



FIELD BUILDING c1842

18 - 22 King St. East 2 Storefronts



DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

- 1840s: Charles Field, cabinet making / home;
- 1850s: Charles E. Field, cabinet making / home;
- 1885/1886: A. Johnston, grocery (18*); Mrs. T.E. Seaman, fancy goods (22*);
- 1889/1890: W.H. Dowsley, confectionary (18*); H.T. Murray, grocery (22*);
- 1895/1896: W.H. Dowsley, confectionary (18*); J.J. Henderson, butcher (22*);
- 1899/1903: James Clutterbuck, confectionary (18*); J.J. Henderson, butcher (22*);
- 1910: James Clutterbuck, confectionary (18); Booth Brothers, butchers (22);
- 1913: Mrs. Eva Clutterbuck, confectionary (18); Bussens & Landon, butchers (22);
- 1915: Mrs. Eva Clutterbuck, confectionary (18); William Bussens, butcher (22);
- 1917: vacant (18); C.E. Gibson, grocery (22);
- 1919: W.D. McLean, grocery (18); C.E. Gibson, grocery (22);
- 1921: John Moore, confectionary (18); C.E. Gibson, grocery (22);
- 1924/1926: Staggs Meat Store (18); C.E. Gibson, grocery (22);
- 1929/1931: W.R. Henderson & Son, meats (18); E. Baroni, barber (22);
- 1935: W.R. Henderson & Son, meats (18); D. Reynolds, barber (22);
- 1937: W.R. Henderson & Son, meats (18); vacant (22);
- 1941: W.R. Henderson & Son, meats (18); W.R. Henderson, grocery (22);
- 1946: vacant (18); W.R. Henderson, grocery (22);
- 1949/1961: F.B.C. Henderson, meats (18); W.R. Henderson, grocery (22);
- 1963: Fred B.C. Henderson, meats (18); Speedy Shoe Repair (22);
- 1966: Fred B.C. Henderson, meats (18); East End Fish & Chip Shop (22);
- 1969/1978: Henderson's Meat Market (18); Brockville Restaurant (22);
- 1980/1982: Henderson's Meat Market (18); ABC Taxi (22);
- 1984/1986: Henderson's Meat Market (18); Downtown Laundromat (22);
- 1988: Jimmie's Food Fair (18); Downtown Laundromat (22);
- 1990/2007: D.J.'s Barber Shop & Ladies Hair Design (18); Downtown Laundromat / Spelbound Tattoos (22);
- 2009/2015: D.J.'s Barber Shop & Ladies Hair Design (18); Downtown Laundromat (22);
- 2017/2018: McArthur's Barber Shop (18); Downtown Laundromat (22);
- 2019/2023+: McArthur's Barber Shop (18); Riverbank Pottery Studio (22);

Charles Field purchased this property in November 1841 and build this house shortly after. Along with his home, he added a cabinet making shop where he made his living. After he passed away, his widow Annie took over the home and son Charles E. Field took over the cabinet making and upholstery business.

Charles H. French purchased this building in 1867 and lived upstairs with his wife Sarah. French ran an ornamental and house painting business in the building on the west side. The business was accessed to the east and around back.

Around 1887 **W.H. Dowsley** opened a confectionary in the western store. He lived in an apartment upstairs. The business was acquired by **James Clutterbuck** about 1898. Clutterbuck lived at (22*) Charles St. Mrs. Eva Clutterbuck (presumably James' wife and after his death) took over about 1914 but only lasted until about 1916. After a short stint as a grocery store, **John Moore** re-opened a confectionary in the same spot about 1920, but only lasting until about 1922. Moore left here and opened a grocery store at 371 King St. W.

J.J. Henderson butcher shop was opened by James J. Henderson, who lived on the Prescott Rd, around 1892. He stayed here until after the millennium around 1905. At that point he moved to 16 King St. W. where it will last for many decades. Another Henderson family member will return to this building in a few years with another butcher shop. The location was taken over by the **Booth Brothers** butcher shop. The brothers were Darwin W. and George L. Booth. Darwin lived at 271 Perth St., while George lived at 245 Perth St. The Booth's had a dairy on Perth St. From there it was taken over briefly, c1912, by **Bussens & Landon**. Landon left by 1915 and the butcher shop became simply **William Bussens** and it closed around 1916.

Charles E. Gibson opened his grocery store at #18 in 1918. It lasted a decade until around 1927. He lived at 13 North Augusta Rd. A couple of other pre-war grocery stores in the building, for a very brief time, were **A. Johnston** in the mid 1880s, **H.T. Murray** in and around 1890 and **W.D. McLean** in and around 1919.

Stagg's Meat Store was opened here by Lawrence Stagg around 1922. He lived at 86 Perth St. Other Stagg family members ran butcher / meat shops in the city, and the same was true of the Henderson's. William R. Henderson took over about 1927, and it became **W.R. Henderson & Son**. He lived with wife Christina on the Prescott Rd. Son William R Henderson opened a grocery store next door at #22 in the same building around 1940 and continuing until about 1962. Meanwhile, the meat shop closed briefly around the end of WWII until taken over by Fred B.C. Henderson around 1948. William, jr, with wife Edna P., and Fred, with wife Norma, all lived upstairs in the building, with William owning it. Around 1967, the business was acquired by Ekke and Harry Dikland (seem to be two brothers). Because the Henderson's were so well known with butchering, it continued under the altered **Henderson's Meat Market** name. Harry left by 1971 and it continued under Ekke. It then went to Arie Moraal around 1977. About 1983, it was acquired by Martin Bakker. This long establishment was closed about 1987 ending around 65 years as a meat store at this location.

Recent history has had barbershops on the left side for the last 3+ decades, but further back during the Great Depression, there were a couple on the right side. **Ernest Baroni** opened around 1927. Baroni lived with his wife at 26 Water St. E., which no longer exists. The business was then taken over by **D. Reynolds** about 1933 and only lasting until around 1936.

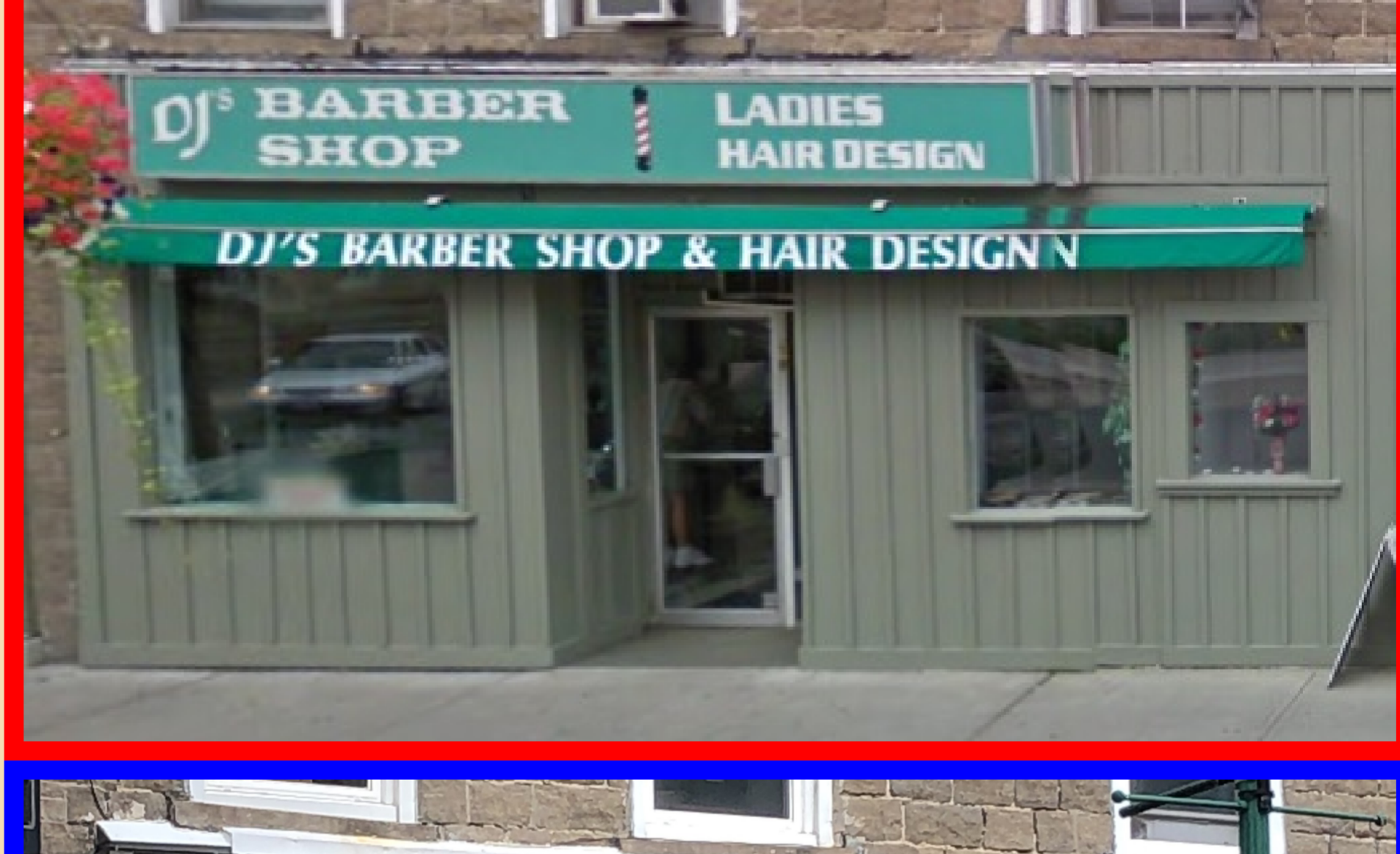
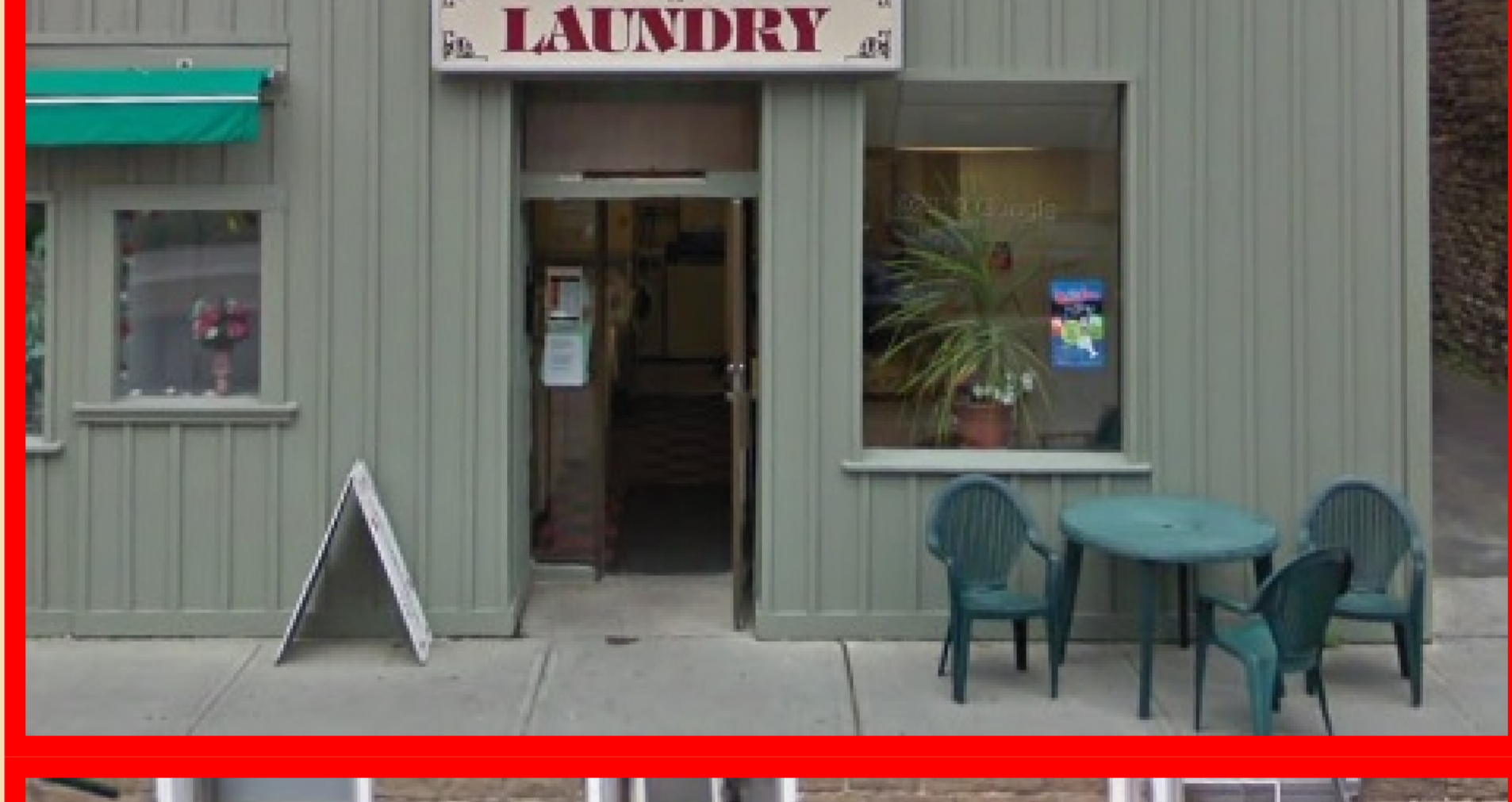
Jim Lerikos, who formerly worked at Brockville Restaurant, opened **Downtown Laundromat** around 1983 in #22. After getting that off the ground, he opened **Jimmie's Food Fair** next door, c1987. It apparently was not successful, as it closed within two years. The laundromat, however, was highly successful with around a 36-year run, closing in 2019.

DJ's Barber Shop and Ladies Hair Design was opened by Don Souder in 1990. Rob McArthur acquired DJ's in 2017, and it became **McArthur's Barbershop & Supply Co.** "Brockvilles Premier Barbershop and Supply Co."

Riverbank Pottery Studio opened in 2019 by Sue Steele, Renza Pelkey, Rina Kolbe, Jann Smith and Mary Mansworth. They started off just working together and decided to open up a storefront to get rid of some of it. The pandemic hit just a few months after opening, but their storefront displays and online presence worked to actually increase sales during this time. Jann calls it an "accidental business".

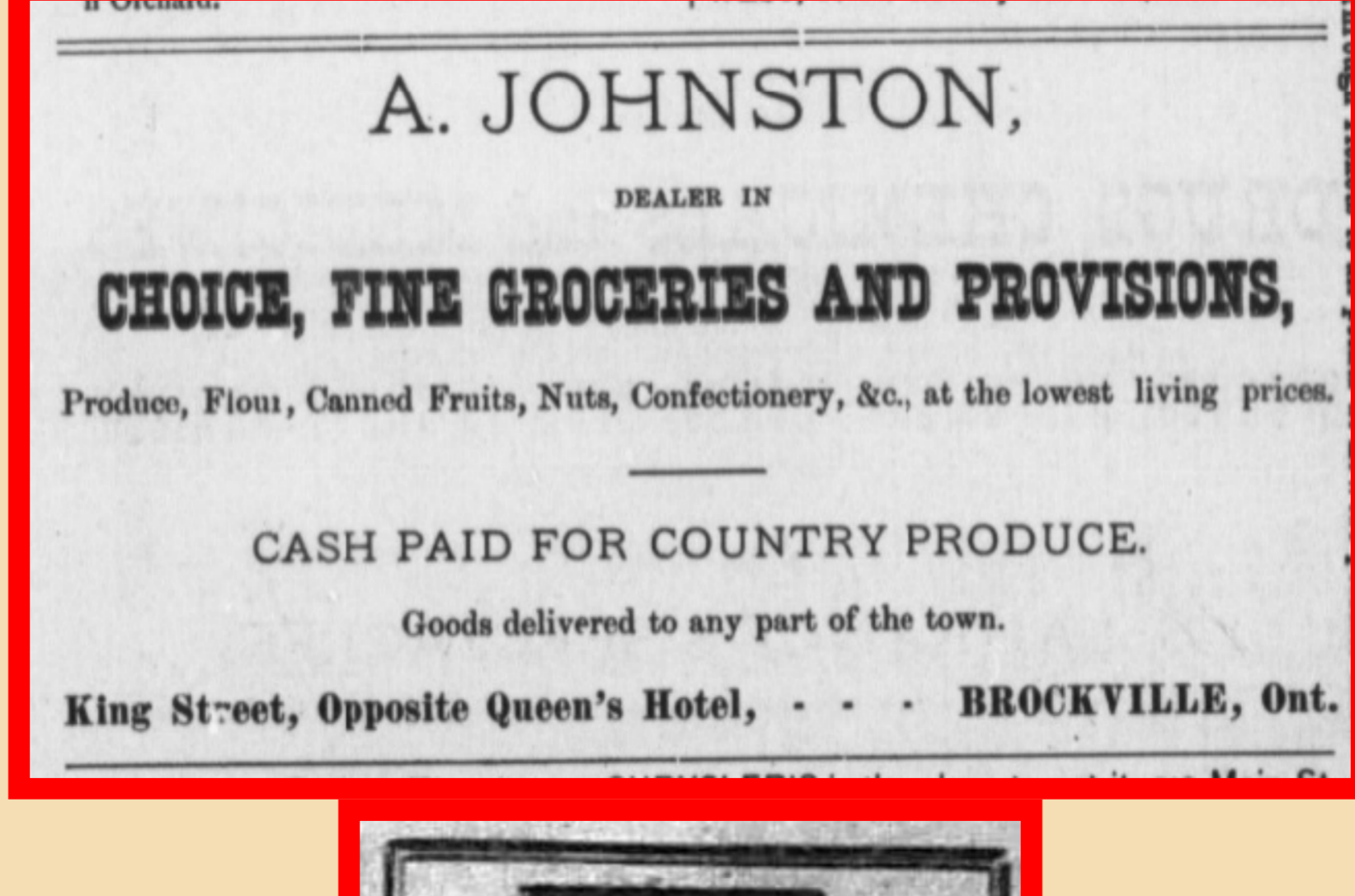
(Most information from Kimball's, Foster's & Vernon's directories, along with business websites and Brockville Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee pamphlet)

STOREFRONTS



Downtown Laundromat; D.J.'s Barber Shop & Ladies Hair Design; McArthur's Barber Shop (18); Riverbank Pottery Studio (22);

ADVERTISING



A Johnston, grocery, 1887; Fred Henderson's Meat Market, 1958.