



GILMOUR BUILDING pre 1850

205, 207 King St. West



1874 Brosius's drawing from the back, three photos: 1860, c1915, c1920.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

- 1851:: William Gilmour, Inn (207*)
- 1859:: William Gilmour, wholesale & retail grocery (207*)
- 1863:: William Gilmour, grocery (207*)
- 1866:: Cole's, hotel (207*)
- 1867:: Marshall's Hotel (207*)
- 1886:: Mrs. Benjamin Bell, Prof. O'Reilly (207*)
- 1890:: Mrs. E.W. Fairbairn, boarding house (207*)
- 1895:: Mrs. Eliza Davies, boarding house (207*)
- 1900:: Brockville Produce Co. (207*)
- 1910/1913:: W.J. Simmons, plumber (207)
- 1919:: Kehoe & Connell, cleaners (207)
- 1924:: William Goorsky, shoe repair (207)
- 1929:: T.J. Keyhoe, tailor (205), H. Luby, shoe repair (207)

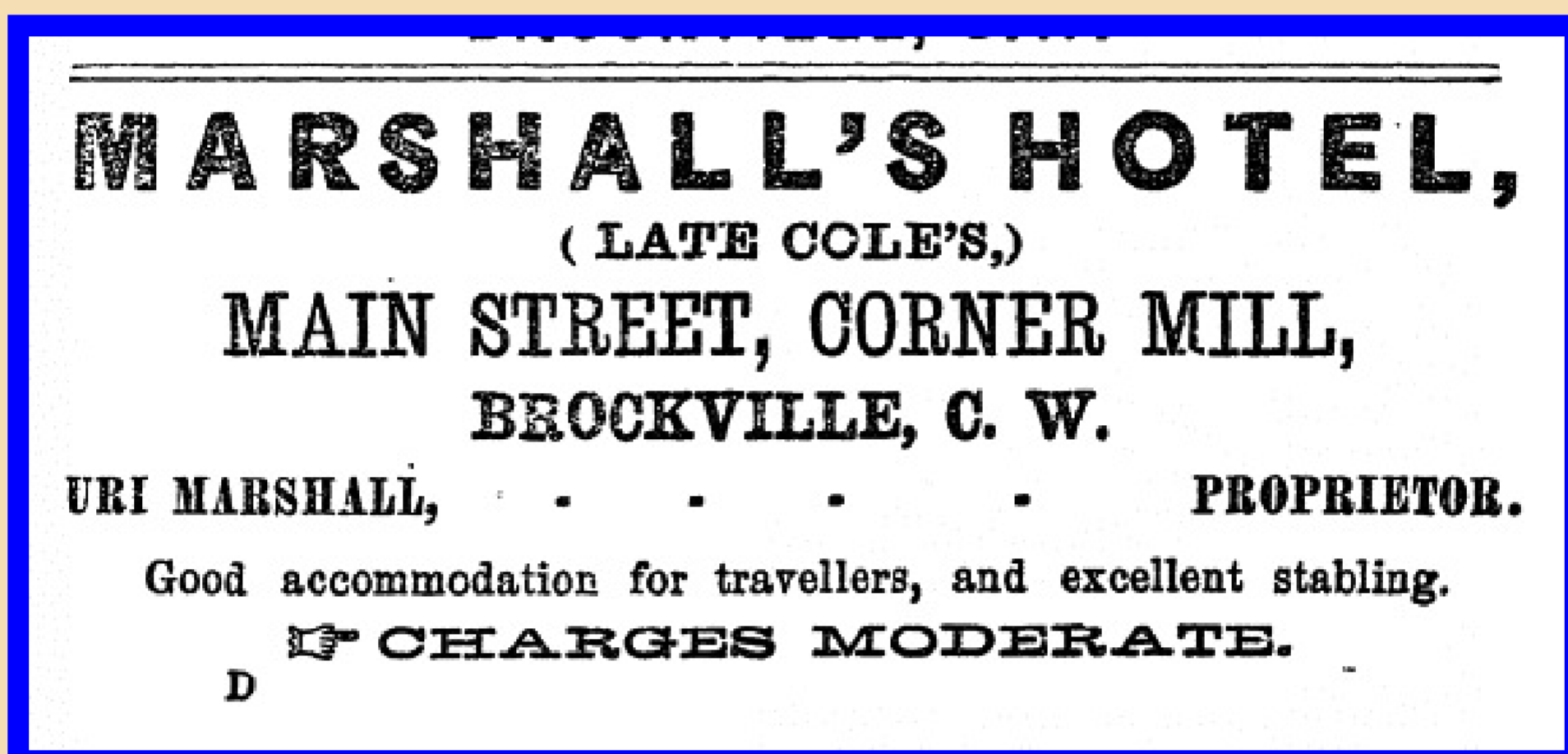
The building was erected by William Gilmour, possibly in the 1840's. The 1874 Brosius's drawing map of Brockville shows an L shape building with a rear addition.

The 1851 directory shows William Gilmour as an innkeeper on Main St. He then started a grocery store, with wholesale. It probably closed around 1864 when he purchased buildings across the street for his son to open a business. He is not listed in the 1866 directory, only son across the street.

Cole Hotel is located here in the 1860s, according to the ad below. 1866 shows Eli D Cole and J.J. Cole had a hotel business. It may or may not have been the same hotel. The 1860s show Abel Cole had a grocery and tinware business somewhere else on King St. Cole's were succeeded by Marshall's Hotel, c1867, run by Uri Marshall. Marshall's is not listed in 1871. After the closing of Marshall's, the building basically was a boarding house for the rest of the century.

The picture above clearly shows a gas pump outside of the building. The photo is early to mid 1920's. It is hard to figure what business was selling gas as there was a cleaners business, followed by shoe repair and tailor businesses.

ADVERTISING



Marshall's Hotel ad, 1867.

THE REPLACEMENT CITIES BUILDING c1931 205 King St. West



DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

- 1935/1943:: Cities Service Oil Station (205)
- 1949:: Gates & Sheppard Service Station / Cities Service Oil Station (205)
- 1951/1963:: Gates & Sheppard Service Station (205)
- 1966/2001:: Brockville Cable TV (205)
- 2002/2006:: Cogeco Cable TV (205)
- 2009/2022:: empty lot, no building (205)

The old structure with the gas pump out front was replaced with a modern for the time service station, set further back. In the fuzzy top cut out picture you can see the building that looks like the later Cable TV structure. It was occupied by Cities Service Oil Station, then Gates & Sheppard Service Station.

After the service station closed, it was used for 40 years as a TV cable outlet, first by Brockville Cable, then briefly by Cogeco Cable, who had acquired the former.

EMPTY LOT



After the gas station / Brockville Cable TV building was demolished, the lot has stayed empty for many years.

ADVERTISING



Brockville Cable AD, 1966

STREET SCENE



The Gilmour Building can be seen at the end of the large Halliday Block on the other side of John St. around 1915.