

# **Robert Reid (1773-1856)**

In 1822 the earliest settlers in Douro township, Robert Reid and his wife Maria, emigrated from County Down, Ireland with their nine children. He received land grants of 800 hectares, on part of which the Trent University campus east of the river now stands. Over several decades he held numerous positions both in the township and in Peterborough, including those of County Auditor and Justice of the Peace. The hard work and dedication of Robert Reid and his children earned them the appellation of "the ubiquitous Reids". Most of them were prominent citizens, and they contributed significantly to the early development of Peterborough. Robert Reid's later descendants were pioneer settlers both in western Canada and in the northwestern United States, where many of the family still reside.

Donated by descendants of Robert Reid 2002  
Erected by the