

COBOURG'S CHURCHES 1837 & 2012

HERE THEN, HERE TODAY...

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH



The first Methodist meeting house circa 1820

Trinity United Church has its origins in five denominations which combined to form what today is known as the United Church of Canada. These were the **Wesleyan Methodists**, the **Congregationalists**, the **Episcopal Methodists**, a portion of the **Presbyterian** denomination and the **Bible Christians**, who began worshipping here in 1833 and built houses of worship on Orange St. in 1836 and on James St. ten years later.

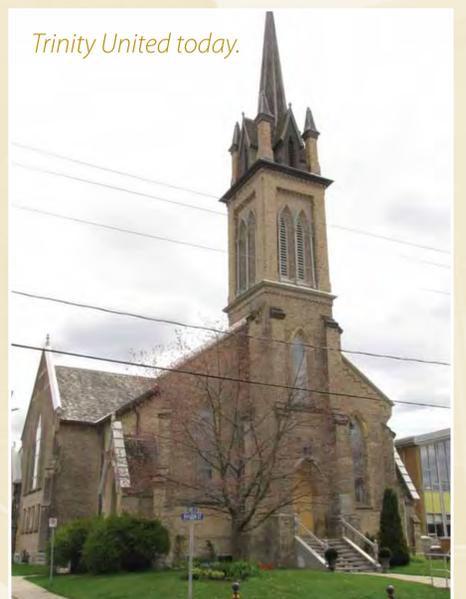
The first Methodist Meeting House and Burial Grounds was established in 1820 at Hull's Corners on Division St., at that time part of Hamilton Township. Later the building was known as Hamilton Chapel or the Back Chapel. It was used until the opening of a much larger Wesleyan Methodist Church at Division and Chapel Sts. in 1853.

Cobourg Congregational Church, on the present site of Cobourg Collegiate West, was enlarged in 1883 to seat 400. Known as the King St. United Church after the 1925 union, it remained active until 1929 when the congregation merged with the Division St. church.



The Episcopal Methodist Church at King and Ball Sts., built in 1878, was preceded by an earlier building on James St. It was later called the King St. Methodist Church. When the congregation merged with the Wesleyan Church in 1897 the building was sold to what is now Calvary Baptist Church.

Trinity United Church was originally known as the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The present building was erected in 1853 and replaced one built in 1824 on the same site. The church was often known as the "College Church" because it was extensively used by faculty and students from nearby Victoria College until the college was moved from Cobourg to become part of the University of Toronto.



Trinity United today.