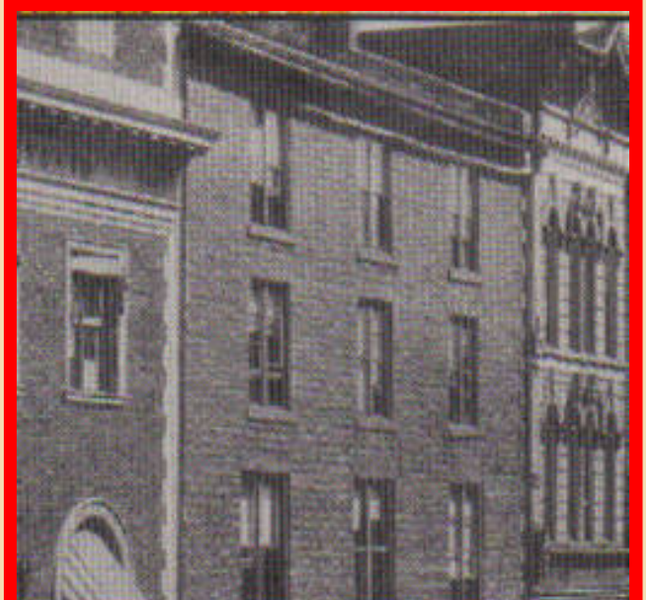
FLINT BLOCK
c1830's - c1960

42 - 52 King St. West



The first three photos show the early full double building, the last shows the east wing after the west wing was demolished c1960.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

1885: G.N.W. Telegraph Office (52*), Old & Schoffield, commercial agents (48*), Dresser & Dresser (46), Singer Sewing Machine (u); Canada Powder Co. (u); Kaufman Music Store (2nd u)
1890: G.N.W. Telegraph Office (52*), R.W. Tackaberry tailor shop (48*), A. Moses, clothing (46,42*), R.H. Gamble photo gallery (u)
1895: C.P.R. ticket, telegraph (52*), W.C. Austin, real estate & insur. (48*), Tooley & Chase, auctioneers (46*), F.J. Griffin, furrier (42*), Mechanics Institute (Library) (u)
1900: C.P.R. ticket, telegraph (52*), Alfred Doyle, harnessmaker (48*), F.J. Griffin furrier (46*), John Lee, laundry (42*), Brockville Public Library; Benjamin Dillon, architect (u)
1910/1913: McGlade, ticket, telegraph (52), Jas Robertson, auctioneer (48), F.J. Griffin furrier (46), George Rosss, plumbers (42), Dunn & Co. photo (50u)
1919: Potvin ticket, telegraph (52), New York Fashion Store ladies wear (48), F.J. Griffin furrier (46), Christopher barber (42), Dunn & Co. photo (50u)
1929: Sanders & Guild, ticket, telegraph (44), H.W. Carswell drugstore (42)
1943: CPR Ticket Office (46), Stewarts Stationary (42)
1949: CPR ticket, telegraph, express (46), Delahaye Shop (42)
1956: CPR ticket, telegraph, express (46), Brockville Fabric Shop (42), condemned (u)

The Flint block was built by c1830's for Billa Flint. A large double stone building with a fire wall in between, it originally occupied the full block to the corner of King and CourtHouse Ave. The corner half was probably built first with the eastern half built after, possibly within a year.

The western half of building demolished to make way for the new Bank of Toronto around 1920. The eastern half was demolished to make way for the new Woolworth's building around 1960.

The 1800's saw CPR Co. Telegraph, CPR City Ticket office and Dominion Express Co. working out of the corner store. Also, 1886 #40 had William Old, U.S. Commercial Agent and W.A. Schofield, Vice U.S> Commercial Agent.

Kaufman Music Store had been established in 1870. They were on the second floor. Hard to imagine selling large pianos from the second floor!

In 1910, George E. McGlade at #52 ran an office on the Court House Ave/King St. corner with CPR Tickets, CPR Co's Telegraph, Canada Steamship Lines, and Dominion Exp. Co.. By 1919 it was Archie J. Potvin, by 2019 it was F.J. Saunders & W.M. Guild

The Brockville Public Library had it's last location in a Flint Block upper floor before getting it's own building on Buell St. in 1903. In earlier years, the library was called Mechanics Institute. It was a British term for basically a library serving working adults with technical subjects during the Victoria era.

By the mid 1950's the upper floors of the building were condemned and empty. The building needed to be demolished if they were not going to put an enormous amount of money into it. This helped to put an end to it's existence by the end of the decade.

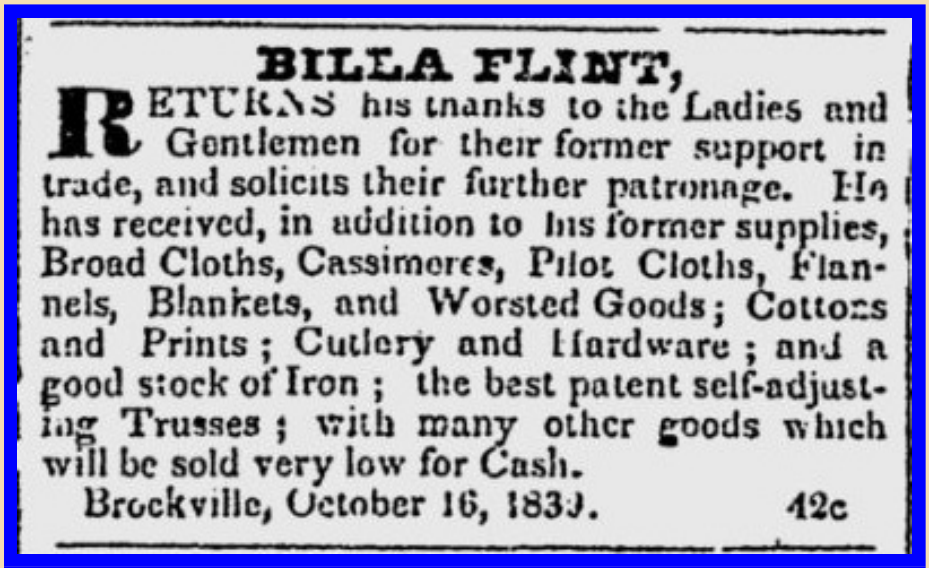
FLINT BLOCK BACK SECTION

5, 7, 9 Court House Ave. (Old Address: Court House Ave.)

DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

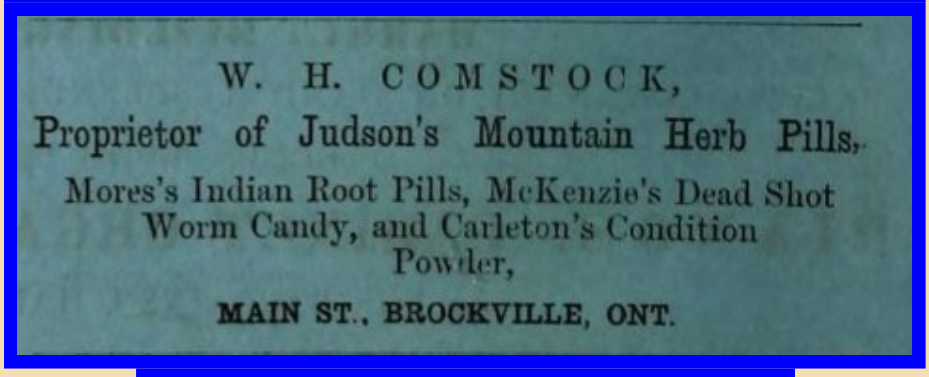
1886: William Sherwood, law office, R.H. Gamble, Photograph gallery (u)
1890: William Sherwood, law office (9*), R.B. Heather, florist (7*), Bell Telephone (5*); Dunn & Co. photographers (u)
1895: A.B. McLean, photographer (9*), R.T. Kenny, dentist (7*), H.F.J Jackson, real estate (5*);
{R.B. Heather, florist, Bell Telephone Pay Station (u)}
1910: F.B. Carron, M.D. (9), A. Cummings & Son, insurance (7), J.W. Potvin, barber (5)
1912: F.B. Carron, M.D. (9), Bell Telephone local plant cheif (7), J.W. Potvin, barber (5)

ADVERTISING


BILLA FLINT,

RETURNS his thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen for their former support in trade, and solicits their further patronage. He has received, in addition to his former supplies, Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Pilot Cloths, Flannels, Blankets, and Worsted Goods; Cottons and Prints; Cutlery and Hardware; and a good stock of Iron; the best patent self-adjusting Trusses; with many other goods which will be sold very low for Cash.

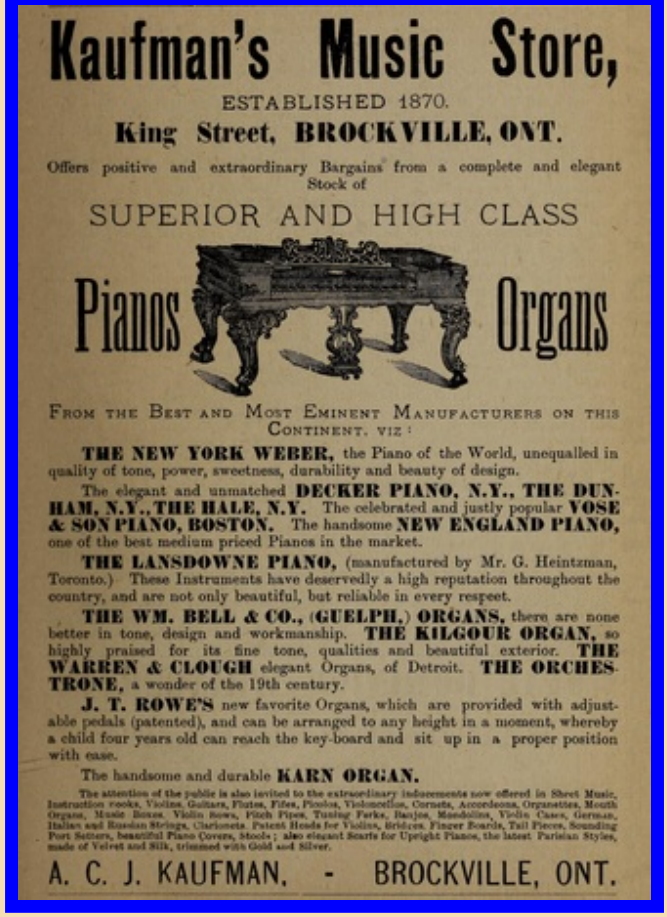
Brockville, October 16, 1839. 42c


W. H. COMSTOCK,

Proprietor of Judson's Mountain Herb Pills,

Mores's Indian Root Pills, McKenzie's Dead Shot Worm Candy, and Carleton's Condition Powder,

MAIN ST., BROCKVILLE, ONT.



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King Street, BROCKVILLE, ONT.

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FROM THE BEST AND MOST EMINENT MANUFACTURERS ON THIS CONTINENT, VIZ:

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THE LANSDOWNE PIANO, (manufactured by Mr. G. Heintzman, Toronto.) These Instruments have deservedly a high reputation throughout the country, and are not only beautiful, but reliable in every respect.

THE WM. BELL & CO., (GUELPH,) ORGANS, there are none better in tone, design and workmanship. **THE KILGOUR ORGAN,** so highly praised for its fine tone, qualities and beautiful exterior. **THE WARREN & CLOUGH** elegant Organs, of Detroit. **THE ORCHESTRONE,** a wonder of the 19th century.

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The attention of the public is also invited to the extraordinary inducements now offered in Sheet Music, Instruction books, Violins, Guitars, Flutes, Fifes, Piccolos, Violoncellos, Cornets, Accordeons, Organettes, Mouth Organs, Music Boxes, Violin Bows, Pitch Pipes, Tuning Forks, Banjos, Mandolins, Violin Cases, German, Italian and Russian Strings, Clarionets, Patent Heads for Violins, Bridges, Finger Boards, Tail Pieces, Sounding Port Setters, beautiful Piano Covers, Stools; also elegant Scarfs for Upright Pianos, the latest Parisian Styles, made of Velvet and Silk, trimmed with Gold and Silver.

A. C. J. KAUFMAN, - BROCKVILLE, ONT.

A Billa Flint Ad in The Recorder, 1839. W.H. Comstock ad, 1869. Kaufman's Music Store, 1888.

THE REPLACEMENT BANK OF TORONTO

The Bank of Toronto became the Toronto-Dominion Bank, when it merged with Dominion Bank in 1955. Shortly after Toronto-Dominion acquired Canada Trust in 2000, this location was closed and the merged operations were ran out of C.T.'s location on the corner of King/Broad, which was a much newer building. In recent years it became the east building of Boutique Hotel.

THE REPLACEMENT: BACK BUILDING

COSSITT BLOCK

5, 7, 9u Court House Ave. (Old Address: Court House Ave.)

DIRECTORY LISTINGS::
1928: Charles Cossitt Investment Brokers (5), Edwin Cossitt Insurance (7), {Excelsior Life Insurance} (9u); **1948**: Cossitt Insurance (5), Simpson Order Office (7), {Prucential Insurance, Old Age Pensions, etc, Canadian Acceptance, A.W. Sheridan, dentist} (9u); **1960**: Cossitt Insurance (5), {Prucential Insurance, A.W. Sheridan, dentist, F.M. Bliss, dentist, Canadian Cancer Society, H.W. Suttleworth, arrister} (9u)

BILLA FLINT'S INN: c1804? - c1880's???

St. Andrew St.(at end, on the river)
A large three and a half story Inn, built by Billa Flint, shortly after the turn of the 19th century, possibly around 1804. It is quite possibly the first major hotel business in Brockville. It appears in a map dated 1874. The Inn may have dissappeared around the 1880's. By 1890, the area is occupied by Fitzsimmons Boat Works and buildings of the J.W. Mann Manufacturing Company. (mentioned in Brockville book 1804, 1833, appears in a photo dated c1853, appears in a map drawing of buildings dated 1874)

BILLA FLINT HOUSE / INN

. (Old Address: C.)

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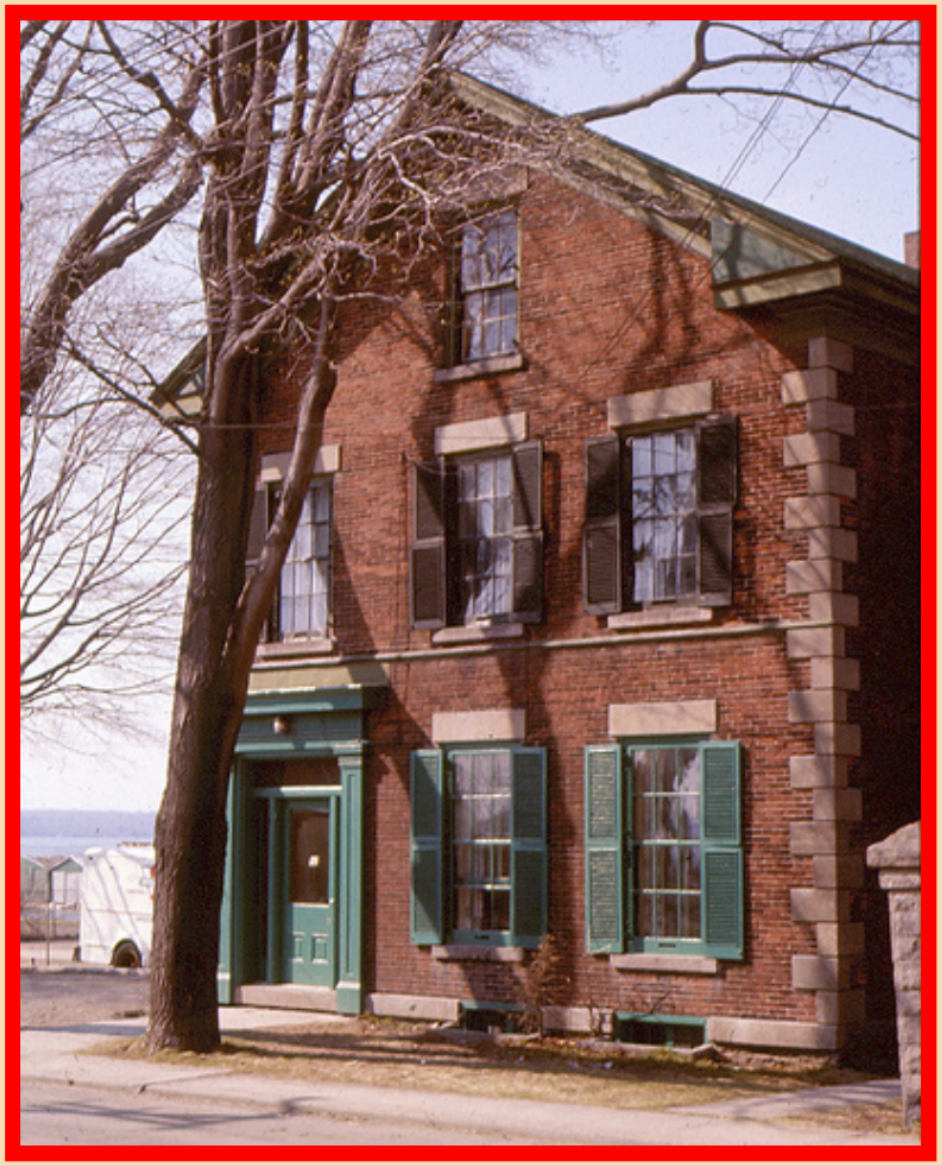

12 St. Andrew St. (46 St. Andrew St.)
c1855 - 1979 Built for Billa Flint's widow, Sally Flint. Billa's daughter Sally married David Spencer Booth and they lived in the home after. Booth was a partner in the company that built the railway tunnel. The Booth's were living on King St. E. by 1984. J.W. Mann, who had the large factory south of the house on the old Flint Inn property, lived here for several decades. The home was demolished in 1979 for the parking lot of the new Harbourview Apartment complex.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS::
c1855: Sally Flint; **186?**: David/Sally Booth; **1886/1910**: J.W. Mann; **1912**: Kenneth Miller; **1918**: F.I. Tooker; **1928/1948**: Amos J. & Kathleen Requa; **1960**: J.H. Bowen

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