



WEST END HOTEL

c1872 - 2024

113 Perth St.



DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

1882/1890:: West End Hotel
1895:: Mrs. M.A. King, grocery
1900:: vacant
1911/1924:: no listing (113), residents (upstairs, 122 Brock St.)
1926/1943:: James Glazier, grocery
1946/1956:: Etta Mae Glazier, grocery
1961/1966:: Kelsey's Grocery
1969/2010:: Hengeveld's Grocery
2012/2019:: The Corner Barber Shop
2023:: residential

The Walling map of 1861-1862 shows an empty lot here. Some directories from 1865, 1866 and 1871 mention other hotels, but do not mention this one. The original railway station was at the head of Buell St., on the south side of the tracks. It wasn't until 1872 that the current railway station was built where it is now, on the north side of the tracks on Perth St. Herman Brosius's 1874 drawing map shows the hotel here. The West End Hotel was built between those years, probably not too long after the railroad station was built (1872) and 1874, when it first appears on the map.

The proprietor of the **West End Hotel** in the early 1880s was Joseph M West. If West was the original owner, it could have given the name a double meaning, named after both him and its location in the west end of the town. In the mid to late 1880s the owner was W.H. Turner who lived in the hotel. By the end of the decade, the proprietor was E. Rutherford. The hotel closed sometime in the early 1890s.

Mrs. Mary A. King, widow of John, opened her grocery in this building around 1892, replacing the hotel.

The building was listed as vacant by the end of the century, and was not even listed facing Perth St. in the directories of 1911 through 1924. During those years, there were residents upstairs with the entrance on Brock St. The bottom floor seems to be vacant through those years, or used as storage.

MEANWHILE ... with the commercialization of this building out for a number of years, a store operated across the street at #116 on the corner, during these years. Early on it was a tobacco store, a barbershop, later a grocery store. **James Glazier** opened a grocery store at #116 about 1918. He lived at [134 Brock St.](#)

About 1925, **James Glazier** moved his grocery store across the street to the old hotel. James passed away around 1944 and the store continued under his wife, Etta Mae. Mae continued to live at 134 Brock St.

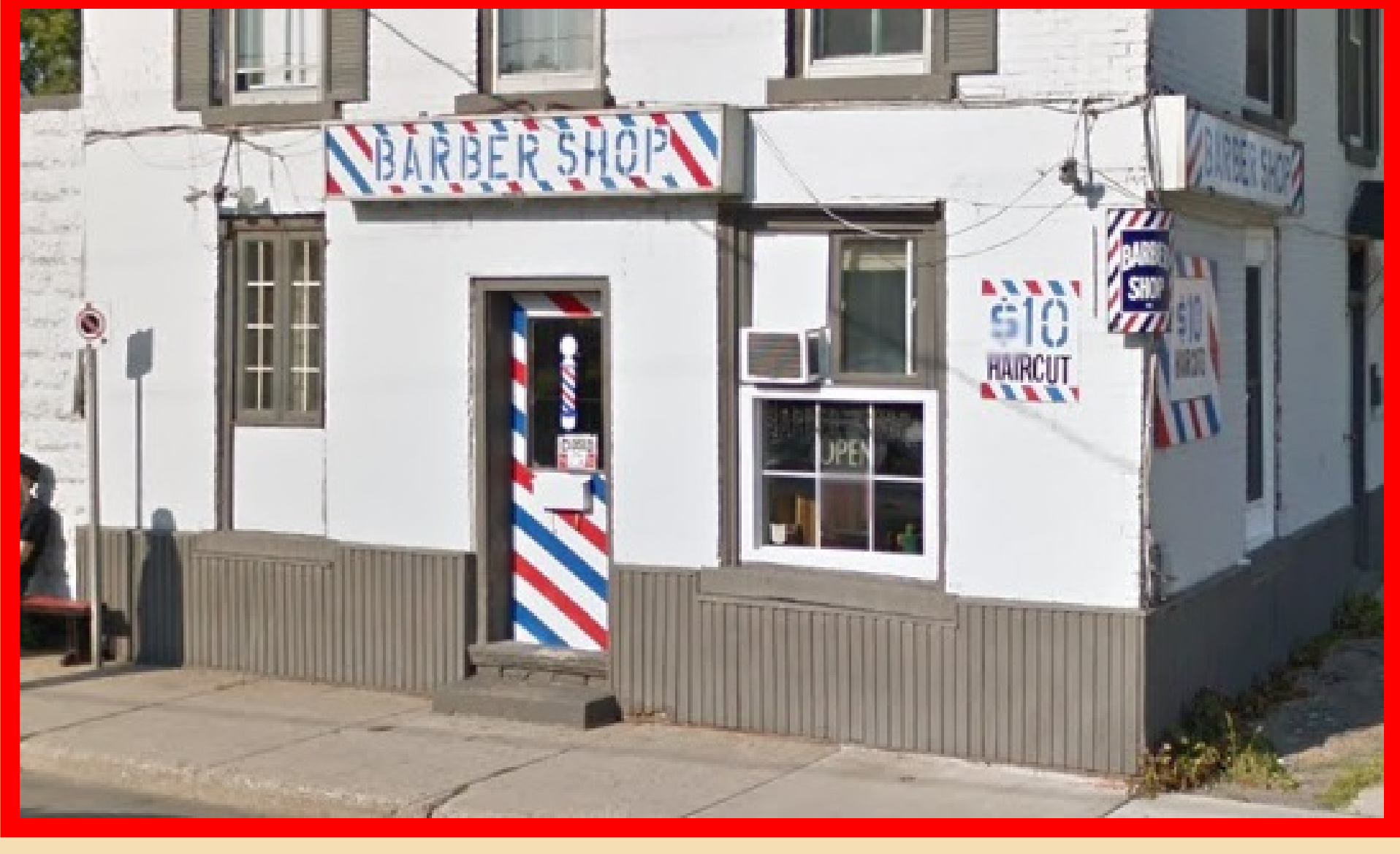
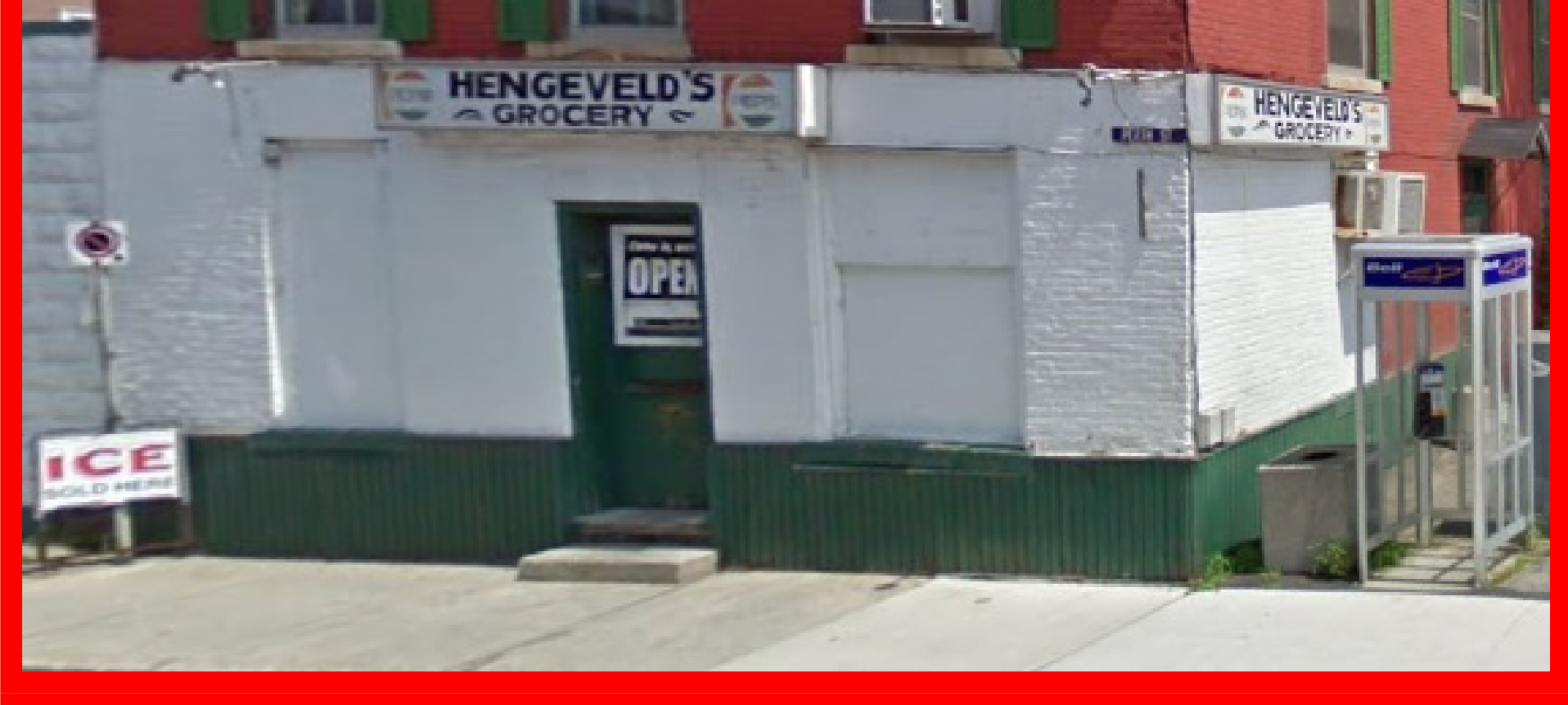
By the end of the 1950s, the business changed hands, becoming **Kelsey's Grocery**, run by Gordon D. Kelsey. He and his wife Leone lived at [153 Brock St.](#)

About 1967, **Len's Grocery**, run by Russell Lennox, replaced Kelsey's. Russell and Anna lived at 345 First Ave.

Hengeveld's Grocery succeeded Len's around 1970 and was run by Ben H. Hengeveld. Previous to opening this store, Ben had been an agent for Concordia Life Ins. Ben and Mary lived at 26 Somerset Pl. It was a family affair through the years with other members, Comis and Dinie, working at the store. Neil Hengeveld took over by around 2006, and it closed about 2010.

After around 85 continuous years as a grocery store, under three brands, Hengeveld's was replaced by **The Corner Barber Shop**, owned by Maria, around 2010. It lasted a decade here, and then moved to the Brockville Shopping Centre in Sept. 2020, with their grand opening there on Sept. 11.

STOREFRONTS



Glazier's, Hengeveld's, The Corner Barber Shop

THE 2023 & 2024 FIRES

2023



(Photo from Adrian Parker, posted on What's REALLY Going on in Brockville & Area.)

2024



A major fire took place early Saturday morning, Sept 16, 2023. The fire dept. was called at 2:43 a.m. "When the initial two trucks arrived, they had four people that they rescued from windows and there was someone injured outside." said Melanie Jones, Brockville's fire chief. One person died, with two sent to the hospital.

Another more minor fire took place on April 15, 2024. It was put out quickly. This prompted the removal of the building within days.

DEMOLITION

2023



2024



Demolition began late Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, but mainly removing the 3rd floor attic area. Final demolition came in mid April, 2024, shortly after the second fire.

(Information gathered from the various directories, Kimball's, Foster's, Vernon's along with Doug Grant's Historic Brockville)