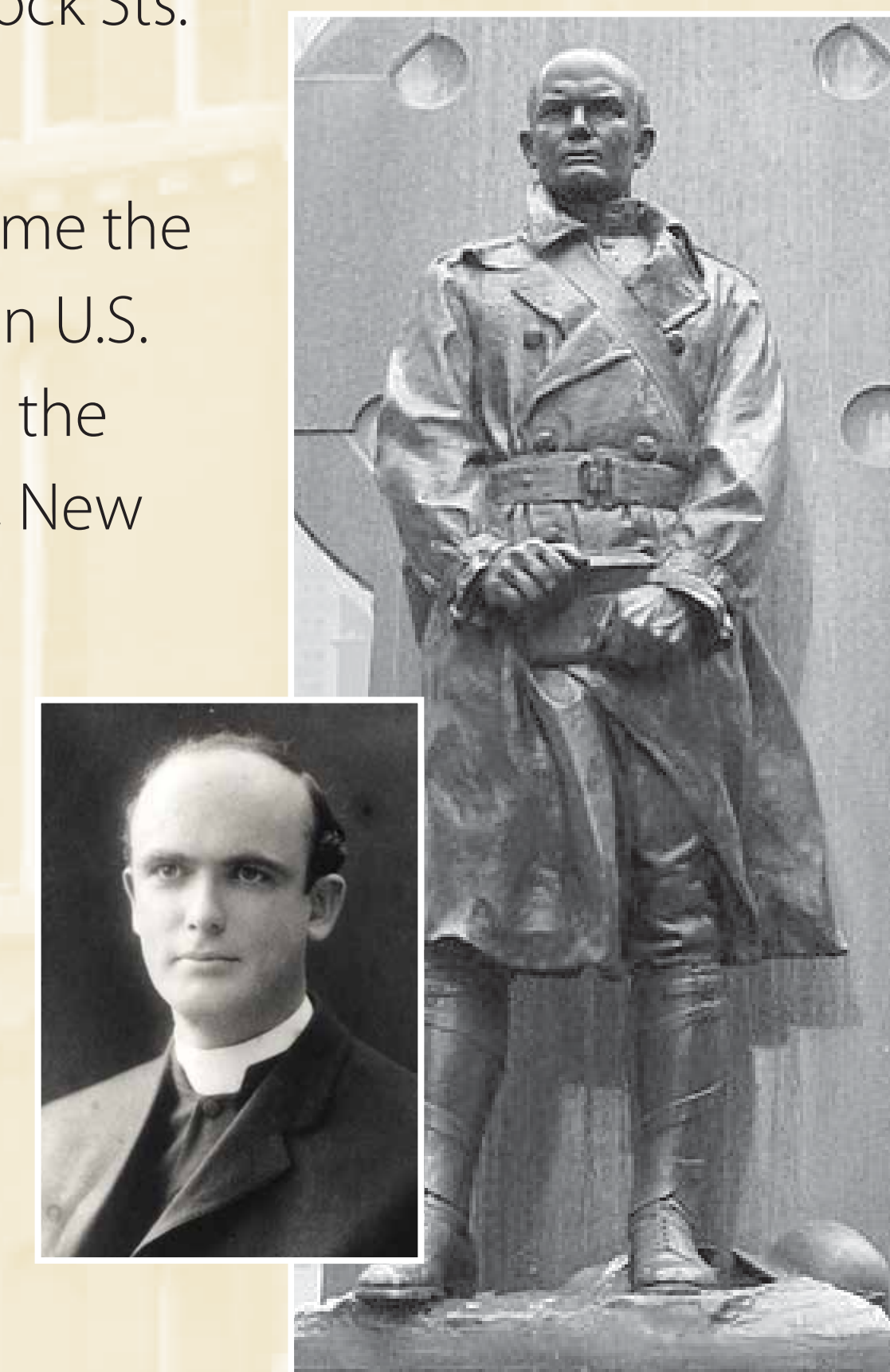


Many of the Roman Catholics in Cobourg were recent Irish immigrants. Fr. A Kernan arrived to found the parish in 1837 and their first church, a small frame building called St. Polycarp's, was completed in 1839 at what is now 600 William St. By 1859 a brick addition had nearly doubled the size. Four years later the original wooden part of the church burned down but was rebuilt. At the rededication the name was changed to the

Church of St. Michael the Archangel. In 1895 the present church was constructed at the site of the residence of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Division and Havelock Sts.

Francis Duffy, a St. Michael's parishioner in the 1870s, became the most highly decorated priest in U.S. Army history. Duffy Square, in the northern half of Times Square, New York, includes his statue.

Father Francis Duffy chaplain of the 69th New York Infantry Regiment & his statue seen in Times Square, New York City.



The Sisters of St. Joseph played a major role in the life of St. Michael's, especially in the field of education. Their first residence was in this former Methodist College for young ladies, called Brookhurst Ladies' Academy, at Division and Havelock Sts. It was purchased by St. Michael's in 1883.

*Methodist College/
Sisters' Residence*