



COMSTOCK BUILDING

1887 - 1966



THE W. H. COMSTOCK CO., LTD.

Cornstock Building, Brockville, Ont.



17 Courthouse Avenue

Built 1886-1887. In 1936, Brockville's first funeral home, Scott Funeral Home opened in this building. The Chapel, which held up to 100 people, was offered free of charge with the funeral. Torn down in 1966, to make way for Toronto-Dominion bank parking

OUTSIDE INFORMATION

The 'Cornstock' Building, built on land owned by Billa Flint and then I assume inherited in 1852 by his daughter, Josephine Flint who married WH Comstock. Should maybe research that and where the seed money came from for that business.... I have always assumed the money to restart his business came from her inheritance and Billa Flint Sr's Fortune. Takes money to make money and Comstock did just that! I have a couple decorative sandstone pieces of this incredible historical building. [Curt Wheeler: Brockville Museum Facebook](#)

In 1864 William H. Comstock left the family business in New York City to start his own patent medicine company here in Brockville. In 1886 he contracted local architect O.E. Liston to design his company's Canadian headquarters, and in 1887 the "Comstock Building" on Court House Avenue opened, housing, among other things, a factory producing W.H. Comstock Co. Ltd signature product, "Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills".

His son from his second marriage, also named W.H. Comstock, took over the family business following the death of the senior Comstock in 1919. In 1929, he had the distinction of making Brockville's first trans-Atlantic telephone call, calling the W.H. Comstock Co. Ltd office in London, England. [Brockville Museum](#)



William Henry Comstock (August 1, 1830 – March 9, 1919) was an American/Canadian businessman and politician. Born in Batavia, New York, Comstock was educated in Flushing, New York, and on leaving school started work as a clerk. He started his business in 1854, William H. Comstock Company, Ltd., which sold patent medicine including Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, Dead Shot Pellets and McKenzus Dead Shot Worm Candy. He was a town councillor and mayor of Brockville, Ontario. He twice ran unsuccessfully as the Liberal candidate for the House of Commons of Canada for the riding of Brockville in the 1882 and 1887 elections, before being elected in an 1899 by-election resulting from the death of the sitting MP, John Fisher Wood. He did not run in 1900. [Wikipedia: William Henry Comstock](#)

[Wikipedia: Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills](#)

[Gutenberg: Comstock Business](#)

[Dr. Morse Root Pills Australia](#)

THE PRODUCTS

DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS.

COMSTOCK'S DEAD SHOT WORM PELLETS.

THE MEDICATED CANDY
The specific medicine for the treatment of worms, intestinal parasites, and other ailments. (Morse's Candy) Worms, and Pin (Thread and Seal) Worms, including the most common, yet entirely harmless to the digestive system, which are present in the population for over 50 years. At your druggist or by mail on receipt of Price 50c.

THE POWERFUL COUNTERIRRITANT
The powerful, unobscured treatment for the relief of muscular pain, rheumatism, sprains and the like. Unsurpassed for the relief of neuralgia. Provides welcome temporary relief to suffering locomotoric neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago and similar ailments. Both warming and soothing in action. Now available at the reduced price of 50c per large bottle. Will be sent postpaid if your druggist does not stock it.

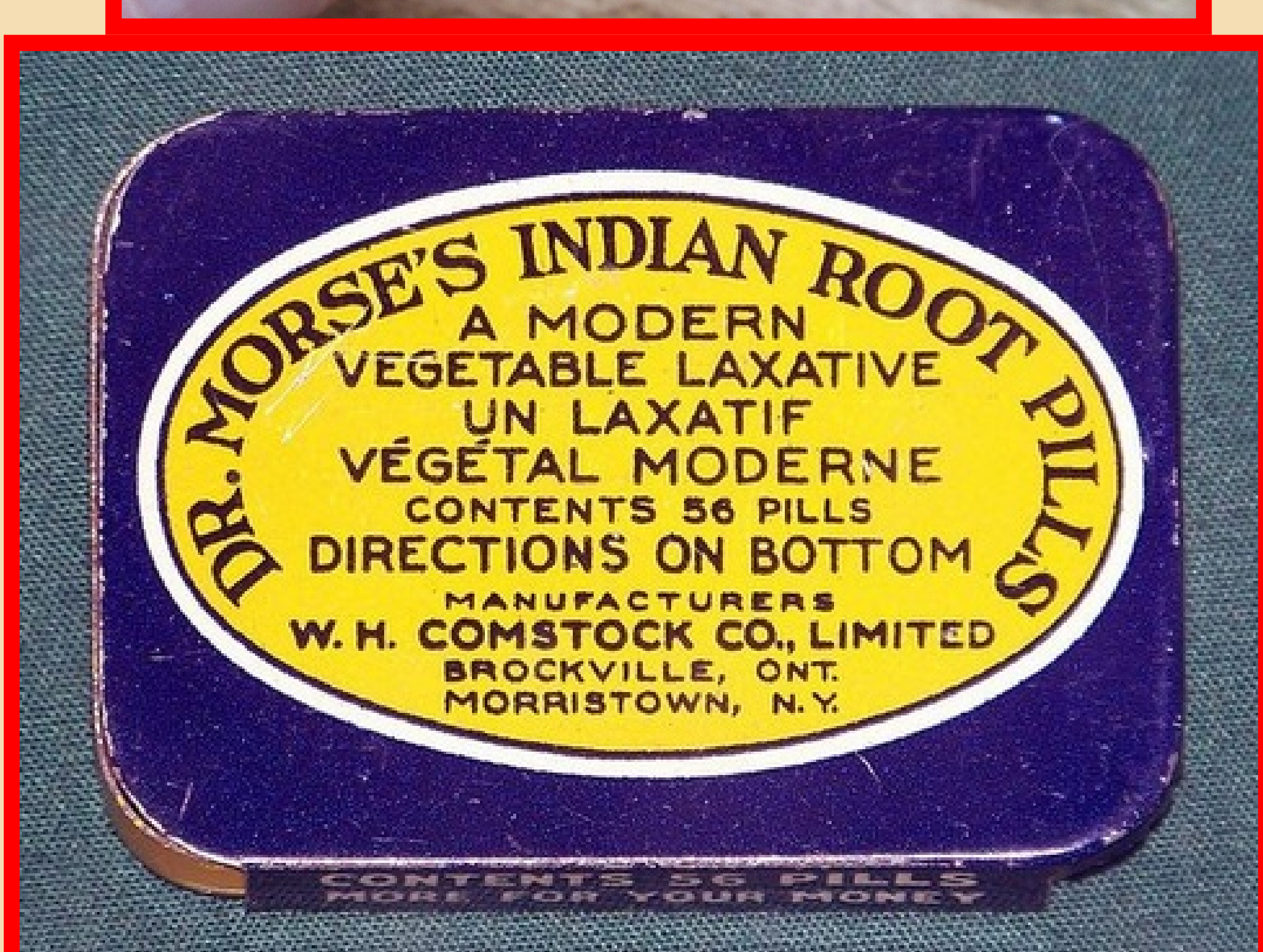
THE TIME PROVEN VEGETABLE LAXATIVE
The greatest remedy for constipation and stomach ills. Mild and gentle in action. Effortlessly dissolves and cleanses the intestinal tract. Stimulates the digestive organs. Made exclusively of pure roots and herbs in a doctor's prescription. Contains no harmful mineral or synthetic drugs. A natural medicine in daily use by thousands of homes, trusted by over 50 years of satisfaction. Price only 50c. Buy it on your druggist's or postpaid by mail from W. H. Comstock Co., Ltd., Morristown, N. Y.

The above illustration shows the three COMSTOCK products:
DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS
COMSTOCK'S DEAD SHOT WORM PELLETS
COMSTOCK'S N. & B. LINIMENT

In the packages as you should receive from your druggist when purchasing any of them. The name "COMSTOCK" is your guarantee of purity, as these remedies have been on the market for over fifty years.

"WORMS"
Few people realize how prevalent worms are in the human body, and the damage that they can do. We have prepared three special treatises entitled: "Worms—Their Danger in Children and Adults," "Worms—Their Danger in Animals" and "Worms—Parasite Infections." These three treatises will be sent to you FREE, if you will write to us at the address below, and we are sure they will be of interest.

COMSTOCK'S N. & B. LINIMENT, is considered a family necessity in many homes in the United States.



ROCKCLIFFE

c1880 ? - 1959

185 King St. E.



- 185 King St. East, stone house
The House was 66 King St. E. under the pre-1900 numbering system. The house was torn down in 1959 as the home had fell into disrepair and become a tax burden.

"The Josephine & William H. COMSTOCK House' 185 King St. E. (now demolished) The building was probably built to the designs of Brockville Architect, Owen E. LISTON. William Henry Comstock, Sr. (1830-1919) was a Patent Medicine Manufacturer in Morristown, NY & Brockville, the Mayor of Brockville 1880-1882, and the MP for Brockville in 1889."
