

# PROMINENT FAMILIES OF THE PERIOD

## JOHN FIELD 1773-1880

*He established a thriving business and a thriving family both of which contributed significantly to a maturing community.*



*The home of Corelli Collard Field, son of John Field King Street West c. 1890.*

### WHO HE WAS:

John Field was born in Somersetshire, England. After being apprenticed as an assistant in a number of stores in Taunton he went into business for himself in London. He learned the retail trade well and passed his Cobourg business to sons and grandsons.

### HOW HE GOT HERE:

Field was almost 50 when he first visited Cobourg to assess the potential opportunities immigration might offer and to find a suitable location for opening a store. Two years later he returned with his wife Martha Woodbury (1780-1857) and their family. The rolling hills of Northumberland attracted Field because they reminded him of his native Somerset. John and Martha had 11 children. Almost all resided in Cobourg. **Many were members of the Congregationalists, leading the locals to nick-name the Congregational Church, the Field Church.** There are still descendants of the Field family living in Cobourg.



*Myra Field Kerr,  
daughter of Wm  
and Martha Field*