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33 Bowen St.

33 Bowen Street was constructed in the mid-19th century as a stone stable. The building, formerly listed as 17 Bowen Street, functioned as J. Bradley's stable in the 1850s shortly after he was granted the land from George Hamilton in 1844. In the early 20th century the building acted as the Court House Hotel (formerly the Western Hotel) stables, which was located across Bowen Street to the west on John Street South. Most of the buildings on Bowen Street served as stables for the businesses on John.

33 Bowen Street, formerly 17 Bowen Street, was one of two stone stables constructed in the mid-19th century, including 13 Bowen Street, which abutted each other and fronted onto Bowen Street. 13 Bowen Street was demolished in the mid-20th century for the construction of the City Chevrolet Oldsmobile Sales Company Limited building. 33 Bowen Street later housed the Vernors Ginger Ale warehouse in the 1940s and was connected to the City Chevrolet Oldsmobile Limited building to the north in the 1960s as their storage, parts and repair centre. The building has since housed a series of restaurant including The Keg Steakhouse, the first in the Hamilton area, Slainte Irish Pub and now 33 Bowen restaurant.



The building prior to becoming 33 Bowen.



In this 1955 photo majorettes parading west on Main at John street. The celebration is for the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, known today as the Shriners. On the right is City Chevrolet Sales Company that once used the building at 33 Bowen St. It is located where the plaza at 96 Main Street East currently stands.