



"RHODES" BUILDING pre 1850 ?

37, 39 King St. West 1 Storefront 166 King St. (1885)



DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

- 1884/1885: S.G. Easton, ginger beer & ale manufacturers (39*)
- 1886/1890: George McLean, boots & shoes (39*)
- 1895: vacant (39*)
- 1899/1900: Robertson & Sons, auctioneer (39*)
- 1903/1926: William Rhodes, grocery (39)
- 1929: John Raper, piano Co. (39)
- 1931/1956: Dobbie & Co, hardware (39)
- 1961/1973: Soper's Crest Hardware (39)
- 1976: Brock Dominion Hardware (39)
- 1978: Crest Hardware (39)
- 1980/1990: English China Shop (39)
- 1991/1995: Harringay's, women's clothing store (39)
- 1999/2007: Echo Clothing Co. / Harringay's, women's clothing store (39)
- 2009: Rob McIntosh, china & crystal shop (39)
- 2012/2022: Limestone and Ivy, women's and men's boutique (39)

The top left picture is a sliver cut out of an 1866 photo, indicating it pre-dates that. Top right is from 1971. While most of the buildings have been completely altered during renovations if not demolished, this one has kept its original form going back to the beginning.

Soloman G. Easton had a ginger beer & ale manufacturing business here in the early to mid 1880s. Easton lived at 24 Ann St. (1885 address).

William Rhodes moved his grocery store here around 1902. He inherited it from his father John, although he had been a partner in it for many years prior. Until this point, it had been next door in the Jones/Harding block. It closed in the late 1920s.

The onset of the Great Depression brought a hardware store here, replacing Raper's piano store. First as Dobbie & Co, run by William J. Bean & Robert J. Muldrew. By the 1950s, it was run by W.T. Johnston and W.K. Hatton. The 1960s saw the location as Soper's Crest Hardware, owned by Allen J. Soper. Crest was a chain that emerged in the 1960s, featuring Zenith televisions and appliances. Later years saw many stores in the the Crest chain convert to Home Hardware, although this one did not. The rest were probably gobbled up by Home. Around 1974, the store became Brock Dominion Hardware, managed by H.G. Gillis. It reverted back to Crest Hardware about 1977, managed by Gary and Connie Woods until closing by the end of the decade. This location had been a hardware store for half a century.

The English China Shop opened here at the end of the 1970s by Mervin Brownlee. They described themselves as "Importers of English Brand China, Dinnerware and Crystal, Crown Derby, Wedgewood, Royal Doulton, Minton, Spode and Royal Albert, Gifts for all occasions". It then moved right next door into the Jones-Harding block. Better space? Better rent? Years later, around 2008, a similar store, Rob McIntosh, china & crystal shop opened here but did not stay around long.

Harringay's, a women's clothing store , run by John W. Church, moved here in 1991. Previous to this it had been in the Jones-Harding Block, to the west of here. Echo Clothing shared the location with Harringay's beginning in 1999. They were both gone before 2009.

Limestone and Ivy describes themselves as "a women's and men's boutique serving the beautiful Brockville, Ontario community" and a "Footwear store." They opened in this location around 2011.

STOREFRONT'S

