

# "SHERIDAN-POWER" BLOCK

c1860s ?

**4 - 10 King St. E.**  
**2 storefronts**



The top photo is from the 1950s with its stylish cornice intact. It was removed around 1960.

**DIRECTORY LISTINGS:**

- 1885: Mrs J. Beach, millinery, ladies fancy goods (6\*), Seven Cent Store (8\*)
- 1887: Steben & Barcelow, plumbers steam & gas fitters (6\*), Seven Cent Store (8\*)
- 1890: vacant (6\*), A. Chase, seven cent store (8\*)
- 1896: T.A. Wood / H.T. Murray, grocery, grocery (6\*), R. Sheridan & Co., stoves, tinsmiths (8\*)
- 1899/1900: H.T. Murray, grocery (6\*), Sheridan & Power, stoves, tinsmiths (8\*)
- 1910/1913: Bell & Ryan, wholesale fruit (6), Sheridan & Power, stoves, tinsmiths (8)
- 1915/1917: J.R. Bresnan & Son, coal & wood (6), Sheridan & Power, stoves, tinsmiths (8)
- 1919: vacant (6), Sheridan & Power, stoves, tinsmiths (8)
- 1923/1937: F.H. Kay, novelties, etc (6), Sheridan & Power, stoves, tinsmiths (8)
- 1941/1946: F.H. Kay, novelties, etc (6), Penny Pleet, clothing (8)
- 1949/1952: Kay Stationary Store (6), Pleet's Clothing Store (8)
- 1953/1956: Modern Furniture (6), Pleet's Clothing Store (8)
- 1961/1969: Owen R. Davis, real estate (6), Ford Electric Co. (8)
- 1971/1973: Owen R. Davis, real estate (6), Spurrells Coin Laundry (8)
- 1976: Owen R. Davis, real estate (6), Downtown Laundromat (8)
- 1978: Owen R. Davis, real estate (6), Downtown Laundromat / ABC Taxi (8)
- 1980/1990: Owen R. Davis, real estate (6), Brockville Restaurant (8)
- 1992/1995: Leeds Realty (6), Brockville Restaurant (8)
- 1996/2001: vacant (6), Brockville Restaurant & Steak House (8)
- 2002/2007: Cool Tattoos (6), Brockville Restaurant & Steak House / Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2009: vacant (6), Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2012/2014: ListenUp Hearing & Healthcare Centre (6), Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2015: vacant (6), Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2018: Miracle Ear Hearing Aide Centre (6), Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2021: Amplifon Hearing Experts (6), Phoenix Eatery & Bar (8)
- 2022: vacant (6), Indian Cuisine Hub (8)

The building appears in Brosius's 1874 drawing map of Brockville, so was there at that point. It may have been built in the 1850s. Being brick, it does not seem to be any older.

The **Seven Cent Store** (#8\*) opened in the early 1880s by George Troutbeck, who lived above the store. Around 1888, the business was acquired by A. Chase, but closed about 1893.

The **Mrs J. Beach, millinery** (#6\*) and ladies fancy goods existed in the early 1880s. Beach lived just around the corner at (6) Market St.

The **Steben & Barcelow** (#6\*), plumbers steam & gas fitters was owned by Fred Steben and J.D. Barcelow. Steben lived in what was later **82 Water St. E.** (Four Winds parking lot) but demolished in the 1960s. He was also manager of the Water Works. Barcelow lived on **James St. W.** (current Catholic Church/School parking lot) in a house that is no longer there. HAS AD IN IN 1887 DIRECTORY

**Thomas A. Wood, grocery** (#6\*) was opened around 1893. He lived at (43) Charles St. In 1896, Wood was replaced by **H.T. Murray**, who had the grocery into the first decade of the new century. Murray residing at (32) Broad St. It was then taken over by **Bell & Ryan's** wholesale fruit business. Both George A Bell and Thomas H. Ryan lived at 70 Pearl St. W. It's closed about 1914 ended over 20 years as a food outlet here.

**R. Sheridan & Co.** (#8\*), stoves, tinsmiths, moved here from the corner of King & Garden around 1892. It was mainly Robert Sheridan's business, but he was in partnership with Thomas Sheridan and John Power. By 1899, Robert had left the business and it was taken over by the other two, becoming Sheridan & Power. They continued on for many years, until around 1940.

**J.R. Bresnan & Son**, coal & wood (#6), operated from c1914 to c1918. Their motto was "The Coal Men". Bresnan had previously worked for George E. Sheilds & Co. and lived at **106 Pine St.** Around 1918, Bresnan moved his business to 32 King St. W. where he continued for another 3 decades.

**Fred H. Kay** started out as an upholsterer for Robert Sheridan. He then took over an existing upholstering business about 1914 from **W.C. Waldren**. Around 1918, he moved the business to this block and expanded it. He dropped the upholstering and focused on novelties, along with the pictures, picture frames, phonographs and records offered before. To these, he added musical instruments and merchandise, sporting goods and toys. In these later years, Kay, with wife Sadie, moved to **206 King St. E.** Stationary became a main focus with the name change to **Kay Stationary Store**. It closed by 1953.

**Pleets Clothing Store** (#8) was opened by Penney Pleet around 1940. Pleet lived with his wife Dora at 67 Buell St, which no longer exists. The store had closed by the end of the 1950s.

**Modern Furniture** (#6), opening here around 1953, moved across the street by the end of the decade.

**Ford Electric Co.** started out here in the late 1950s by Luke Vanclenberg and Henk Breimer. Henk and Rita resided at 25 Salisbury Ave. Luke and Elsa resided at 93 King St. E. They advertised at the time "Electrical Contractors, Specialized Electric Heat, Full Line Moffat, Admiral, Blaupunkt, Stereophonic Appliances". There was a store here selling supplies and fixtures. Around 1970, Ford moved to 23 Perth St. By this point it was Breimer's business. Hank Bouwer took over about 1992. (still 07) A second location opened up at 820 Stewart Blvd., c2004.

**Owen R. Davis's** real estate (#6) had a long tenure here from the late 1950s to about 1991. Davis lived with his wife Pearl at 103 James St. E. Davis had ceased running the business c1962. J. Dean Seaton, who lived with his wife Phyllis at 157 Hartley St., then became President. It then became **Leeds Realty**, when they relocated here, until about 1996. Leeds had been in business since c1975, owned by first by Mrs. & Mrs. Carl Smith, then by Mrs. and located at 83 Buell St.

**Brockville Restaurant** (#8), owned by Demetre "Jim" Lerikos, opened about 1968 a few doors down at 22 King St. E, in the Field Building. Lerikos owned the business for 45 years, according to his obituary. It made the move to it's long time location (#8) about 1979. It became **Brockville Restaurant & Steak House** c1996. The restaurant expanded eastward into the French building next door around the millennium, 2000. Beginning to share the location with the **Phoenix Eatery & Bar** around 2002, it simply became the Phoenix c2008.

**ListenUp Hearing & Healthcare Centre** (#6) was a full-service hearing healthcare clinic, having over 100 Ontario locations. This business closed and the location was empty in and around 2014/2015. **Miracle Ear Hearing Aide Centre** was a chain that opened in at this location c2016. At least some of the chain, including this one, was acquired by **Amplifon Hearing Experts**. Amplifon had been around for 65 years and had 80 hearing clinics across Canada.

**Cool Tattoos** (#6) existed from 2003 to c2008.

**Indian Cuisine Hub** (#8) replaced the Phoenix around 2020. They state "With 30 years of experience cooking in the finest restaurants, our chef is excited to present outstanding dishes." With Indian Cuisine's presence makes it approaching 50 years of restauranring here.

## OTHER VIEWS



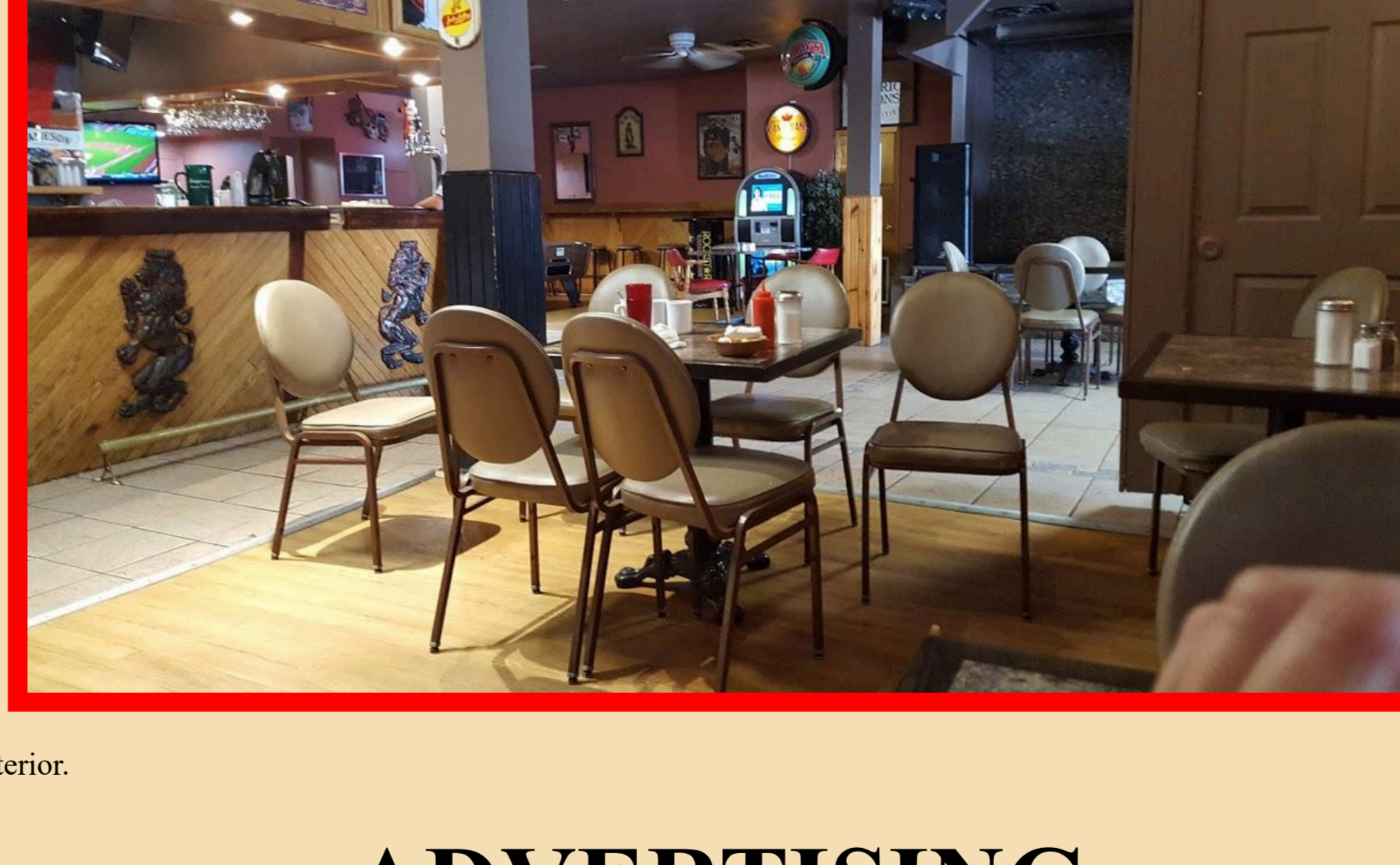
This building from the back and top.

## STOREFRONTS



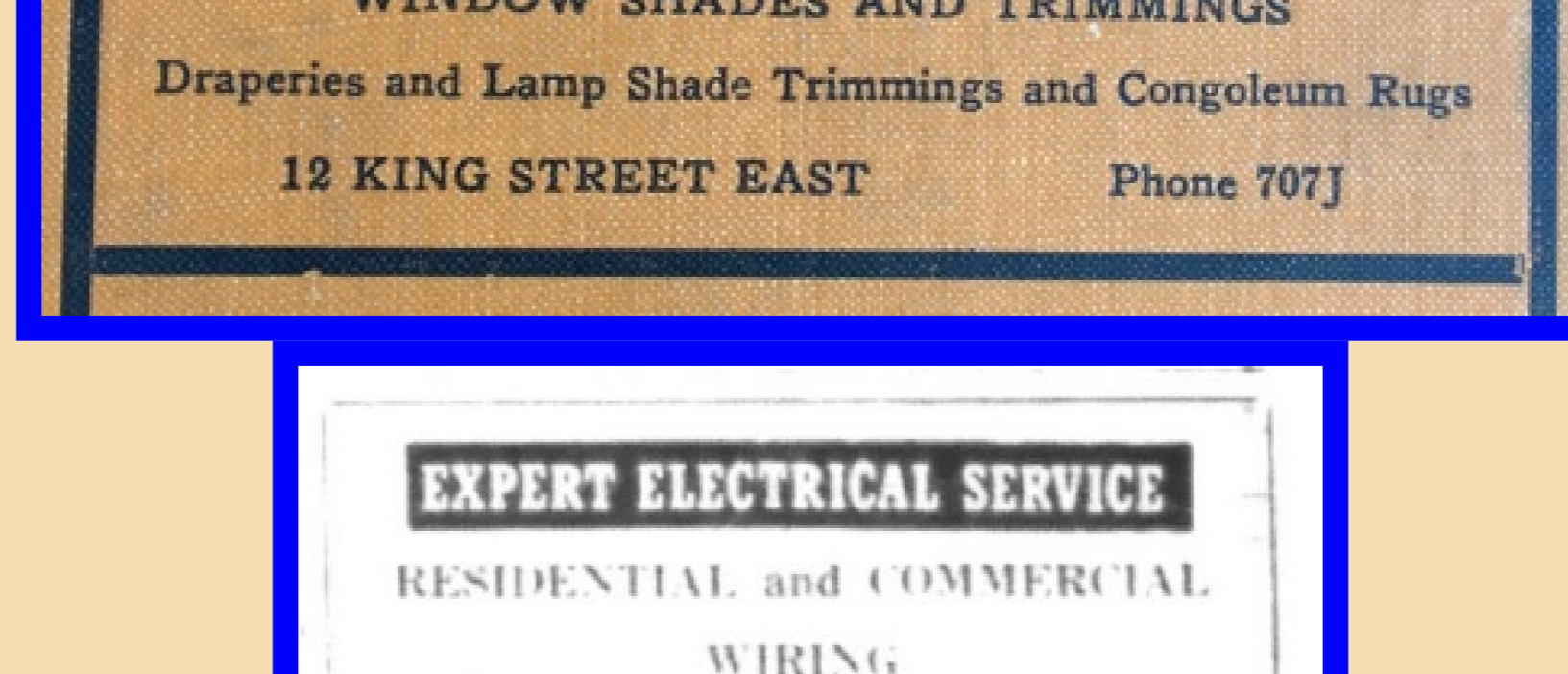
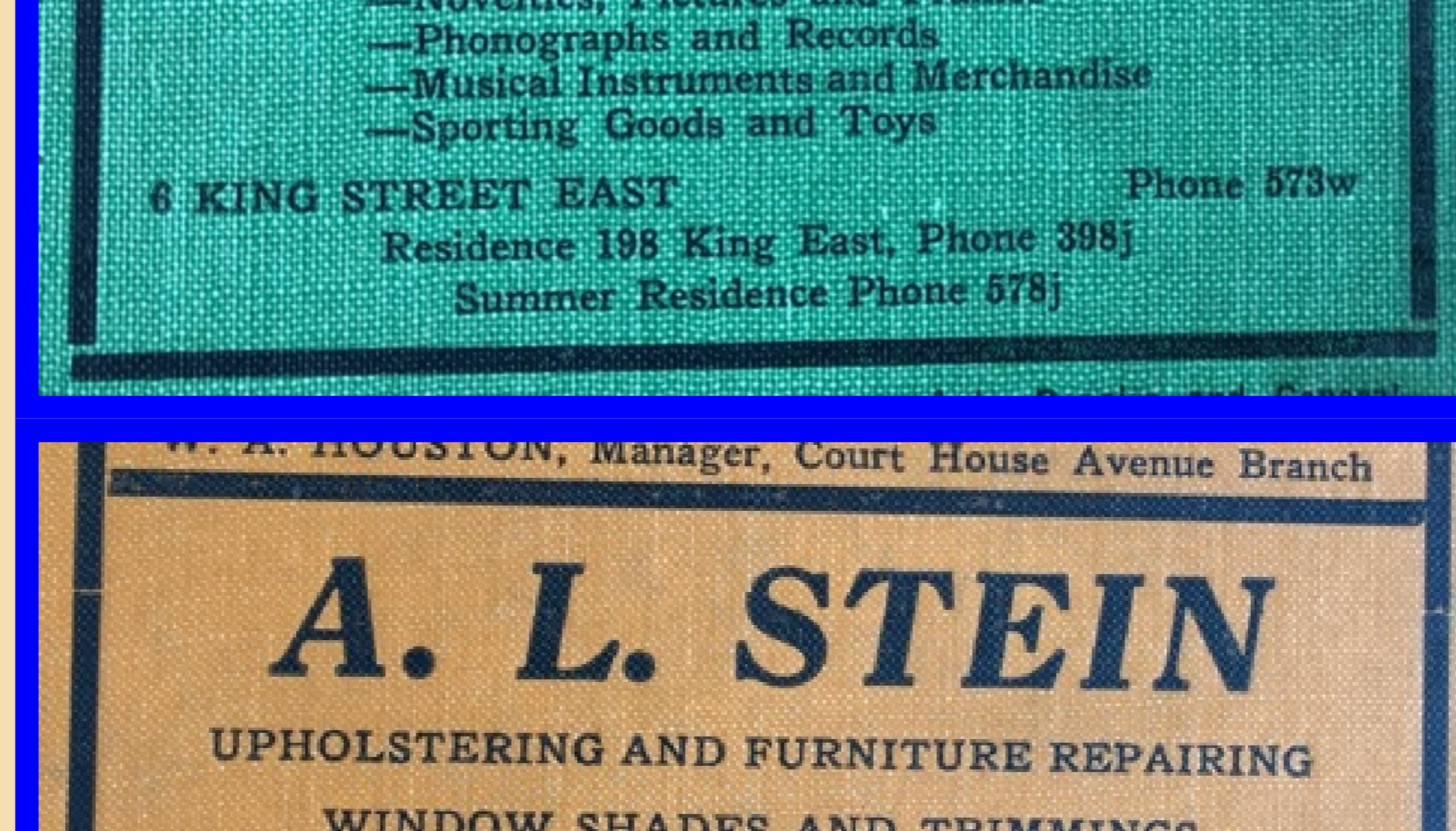
Sheridan & Power, c1900; Modern Furniture & Pleets, c1956; Ford Electric, c1965; Listen Up Hearing; Amplifon Hearing Experts; Phoenix Eatery; Indian Cuisine Hub;

## INTERIOR



Phoenix Eatery & Bar Interior.

## ADVERTISING



Fred H. Kay, novelties, 1924; A.L. Stein furniture repair, 1926; Ford Electric, 1958;