



CASTLE BLOCK

c1860s

161 - 165 King St. West
171 King (1884)
3 Storefronts



BUSINESS DIRECTORY:

1884: W.F. Jackson, MD; ??? ; ??? ;
1886: W.F. Jackson, MD; Joel Judson, agricultural implement agent; W.A. Johnston, commision merchant;
1890: W.F. Jackson, MD; A.A. Davis, produce merchant, J.D. Barsalow, plumber;
1895: W.F. Jackson, MD; Brockville Light & Power Co. Ltd.; Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd;
1910/1912: W.F. Jackson, MD (161), Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (165), Joseph Alexander, butter & cheese (167);
1918: W.F. Jackson, MD (161), Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (165), Hodgeson Brothers & Rowson, butter & cheese (167);
1925: Mackey & Stack Motor Sales (161), Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (165), Hodgeson Brothers & Rowson, butter & cheese (167);
1928/1935: Warren O'Hara Motor Supply Co. (161), Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (165), William J. Webster, insurance (167);
1942/1948: Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (161); Birks Cleaners (165), Latimer's Radio Service Station (167);
1956/1960: Central Canada Coal Co., Ltd (161); Royal Cleaners (165); Latimer's Radio Store (167);
1965: vacant (161); Brock Pastry (165); Latimer's Radio & TV Store / Parkers Cleaners & Launderers (167);
1970: The Camera Centre (161); Brock Pastry (165); Lorraine's Beauty Salon (167);
1972/1977: Kincaid Steak House (161); Brock Pastry (165); Town & Country Beauty Salon (167);
1980: Kincaid Steak House (161); Brockville Community Workshop (165); Town & Country Beauty Salon (167);
1982: Rondez-Vous Restaurant (161); The Dusty Attic (165); Town & Country Beauty Salon (167);
1984: Corrie's Yarn Crafts (161); The Dusty Attic (165); Town & Country Beauty Salon (167);
1988: Corrie's Yarn Crafts (161); Harlin Gifts (165); Dash Personnel Resources (167);
1990: Dash Personnel Resources (161); Harlin Gifts (165); Vacuum Services Unlimited (167);
1992: Dash Personnel Resources (161); Harlin Gifts (165); Country Lane (167);
1995: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Harlin Gifts (165); Creative Goldsmith & Diamond Merchant (167);
1997: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Big Boys-Harlin Gifts (165); Creative Goldsmith & Diamond Merchant (167);
2000: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Big Boys-Harlin Gifts (165); Brockville Vacuum Centre (167);
2003: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); vacant (165); vacant (167);
2006: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Island City Gallery (165); vacant (167);
2009/2015: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); It's How You Wear It! Hair Salon (165); (167-address removed, incorporated into 165);
2018/2019: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Jenn's Primitive Gems (165);
2021/2023: Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe (161); Sequence Gaming (165);

Dr William Frederick Jackson, Brockville's most important M.D. had his office here for many decades. His office was on the corner of King and Kincaid for around 40 years. In 1911, he was described in Vernon's directory as "physician and surgeon, diseases of women and children, office and residence 161 King W." Early on he developed, produced and patented 'Dr Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People'. In 1890, Williams sold the rights to George T. Fulford for \$53.01. The pills became an international success through heavy marketing by Fulford. Jackson was born about 1853 and died Jan. 29, 1935.

Mackey & Stack Motor Sales opened around 1922 on the corner, owned by Ernest S. Mackey and Thomas J. Stack. They sold vehicles from Durant Motors Inc., advertising Durant & Star. Durant Motors Inc. was started by former General Motors CEO William "Billy" Durant in 1921 and ceased to exist by 1931. In this building, a larger door was put in to accommodate cars coming in and out. By 1925, it was simply **Mackey Motor Sales**. The business became Warren O'Hara Motor Supply Co. by 1928. The location also was a Shell gas station and sold Firestone tires.

Harlin Gifts opened in 1988 by Linda Hutchins, becoming Big Boys-Harlin Gifts around 1996. It had a side business, 'Big Boys-Harlin Promotions'. The gift shop closed around 2002.

Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe opened in this location in 1994 by Mrs Marilyn Gill. From their information, "Colonial Flowers & Gift Shoppe has been hand-delivering premium floral arrangements and gift baskets to help strengthen relationships..."

Sequence Gaming started out as **The Comic Cave** in 1990 at 5 Perth St and was owned by Richard Benoit. It moved up the street to 25 Perth St around 1996. Benoit had it for many years, with it transferring to Pierre & Jan Sigman after 2007. It was then purchased by Bryan Treffers with a partner on May 14, 2010. The business was then renamed **Sequence Comic and Gaming** on Aug. 22, 2010. In Oct. 2019, there was a move to this current location of 165 King St. W., having dropped the comic sales shortly before moving, giving it the altered name of **Sequence Gaming**. They advertise that "Sequence is the spot to find and play Pokémon, Magic: the Gathering, Flesh & Blood TCG, Warhammer." Treffers has been the constant owner of this establishment since 2010, with several partners through the years. His current partner is Derek Paul.

(Most information from Kimball's, Foster's & Vernon's directories, along with business websites)

Much more to come.

STOREFRONTS



Mackey Motor Sales OR Warren O'Hara Motor Supply; Camera Centre/Brock Pastry/Lorraine's Beauty Salon; It's How You Wear It! Hair Salon; Jenn's Primitive Gems; Colonial Flower & Gift Shoppe; Sequence Gaming;

STREET SCENE



The Castle Block in the middle of the picture, c1869.