## "WILLIAMS" BLOCK pre 1850

**62 - 71 King St. West** 



**DIRECTORY LISTINGS::** 

1903: James Williams, drug store (61), Charles Lyman, dry goods (65); J.L. Orme & Son, music store (71) 1908: James Williams, drug store (61), J.L. Orme & Son, music store (65); Northern Crown Bank (71) 1910: James Williams, drug store (61), 5, 10 & 15c Store (E.P. Charlton Co.) (65); Northern Crown Bank (71) 1912/1915: James Williams, drug store (61), Woolworth's Store (65), Northern Crown Bank (71) 1919: James Williams, drug store (61), Woolworth's Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) 1920/1935: William's Drug Store (61), Woolworth's Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) 1937: William's Drug Store / Medical Hall (61), Woolworth's Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) 1941: Waters Pharmacy (61), Woolworth's Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) **1942/1956**: Woolworth's Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) 1960/1961: Beamish Store (65), Royal Bank of Canada (71) **1963**: Beamish Store (65), [no entry] (71) 1966: Beamish Store (65), Craig's Young Fashions (71) 1969: Beamish Store (65), Dollar Wise Store (71) **1971/1977**: Beamish Store (65), Vanguard Pharmacy (71) **1980**: Dave Jones Sport Shop (65), vacant (71) 1990: Dave Jones Sport Shop (65), Something Special (71) 2000: Dave Jones Sport Shop (65), Benificial Canada / Associates Financial Services (71) 2006: Dave Jones Sport Shop / Motionware Source for Sports (65), Leeds County Books (71) **2009/2012**: Tiny Prices store. (65), Picket Fence Fabrics (71) **2013j**: Tiny Prices store. (65), vacant (71) 2013s: Bench, clothing (65), The Boardwalk Landing, fashions (71) **2014**: Bench, clothing (65), Christine Milks liberal headquarters (71) 2015: Maplehurst ?? / for lease (65); Sutton Realty (71) **2018**: vacant (65); Sutton Realty (71) 2019/2024+: 1000 Islands Brewing Co. (65); Sutton Realty (71)

1884/1887: James Williams, drug store (61\*), Oak Hall, G.E. Ashley, merchant tailor (65\*); Francis R. Feehan, music dealer (71)

1895/1896: James Williams, drug store (61\*), Charles Lyman, dry goods (65\*); Frederick Kuhn, music dealer (71\*)

1899/1900: James Williams, drug store (61\*), Charles Lyman, dry goods (65\*); J.L. Orme & Son, pianos (71\*)

1882: James Williams, drug store (61\*), ??? (65); Francis R. Feehan, music dealer (71\*)

buildings to the left, over to Broad St. It was turned into block style from peaked roof style.

ended almost 50 years of a drug store at this location.

and moved in around 1959. #65 has remained a larger store to this day.

street by the next year and are still in business.

look.

1889/1890: James Williams, drug store (61\*), vacant (65\*); Francis R. Feehan, music dealer (71\*)

There was a music store on the corner block for many years. Francis R. Feehan, (#71) there in 1882 or earlier, advertised "pianos, organs, sewing machines and Butterick's patterns". It was replaced around 1892 with Frederick Kuhn's music store. Both Feehan and Kuhn lived upstairs in this building, while having the store. It was replaced again around 1898 with J.L. Orme & Son's store, which became The Orme Music Store early in the new century. The Orme store was actually managed by Thomas A. Back. It closed mid to late in the decade, giving this location about a quarter-century as a music store. G.E. Ashley opened his Oak Hall, (#65) merchant tailor business around 1883 and it lasted until the end of the decade.

Charles Lyman dry goods (#65) (Charles C. Lyman & Co.) opened in this block around 1892. They advertised "dry goods and carpets". Lyman had previously been in a dry goods business with partner Norton Marshall in Marshall & Lyman, on the north side of the street. The business closed in the mid to late 1900s, and

Built before 1850 as Herman Brosius's 1874 drawing map of Brockville shows three sections of a building in this spot (shown from the back) that correspond to the three sections of today's buildings. They also appear on maps of 1861 and 1853. They have peaked roofs. Also, while the front sections are the more modern brick,

Renovated over three years: 1895 (east side), 1889 (middle section), and 1898 (west side). The rebuild was most likely done by Samuel Flint who built all the other

James Williams, Medical Hall (#61) drug store was here from around 1882 (or earlier). No Williams listed in business directories before 1871. There is a James Williams listed in the 1871 Business Directory as a clerk. Unsure if same person as the future druggist. His home was at 127 King St. E. Around 1920 the name was altered to a more modern William's Drug Store, Medical Hall. After Williams store, it briefly became Waters Pharmacy before closing around 1942. This

the sides and back are of stone, generally used in earlier times. It was common to update/modernize old buildings instead of demolition/rebuild in those days.

Lyman was listed in 1910 as being a customs officer. Lyman lived in the Grand Central Hotel and then later upstairs in this building. Around 1908, Northern Crown Bank (#71) opened a location in Brockville at the corner section of this building. This institution was a result of a 1908 merger of Northern Bank (est. 1905) and Crown Bank of Canada (est. 1904). Its manager was I.C. McClean. This business was acquired by Royal Bank, making this RBC's first entry into Canada. Around 1962, they moved into their newly built building down the street on the north side. Woolworth's Store (#65) was one of the earliest big chain store to come to Brockville, first occupying #65, c1912. Around 1942, needing more space, they took

over #61, with that number disappearing, and doubled their size to have one larger store. They left here as they built a new building on the north side of King West

Dave Jones Sports Shop (#65) was opened by Dave in 1963 at the Brockville Shopping Centre when he was just 17. Around 1971, he decided the downtown core was better suited for his business and moved into the location in the Downey Block right next to here. With the closing of Beamish around 1977, Jones moved next door to this spot, into a much larger store. He had the other one for another 3 years, probably until the lease ran out. The outside upper floor covering completely replaced the old Beamish signage. Jones was known outside the Brockville area. He also started two more businesses, Leslee Sports Importing, a global business and Calbrock Enterprises, a logistics company. The store closed around 2007.

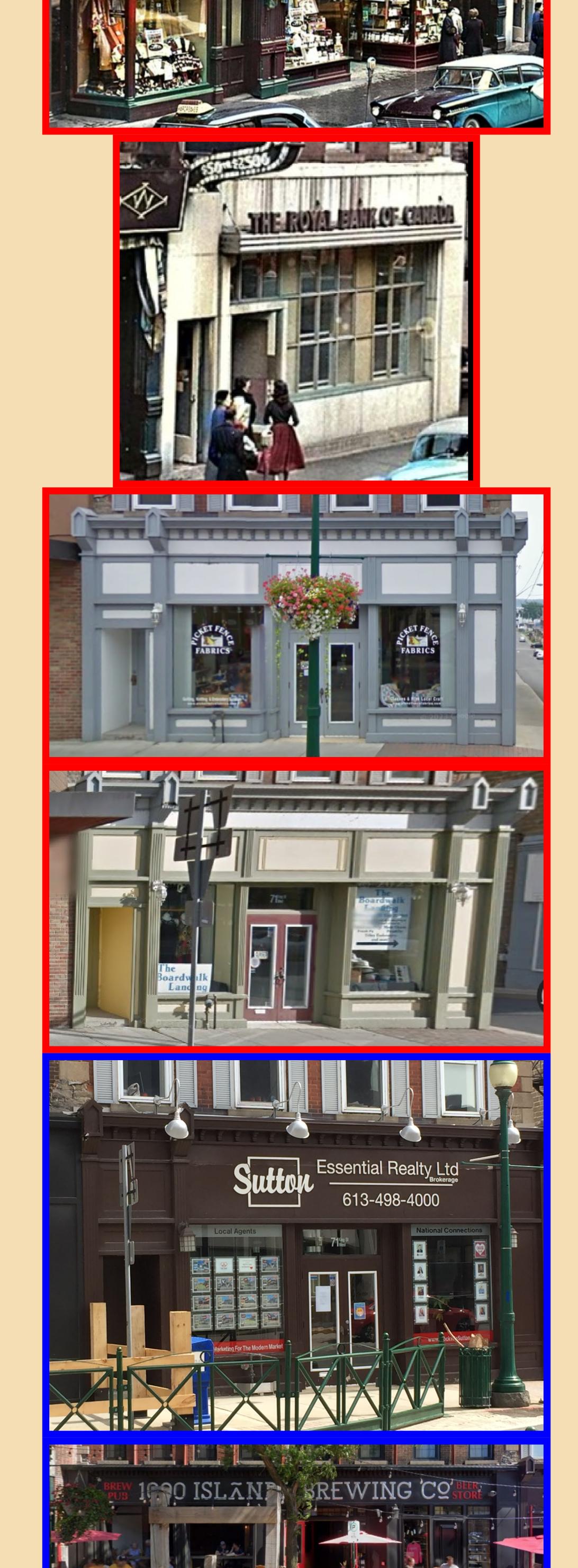
2013: For some reason, the Google Maps car came through twice in 2013, first in July, then in September. This whole block of stores changed. First, Tiny Prices had closed as their large, prominent name was removed from the brown top. It seems to have been succeeded by a clothing store called Bench. Secondly, the end store (#71) went from being vacant to being occupied by The Boardwalk Landing, clothing. This must have been a temporary location, as they moved across the

1000 Islands Brewing Co. was started by Lucas Spencer and Jason Curry, the owners of Barley Mow, totally renovating the building back to its 1890s historic

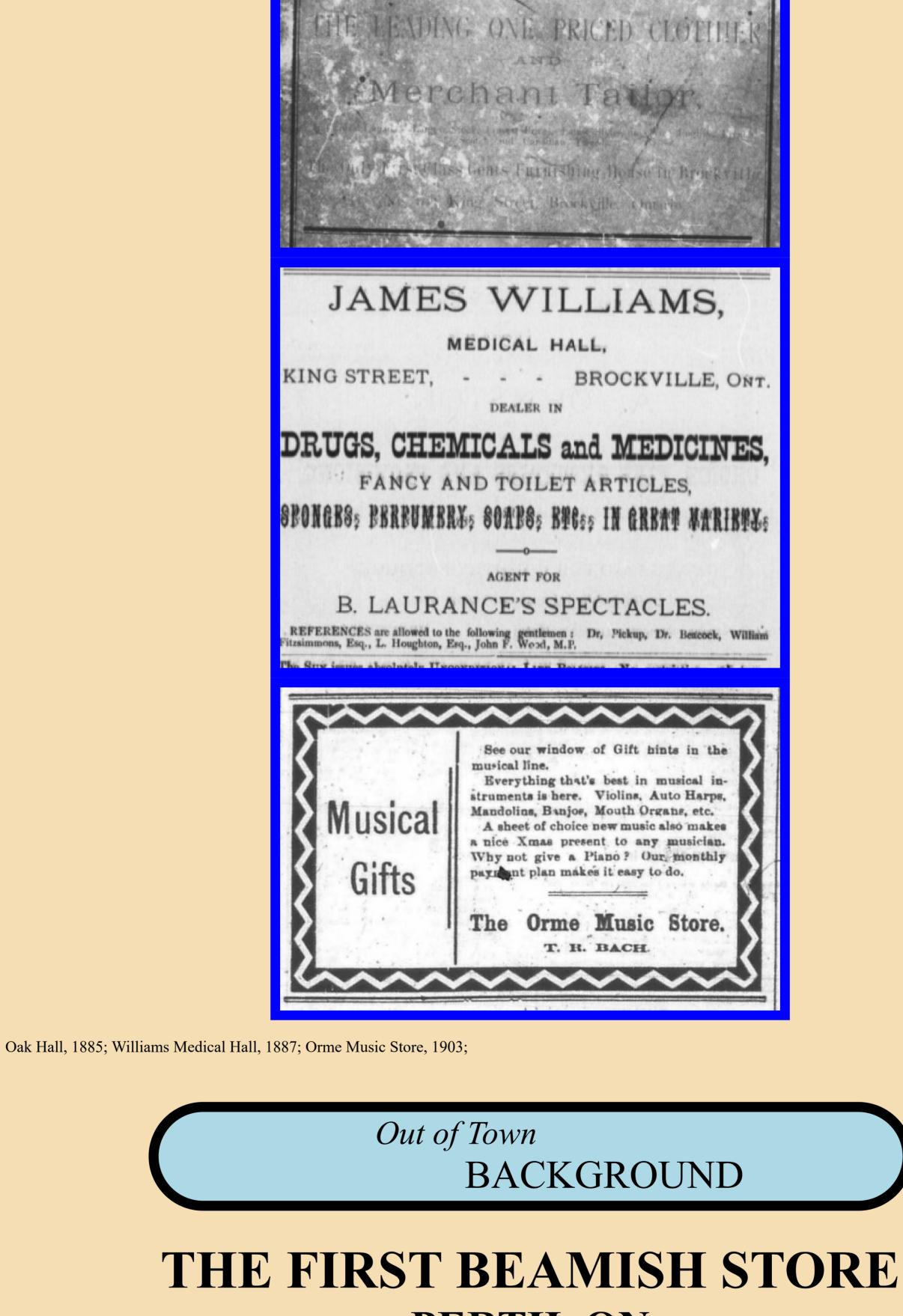
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