

creek at Cobourg nearly as far as the bridge at the woollen factory. The first grist mill in the township was built on this creek sometime previous to the year 1818. It is stated that at one time vessels could come in and find shelter in the old harbor nearly opposite the Gull Island lighthouse.

There are other streams running north into Rice Lake. On one of these near Harwood, grist and saw mills are situated. Another stream near Core's Landing, formerly furnished the water-power for a carding and fulling mill. Another, sometimes called Cold creek or Goose creek, runs across the seventh concession, driving Sackville's saw and shingle mills, and runs into Rice Lake east of Bewdley.

FIRST SETTLERS.

Parts of the Township of Hamilton were surveyed in 1791 by a Mr. Jones, and part in 1795 by a Mr. Hamly. About a century ago settlers began to come in, and two crown patents, possibly among many others, were granted in 1798 to Messrs. George Shaw and Joseph Ash. To this brief history of our well-known township we have appended a list, containing the names of 120 persons who received patents before 1812, thirty-five at least of these were granted by the year 1805. It required about fifty years to complete the settlement of the township. Of this early colonization the writer of these notes knows little, and that little only by tradition and by conversation with pioneer settlers. The first person to erect a residence within the corporation of the town of Cobourg was a Mr. Elias Nicholson. His small cabin, built in 1798, is believed to have been the first house erected in this neighborhood. The first store had its site on or near where King-st. now is, in 1802 just four years after the first dwelling house was erected in our town. This small general store was started by Elias Jones, who also, with assistance from Government, built the first grist mill on the large creek north of the bridge at the woollen factory. The first wagon ever run through the Township of Hamilton was built by Elijah Brock, who came into the country about 1808. The Parker and Stanton families were among the first to settle here. The late Oliver Stanton is said to have been the first white child born in this township, about the year 1800 or 1801. The colon-