



Celebrating 200 Years in Georgina 1818 - 2018

GEORGINA

William Johnson

The man lauded as the founder of Pefferlaw is William Johnson, of the Royal Navy. Reduced to half-pay, he sought his future in Upper Canada. He departed the UK for Quebec from Greenock at Port Glasgow, on July 20 1819. On September 7th he arrived at Quebec City and made arrangements for travel to York, in Upper Canada, which took another 42 days! All told, his travel took 91 days. While in York, to arrange for a grant of land, it was recommended by an acquaintance that he look to Lake Simcoe to settle, and to do so he should meet Commander Bouchier. He met the Commander's brother, James O'Brien Bouchier, who happened to be in York; together they travelled to Lake Simcoe. He arrived in October 1819.