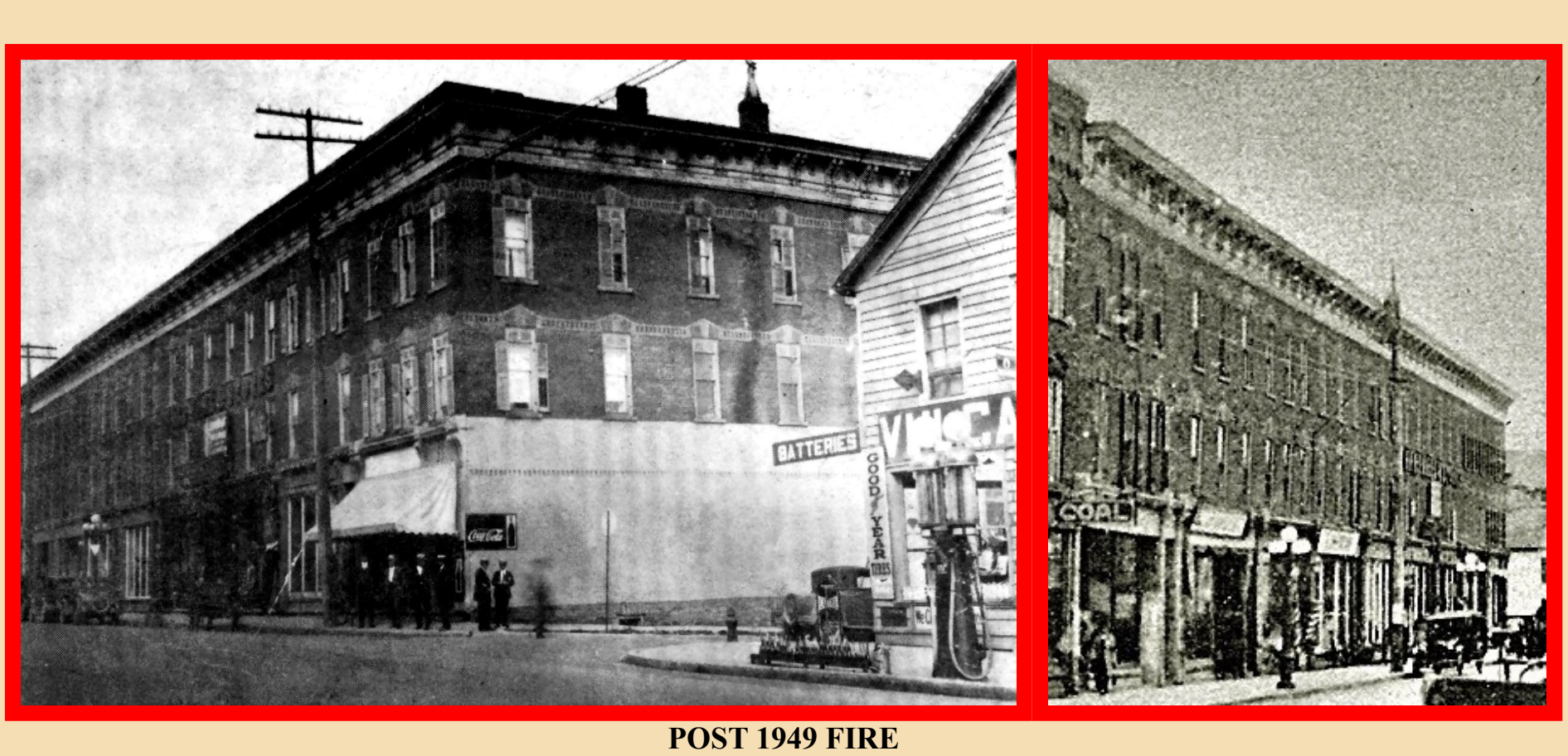
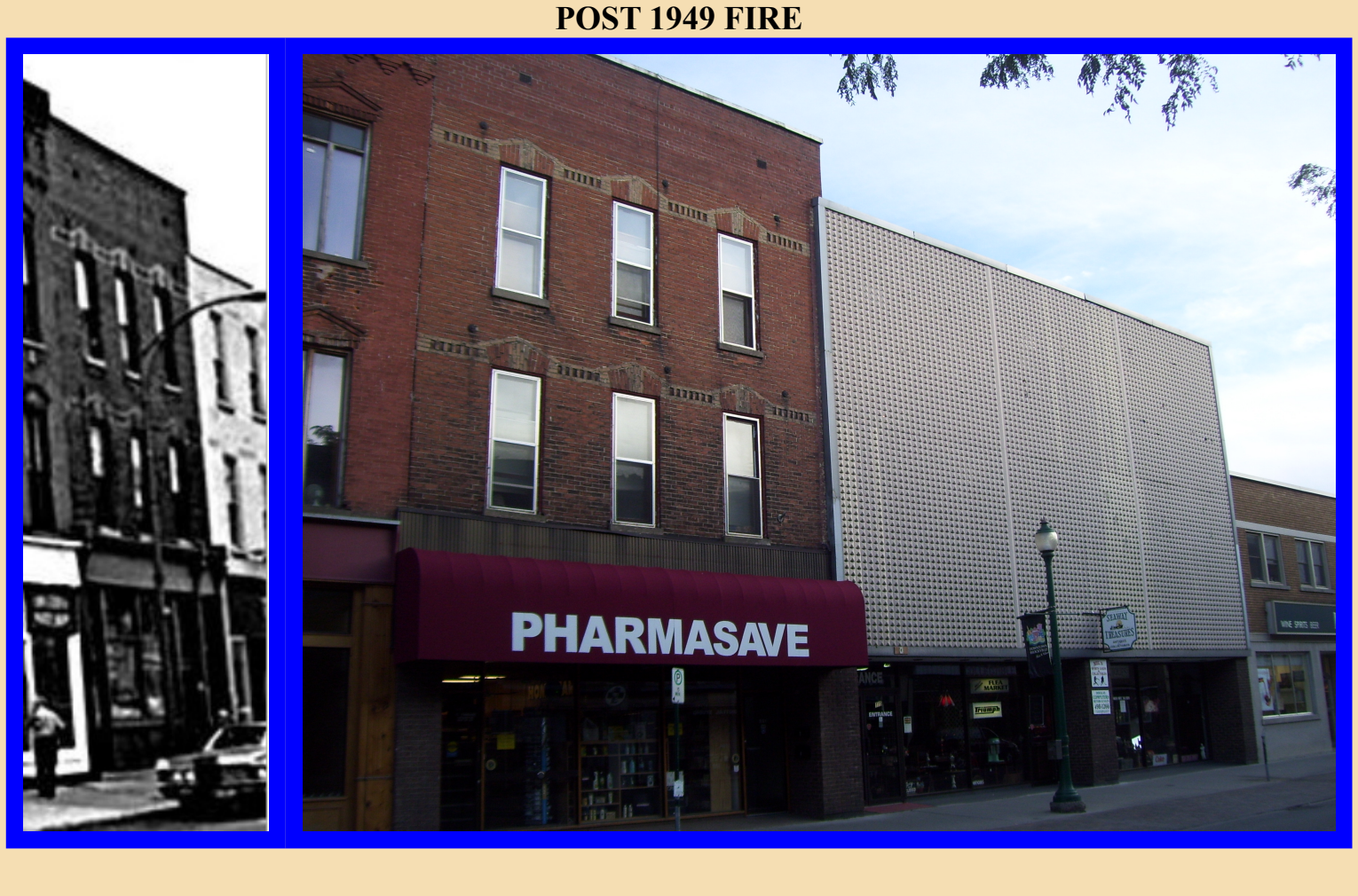
HALLADAY BLOCK
c1880

175-210 King St. West
8 Storefronts



POST 1949 FIRE



DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

1884/1885: Edward Barry, meat market; Thomas McEwen, furniture dealer; McDougall & Bigg, hardware; P.K. McMillan, druggist; R.H. Smart hardware; Montreal Clothing House, merchant tailor; Clerihew & Whaley grocery; Brockville Business College (3rd floor)
1886/1887: F.W. West, crockery merchant; Thomas McEwen, furniture dealer; E. O'Reilly, millinery;
Livingston Brothers, merchant tailors; R.H. Smart hardware; Montreal Clothing House, merchant tailor;
Clerihew & Whaley grocery; Brockville Business College (3rd floor)
1889/1890: W.A. Johnston, produce merchant; Thomas McEwen, furniture dealer, Joseph Norris confectioner, T.H. Livingston clothier, P.K. McMillen drug store, R.H. Smart hardware, Whittemore harness shop, Whaley & Co grocery; Public School (3rd floor)
1895/1896: (vacant??); A.H. Swarts furniture, undertaker; A.A. Davis & Co., cheese exporters; Charles Cook, furniture / O.E. Earle, cheese exporters; P.K. MacMillan, druggest; R.H. Smart, hardware & stoves; Derbyshire cheese exporters; R.N. Dowsley, grocer;
1899/1900: Lovell & Christmas, cheese exporters (169*), A.H. Swarts furniture, undertaker (175*), A.A. Davis & Co., cheese exporters (181*), Wood & Buchanan, furniture (183*), P.K. MacMillan, druggest (193*), R.H. Smart, hardware & stoves (193*), Derbyshire cheese exporters (197*), R.N. Dowsley, grocer (201*)
1906: Lovell & Christmas, butter & cheese (169*), M.H. Bissell, cheese (171), A.H. Swarts furniture, undertaker (175*), A.W. Hayes, jeweller (181*). Buchanan & Sheridan (183*), R.H. Smart hardware (193), Derbyshire & Co., cheese (197), ?? , grocery (201); , Forrester's Hall (upstairs)
1910 Lovell & Christmas, butter & cheese (169), M.H. Bissell, cheese (171), A.H. Swarts furniture, undertaker (175), A.H. Hayes, jeweller / St. Lawrence Produce / Hodgeson Brothers & Rowson / J.R.A. Laing dairy products (181), Robert Sheridan furniture, undertaker (183), R.H. Smart hardware (193), Derbyshire dairy products (197), F.H. Clifford, grocery (201)
1919: Lovell & Christmas, butter & cheese (169), N.S. Cutherbertson, real estate & insurance (171), A.H. Swarts furniture, undertaker (175-179), Robert Sheridan furniture (183), Robert H. Smart Hardware (193), D. Derbyshire dairy products (197), Joseph Greenwood, grocer (201)
1929: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), Corr & McDougall agricultural implements (175), Orange Hall #2 / vacant (177), R. Sheridan furniture & undertakers (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), D. Derbyshire dairy products (197), O.H. Earl, grocer (201)
1931: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), Corr & McDougall agricultural implements (175), R. Sheridan, storage (177), Harry S. Brown, plumber (181), R. Sheridan furniture & undertakers (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), D. Derbyshire dairy products (197), Cecil Reynolds, grocer (201)
1935: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), John Semple, plumbers (175), R. Sheridan, storage (177), Harry S. Brown, plumber (181), R. Sheridan furniture & undertakers (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), D. Derbyshire dairy products (197), Cecil Reynolds, grocer (201)
1941: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), John Semple, plumbers (175), R. Sheridan, storage (177), Harry S. Brown, plumber (181), R. Sheridan furniture & undertakers (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), V. Dionne & Fils, dairy products (197), Cecil Reynolds, grocer (201)
1943: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), John Semple plumbers (175), R. Sheridan, storage (177), Harry S. Brown, plumber (181), R. Sheridan furniture & funeral directors (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), National Selective Service (197), G.C. Reynolds grocery (201)
1949: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169-171), John Semple plumbers (175), R. Sheridan, storage (177), Harry S. Brown, plumber (181), R. Sheridan furniture & funeral directors (183), Robert H Smart hardware (193), National Employment Service (197), G.C. Reynolds grocery (201)
1951/1956: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169), Sheridan, furniture & funeral director (175)
1961/1970: Farrow Brothers, painters & litho (169), Sheridan, furniture (175)
1980/1986: vacant (169-171), Sheridan, furniture (175)
1988/1995: vacant (169-171), Cherney's Furniture World (175)
1997: Mulburry Hill Computers (169-171), Downtown Buy & Sell (175)
2000: no return (169), vacant (175)
2006: Pharmasave drug store (173), D. Nicoll / C. Douglas (175)
2009/2021:-Pharmasave drug store (173), Seaway Treasures Antiques, collectibles (175)
2022: Pharmasave drug store (173), Douglas Computers (175)
2022/2023+: Pharmasave drug store (173), Tier 1 Supplements & Studio (175)

Ezra H. Halladay was Mayor in the 1880's. After the building of the larger Central Block on the north side of King, Halladay thought there should be a similar large block on the south. During the early part of that decade, it was built on the property of early settler Daniel Jones. The architect may have been Owen E. Liston. Less then half of the building survived the 1949 fire, the eastern part. The bottom left photo shows part of it painted over to cover the charred brick. Sheridan's covered that with modern siding in the early 1970s. Only the far left section retained it's historic architecture.

Thomas McEwan opened a furniture & undertaking business here at later #169 before 1984. He featured cabinets, upholstering. There was also a McEwan Storehouse just around the corner on Halladay St. on the corner of Kincaid that probably was part of this business. McEwan lived above his store on the second floor. It closed around 1892.

The **Livingston Brothers** had a clothing store, opening around 1886. (Note: different references say Livingstone). The two brothers, T. and H. Livingston lived above the store in the Halladay Block. They were merchant tailors, deling with clothing, hats & caps, gents furnishing goods. The business was gone by 1896.

The **Montreal Clothing House**, owned by A. Moses, opened before 1884. They were merchant tailors. The business advertised "Suits made to orderin the Latest Styles for less money than any other dealer in the Dominion ... The latest patterns in goods at all seasons ... Always gives the best bargains ... satisfaction guaranteed." They offered "Scotch, French, English and Canadian Tweeds and Worsteds of all grades; Hats, Caps Overalls and Smocks, Men's Cheap Working Pants and Shirts." Moses lived on Halliday St., behind the Halladay Block. It closed around 1888.

Ellen O'Reilly ran a millinery, dress and mantle making business. Her home was above the Montreal Clothing House. Working and living with her was Miss Kate O'Reilly (daughter?). It opened before 1884 and closed shortly before 1889.

Clerihew & Whaley had a grocery on the corner of King W. and Mill (John) streets since before 1884. The business belonged to Alexander C. Clerihew and Johnston Whaley. The store was a groceries & provision dealer, fruits & vegetables, oyster dealer, wines & liquors (retail & wholesale), wholesale grocers/jobbers. Clerihew lived on King St., further westm while Whaley originally boarded at the Revere House hotel, later moving to Home St. By 1889, Clerihew was gone and Whaley alone ran the business.

R.N. Dowsley grocery replaced Clerihew & Whaley around 1892 and lasted into the first decade. After that, **Fitzhenry H. Clifford** grocery took over the premises, lasting to about 1916; Throughout the rest of the life of this end of the building, three more grocers suceeded Clifford's. They were **Joseph Greenwood** (c1916 - c1927), followed by **O.H. Earl** (c1927 - c1930), finishing off with **Cecil Reynolds** (c1930 - 1949). A grocery store occupied this location for the entire life of this section of the building, almost 70 years. The 1949 fire ended this, as a grocer would not return here in the replacement building.

Robert Sheridan previously had businesses under his name and in partnership with other family members in 4 previous locations (#28* King E.,#40 King E., #8* King W., #200* King W.) since 1880. His previous business's involved stoves, furnaces, sheet metal, tinsmithing, etc., but that was well covered by other family members in two locations. He probably decided to go in a different direction with his next adventure. In c1905, he acquired Wood's share of the Wood & Buchanan furniture & undertaker business in the Halladay Block. At this point it became Buchanan and Sheridan. By 1910 Sheridan had taken over Buchanan's interest and it became Robert Sheridan, furniture dealer and undertaker. By this time, Sheridan lived at 108 King E. .....

..... In 1933, Robert was succeeded by his son, R. Herbert Sheridan. He lived with his wife Vieta at 100 King St. E. . In the late 1950s, R. Herbert was succedded by his three sons, Robert J. (President), Herbert I. (Secretary-Treasurer)and Harold. The undertaker side of the business was shut down at this time as 'in home' funerals had become a thing of the past. Robert J. resided with his wife Doreen at 36 Orchard St. Sheridan's came to an end when the business was sold by the three brothers to Cherney's, c1987.

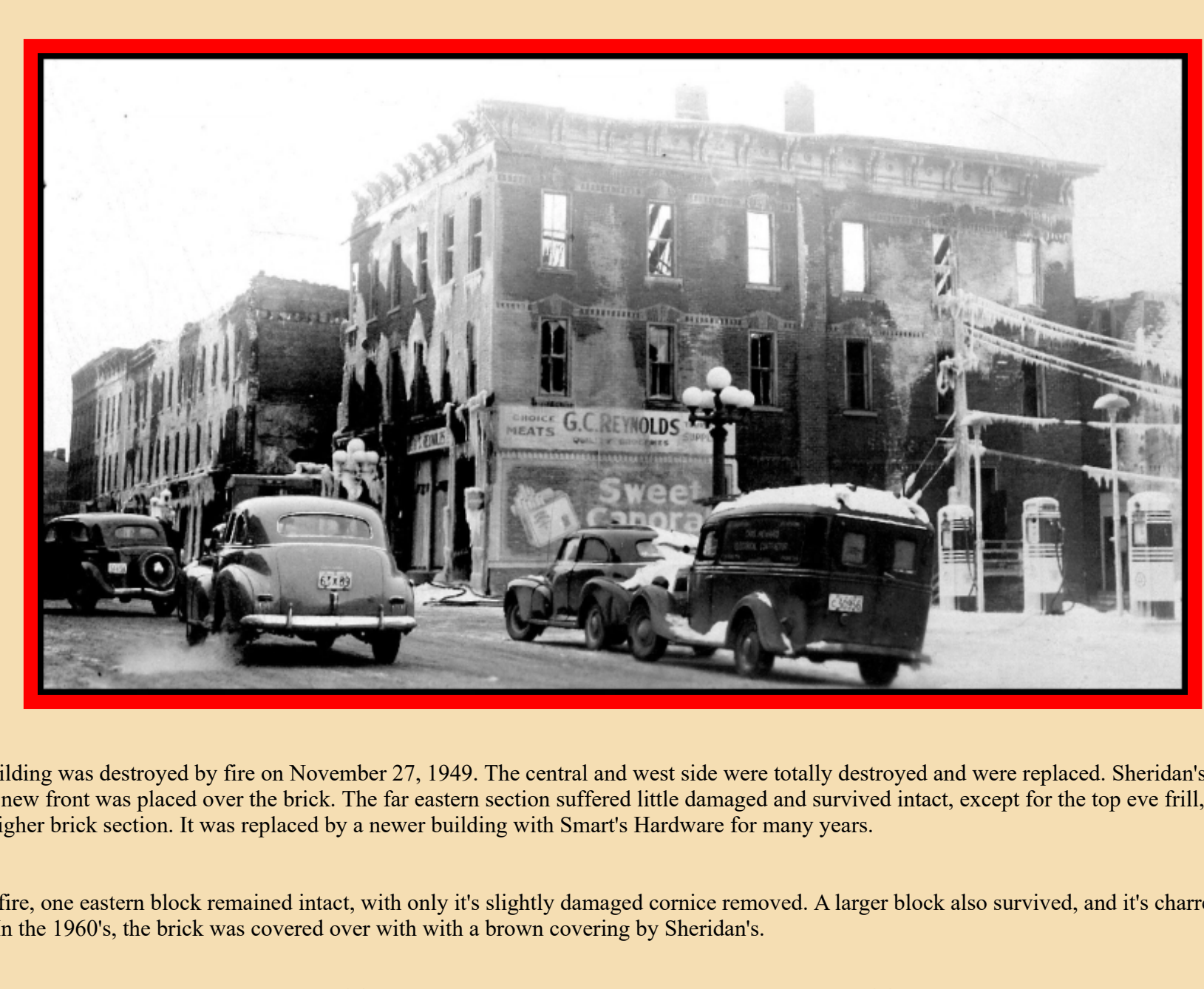
H.S. Brown Co., Henry S. Brown, has a history going back to the early 1890s in a partnership with John Semple. They were first on Buell St., then in the "Knapp" Block on King St. E. (where he separated from Semple), then moving to this block around 1928. In these years, along with the plumbing business, they were domestic, sanatary & heating specialists. With the 1948 fire, the business moved to

Tier 1 Supplements & Studio opened August 27, 2022.

More to add.

More on the Halladay Block
(Doug Grant)

THE 1949 FIRE



Much of the building was destroyed by fire on November 27, 1949. The central and west side were totally destroyed and were replaced. Sheridan's was heavily damaged and a new front was placed over the brick. The far eastern section suffered little damaged and survived intact, except for the top eve frill, which was replaced by a higher brick section. It was replaced by a newer building with Smart's Hardware for many years.

After the 1949 fire, one eastern block remained intact, with only it's slightly damaged cornice removed. A larger block also survived, and it's charred brickwork was painted white. In the 1960's, the brick was covered over with with a brown covering by Sheridan's.

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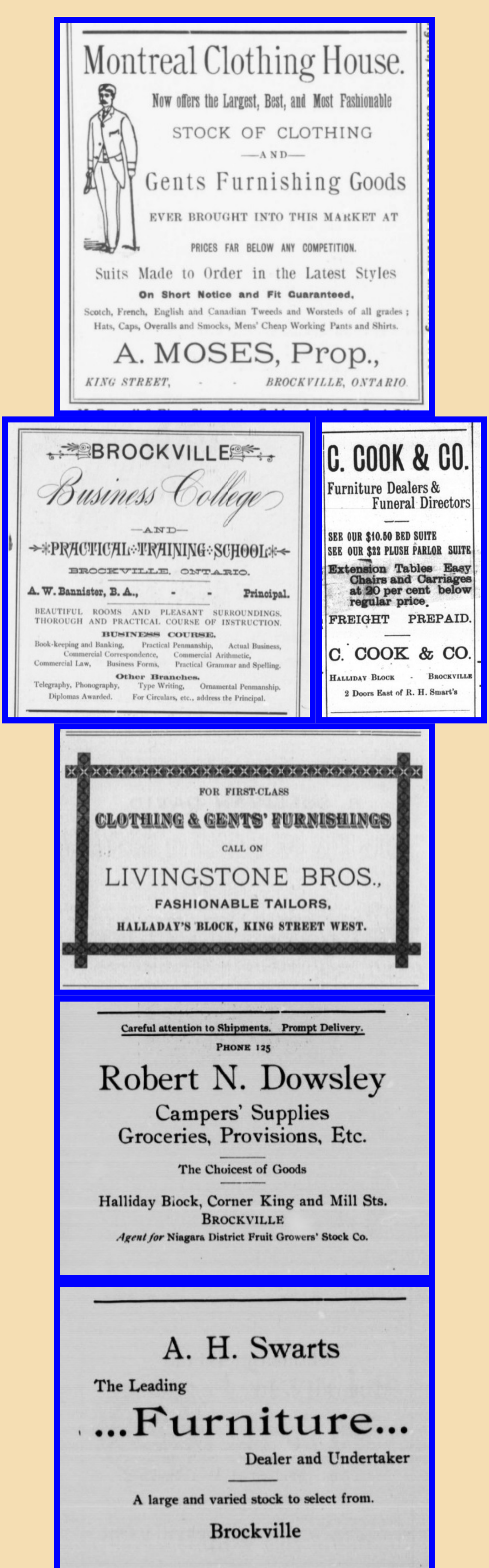

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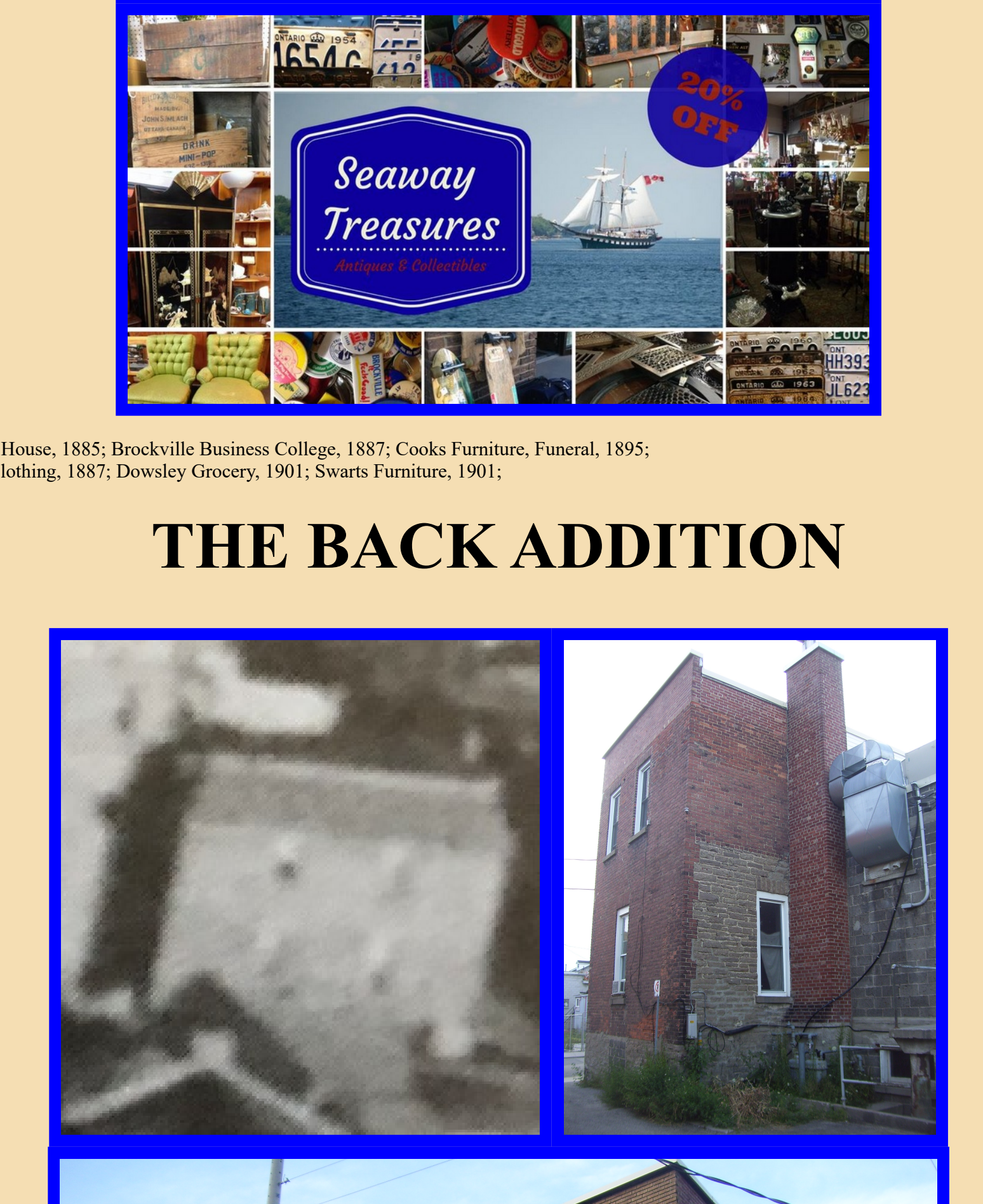
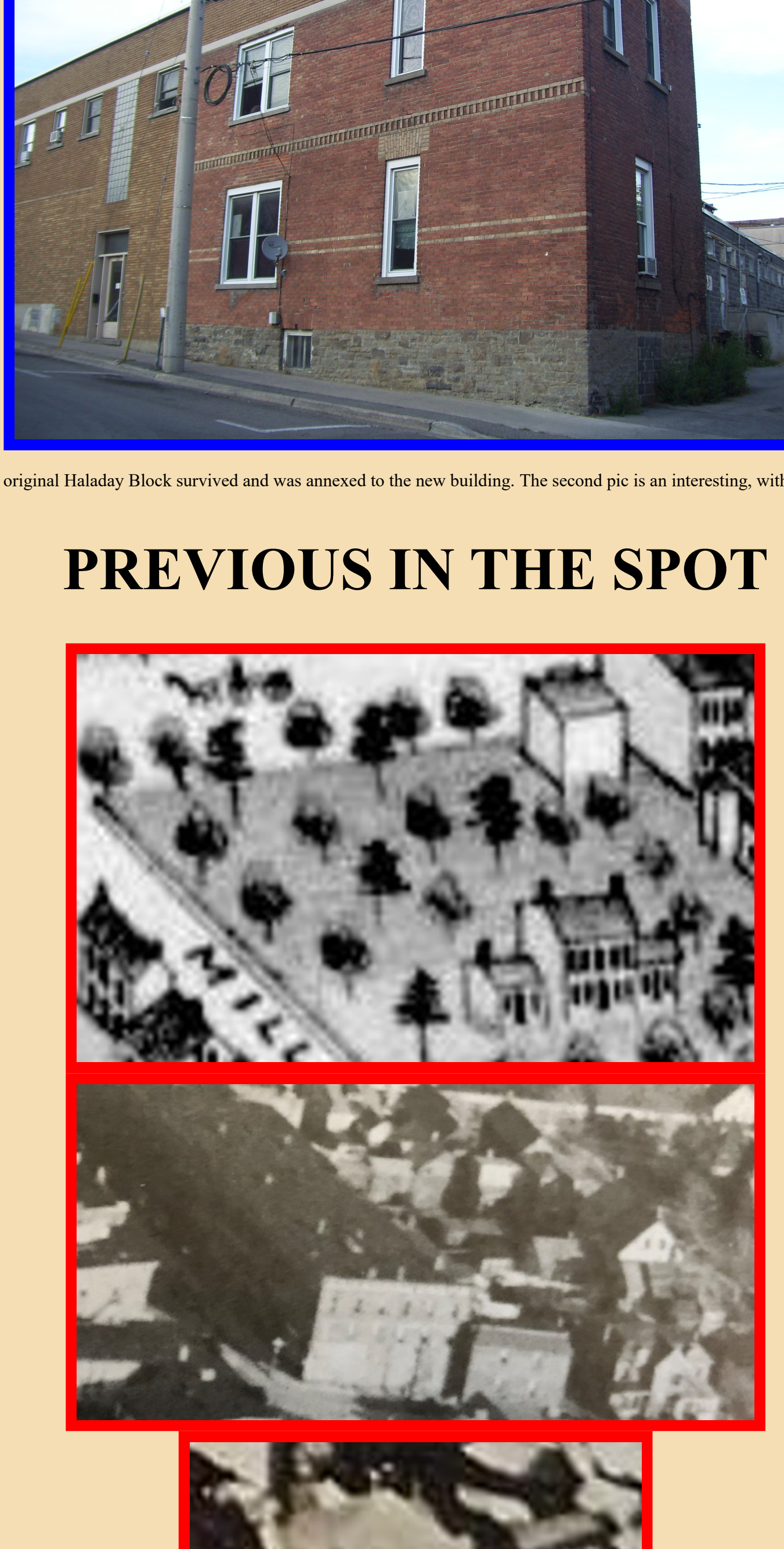
Montreal Clothing House, 1885; Brockville Business College, 1887; Cooks Furniture, Funeral, 1895;
Livingston Bros. Clothing, 1887; Dowsley Grocery, 1901; Swarts Furniture, 1901;

THE BACK ADDITION



The back addition of the original Haladay Block survived and was annexed to the new building. The second pic is an interesting, with stone seemingly from an early building.

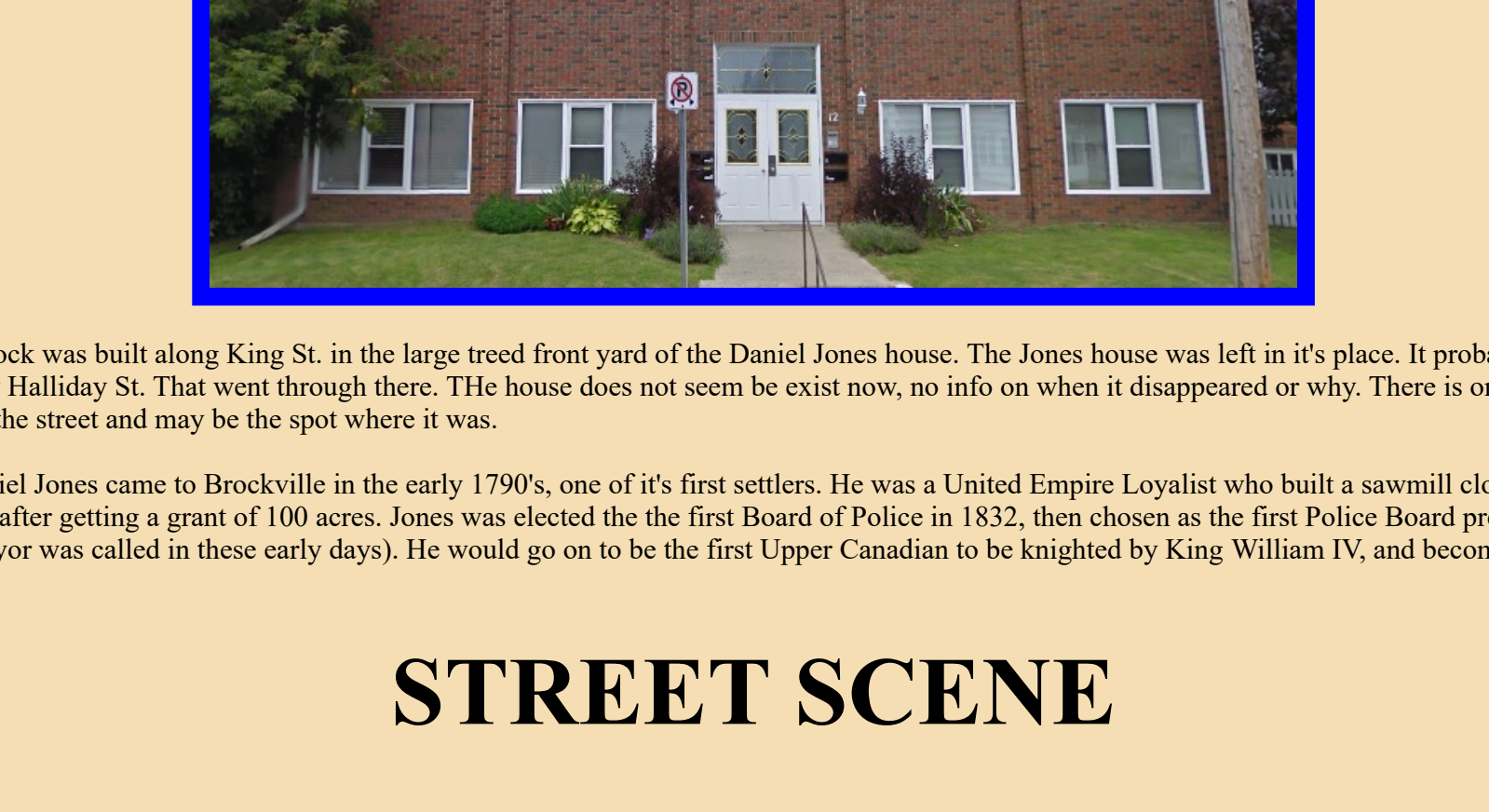
PREVIOUS IN THE SPOT



The Halladay Block was built along King St. in the large treed front yard of the Daniel Jones house. The Jones house was left in it's place. It probably became a home on the new Halliday St. That went through there. THe house does not seem be exist now, no info on when it disappeared or why. There is one newer building in the middel of the street and may be the spot where it was.

Early settler Daniel Jones came to Brockville in the early 1790's, one of it's first settlers. He was a United Empire Loyalist who built a sawmill close to the mouth of Buell's Creek after getting a grant of 100 acres. Jones was elected the the first Board of Police in 1832, then chosen as the first Police Board president (what basically the Mayor was called in these early days). He would go on to be the first Upper Canadian to be knighted by King William IV, and becoming Sir Daniel Jones.

STREET SCENE



The Halladay Block on King St. c1915, about 30 years after it was built.

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