



# WRIGHT BLOCK

## c1820's

145 King St. West  
151 King St. (1880s)  
1 Storefront



### DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

- 1884/1887: John Boyd, grocer (145\*)
- 1890: John Wright, flour & feed store (145\*)
- 1895/1943: H. Brown & Sons, flour & feed store (145)
- 1949/1961: Lowe Brothers Paint Store (143,145)
- 1971/1980: Sherwin-Williams Paint Store (143)
- 1990: Bapco-St. Clair Paint & Wallpaper (143)
- 1995: CIL Paints (143), Tina's Golden Comb, hair stylist (151u ?)
- 2000/2006: R. Barbour Real Estate (143)
- 2009/2015: Tina's Golden Comb, hair stylist (143)
- 2018: vacant (143)
- 2019/2022: Competitive Roofing & Renovations (143)

John Boyd was a grocer that lived on Buell St.

John Wright does not seem to be listed in directories of either 1886-87 or 1895-96.

Competition Roofing and Renovations started in the area c1990 and moved to this address in 2019. The business is owned by Cody Watkins.

### SPECULATION

Doug Grant stated that he believed this building was around 200 years old. I agree, but only the stone part. In the west stone wall, you see a peak roof imprint in the stone. It looks to be the same peak as in Herman Brosius 1874 Bird's Eye View Map of Brockville, of a building on the same spot. The west wall also seems to be in the same spot as the west wall in the current building. The original building was rectangular in a west/east direction. The four westerly windows on each floor are part of the building that still stands. In the 19th century many multi section blocks were built a section at a time, usually a year or so apart. There are fire walls separating the sections. There are at least two, possibly three sections to this building. Probably the entire building was stone, including the front. With the dismantling of part of the building and front of this one, there was an ample amount of stone to use to extend the current building out further to the front.

We know the Thompkins Block was built in the 1880's. This is when things radically changed for the Wright building. The center and eastern (if there were 3) sections were demolished making room for the Thompkins Block. The section left had it's front torn off. It was overhauled with a new brick facade topped with a new cornice.

## OTHER VIEWS



## STOREFRONTS



Lowe Brothers Paint Store; Tina's Golden Comb; Competitive Roofing & Renovations;