

### **Law Society, 1797.**

The Law Society of Upper Canada met on the 17th July, 1797, at Wilson's Hotel, Newark. An Act had been passed 9th July, 1794, allowing the Lt. Governor to license such as were well qualified to act as Advocates and Attorneys. From what we know several of them had no legal education. Those present were:

John White  
Angus McDonell  
Christopher Robinson  
W. D. Powell  
Nicholas Hagerman

Robert D. Gray  
James Clark  
Allan McLean  
Alexander Stewart  
R. C. Beardsley

### **Niagara Library, 1800.**

In an old leather bound book, the leaves yellow with age, found by a fortunate accident in St. Andrew's Church, are the records of this, the first library in Upper Canada, showing that the people of that day valued good literature, as the catalogue of 1000 volumes shows more solid reading than that of the present day. Also showing that the Agricultural Society had a library of fifty valuable works, and these were in 1806 added to the Niagara Library. The records go on to the year 1820, when the books became the property of Andrew Heron, to whom a large sum was owing.

### **Niagara Library, 8th June, 1800.**

Sensible how much we are at a loss in this new and remote country for every kind of useful knowledge, and convinced that nothing would be of more use to diffuse knowledge amongst us and our offspring than a library supported by subscription in this town, we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, hereby associate ourselves together for that purpose and promise to pay annually a sum not exceeding four dollars, to be laid out on books as agreed upon by a majority of votes at a yearly meeting, to be held by us in this town on the 15th August annually, when everything respecting the Library will be regulated by the majority of votes.