

# Memory Lane

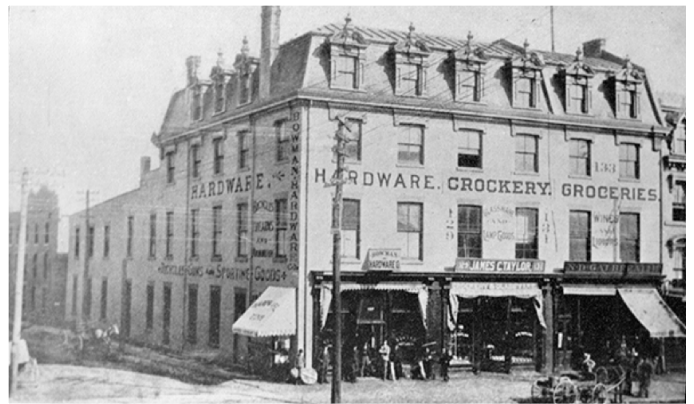
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## 127 to 135 King St. East (King and Catharine)

127 King St E., now Money Direct, stands where the former Isaac Buchanan Company Warehouse once was. 127 King Street East is a modern one-storey commercial building constructed in 1988 on the site of a former two-storey building, which was built circa 1832, consisting of 127 to 135 King Street East. Before being demolished, the building was the oldest building in the Gore Park area. The original building was three-and-a-half storeys before a fire raged through it in 1878 and it was renovated. In 1930 the façade was renovated in Art Deco style. It was used by Isaac Buchanan's Co. as a warehouse in the 1840s. Hamilton's first Board of Trade was founded by Isaac Buchanan. He immigrated to Canada from Scotland in 1810. His interests stretched from dry goods to the railway boom and to politics and he was one of the original members of the first Parliament of Canada. His family estate, Auchmar, remains a landmark on Hamilton mountain as does the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, which was built on land donated by Buchanan.

The building is currently a modern one-storey commercial building constructed in 1988 consisting of 127 to 131 King Street East.



This photo shows this corner of King Street East and Catharine Street in the late 1800s. Bowman Hardware, James Taylor crockery, and Galbreath grocer made up the ground floor businesses.

Liberty Women's Wear clothing store would later occupy a space at 129 King Street East. The store had been open for a number of years in Hamilton when they moved to 129 King Street East and opened their new store in March of 1919. They advertised "high-class goods at popular prices." They imported samples New York and had them copied by Canadian workmen, thus avoiding the high price of the imported styles and paying no duty. Liberty Women's Wear last appeared in the city directory at this address in 1967.

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Display windows out front of Liberty Women's Wear, 1946.



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