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JONES HARDING BLOCK 1832

41 - 45 King St. West 2 Storefronts 125 & 127 Main St. (1860's)



DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

1832/c1845?: H & S Jones, forwarding & post office 1848: Robert Watson & Co. 1852: Fordyce L. Lothrop, auctioneer, merchant (41*), Ralph & Convers Drug Store (45*), The Brockville Recorder (u) c1856: Fordyce L. Lothrop, auctioneer, merchant (41*), H.S. Humphrey drug store (45*) **1860:** Fordyce L. Lothrop, auctioneer, merchant (41*), A.N. McDonald drug store (45*) 1862/1871: Fordyce L. Lothrop, auctioneer, merchant (41*), City Drug Store (T. Harding) (45*) c1878?: Peter B. Jamieson, tailor (41*), Harding/City Drug Store (T. Harding) (45*) 1884/1895: Rhodes Grocery (41*), Harding Drug Store (45*), Woods Brothers & Poulin Cigar Factory (u) 1900: Rhodes Grocery (41*), Harding Drug Store (45*) **1903:** Kincaid Drugs (41?), ?? (45) 1911: Kincaid Drugs (41), Baird Brothers Dry Goods (45) 1913: Kincaid Drugs (41), Metropolitan Bank (45) 1919: Kincaid Drugs (41), Bank of Nova Scotia (45) 1925: Kincaid Drugs (41), Bank of Nova Scotia (45); 1929/1935: Kincaid Drugs (41), Bank of Nova Scotia (45); 1943: Kincaid Drugs (41), Bank of Nova Scotia (45); 1949/1963: Carrick's English China Shop (41), Bank of Nova Scotia (45) 1966: Carrick's English China Shop (41), vacant (45) 1969/1971: Carrick's English China Shop (41), Eaton's of Canada (45) **1973:** Carrick's English China Shop (41), The Canadian Gift Shop (45)

1976/1978: Carrick's English China Shop (41), Harringay's, ladies slothing store (45) 1980/1984: Leeds County Books (41), Harringay's, ladies slothing store (45) 1986: Leeds County Books / Tunnel Bay Communications, Inc. (41), Harringay's, ladies slothing store (45) 1988: Tunnel Bay Communications, Inc. (41), Harringay's, ladies slothing store (45) **1990:** Standard Trust (41), (no return) (45) **1992/1995:** Laurentian Bank of Canada (41), (no return) (45) **1997:** vacant (41), vacant (45) **2000:** vacant (41), McDonalds Express, restaurant (45) 2006: Little Black Dress (41), McDonalds Express, restaurant (45) **2009/2012:** Stella Boutique (41), Pizza Pizza (45) 2015: Revolution skateboard shop (41), Pizza Pizza (45) 2018/2022: Revolution skateboard shop (41), Cosies British Cafe (45)

Originally built in 1832, by Henry Jones as the Jones Block. It had been a block style building from the begining which was rare as most pre 1850 structures had a peaked roof. It also breaks new ground being three stories, when mose early ones were two stories. Jones had a forwarding business here with his brother Sidney, H & S Jones. The Joneses were cousins of Jonas and Charles Jones, Charles a founder of Brockville. Henry Jones (1790–1860) earlier was in the Leeds militia, a justice of the peace for the Johnstown District and postmaster after 1826 He was a Conservative member of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada (1830 to 1834).

There was a drug store in this building for around a full century, beginning c1850 and up to c1845. At current #45, on the corner, we started with Ralph & Converse Drug Store, followed by H.S. Humphrey's, A.N. McDonald's and finally Thomas J.B. Harding's City Drug Store (later Harding Drug Store) up until at least his death in 1899. (it is listed in the 1899-1900 business directory). Harding had purchased the business of A.N. McDonald, where he had worked as a clerk. He resided at <u>33 Wall St.</u>, now demolished. Beginning c1901/2 we had Kincaid Drugs (V.F. Kincaid) next door at #41 which lasted to c1945. He more then likely purchased the Harding business and unclear how quickly he moved next door. Kincaid lived at 24 William St.

Fordyce L. Lothrop was an auctioneer and commision merchant, running his business here in the 1850's and 1860's. His home, which he had built, was at current address of 130 Perth St, now Jon's Restaurant.

Thomas Smart and Peter B. Jamieson, tailors, were a brief partnership in the 1850's (another address). The partnership ended in 1857 with both opening their own stores. Jamieson's store moved here some time in the 1870's. Jamieson died in 1883, with his business liquidated at that time.

Rhodes grocery was opened by John Rhodes in 1869. He was listed at 143 Mains St. in 1971, which was further down east on on the street.

The building was renovated in 1904, renamed the Harding Block. The top title says "Harding 1904", many believing it was built in 1904.

The Brockville Recorder moved here in 1851. The newspaper occupied the third floor. By 1866, it moved to 93 Main St.

Metropolitan Bank had only been in the building for a couple of years when it was acquired by the Bank of Nova Scotia, making that bank Canada's fourth largest financial institution. It was the first of three of BNS's King St. locations.

The Woods Brothers & Poulin Cigar Factory occupied the third floor in the 1880's/1890's, formerly held by The Brockville Recorder. Starting out as Woods Brothers, it was run by Bamlett R. Woods and B.R. Woods. Later as Woods Brothers & Poulin Cigar, it was run by Bamlett R. Woods and Peter Poulin. It was in business as early as 1882 and was closed shortly before 1900. There had been a Stephen Woods cigar manufacturer a few doors east of this building listed in 1862 which may/may not have been a predecessor of this business.

Harringay's, ladies slothing store, was opened by John W. Church around 1975. It was moved in 1991 to the stone building to the left of this one where it would have a presence until up until around 2009.

20th Century occupants of the upper floors were architect Benjamin Dillon's office, Metropolitan Life Insurance and London Life Insurance.

Standard Trust opened around 1989. It was managed by Dennis Rose. In June of 1991, the Laurentian Bank of Canada took over most assets and liabilities of the Standard Trust Company, including this location. Laurentian continued to be managed by Rose, but the Brockville location did not last long, closing around 1996.

Artistic Hair Gallery was opened in the back section basement by Samantha Ozga around 2010. They describe themselves as "modern, professional, up-to-date hair salon located in downtown Brockville." and have a staff of three others.

Revolution casual fashion and skateboards have been a business on King St. since late 2000. It originally was opened as a skateboard shop on the corner of King/Perth at #232 by Jeromy and Karyn Conway, with 20 boards and some hardware. Jeromy was instrumental in getting the city to build a skateboard park in Brockville in the north end, working with the city with planning and fundraising. A water main break at the original location led to it moving here "temporarily" around 2014. Liking this location better, it became permanent. In 2017, the business was purchased by Amanda Adamcryck, who had already owned Prima Donna Fashion Shop. The operation was revamped, with skateboards a smaller part and clothing & fashion a major focus.

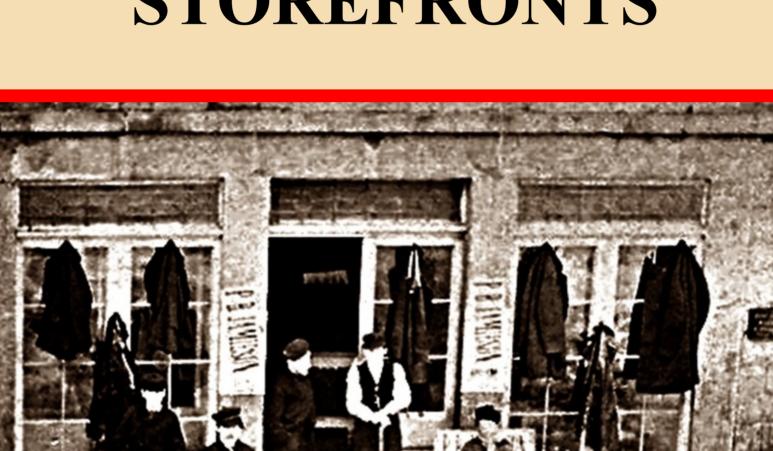
Cosie's British Tea Room & Cafe was opened in 2017 by Alison and Paul Goodyer with son Nick. They had emigrated from the county of Devon, England in 1990, where they learned their cooking and baking. They make all of their meals/baked goods from scratch offering "our signature pasties, traditional scones, jam and clotted cream or our fresh baked rolls with their delicious fillings."

Some info from Doug Grant: Built in Brockville: Jones Harding Building

BACK EDITION



The back edition was added arount the time of the 1904 renovations on the main building by Dr. W.E. Harding, who owned the building. It was added as a residence for himself and wife Jean (Whie) Harding.



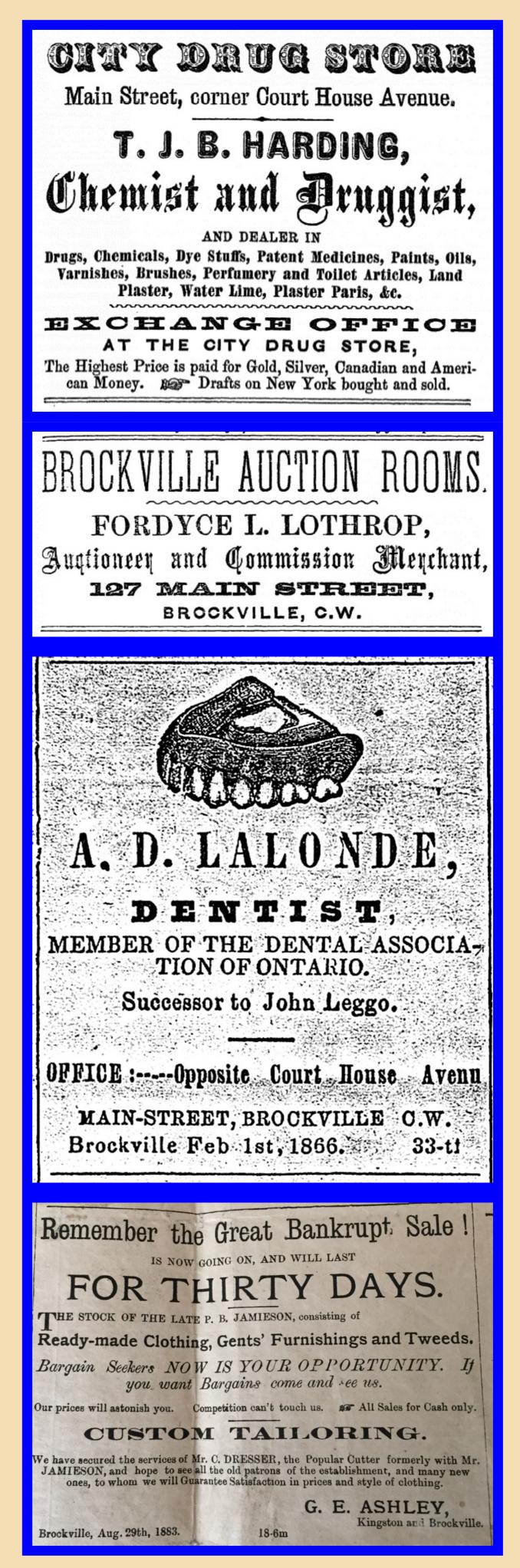
STOREFRONTS





The Peter B. Jamieson, tailor, storefront, c1860's (Doug Grant).

ADVERTISING



City Drug Store, Lothrop's and Lalonde dentist ads, all from 1866.