Memory Lane

EXPLORE THE PAST OF DOWNTOWN HAMILTON



8 James Street North

8 James Street North was constructed in the mid-to-late-19th century as a three-storey vernacular building, a commercial unit in the ground floor, and offices and apartments above. The building was refaced circa 1910 by owner Charles J. Myles for Thomas Myles & Sons Limited, who occupied the building from 1911 to 1974. Thomas Myles & Sons Limited was established in 1852 and was the first firm to start a coal business in the city of Hamilton.



A sketch of the Thomas Myles store front.



In this photo of a crowd attending the noon-day program of Fourth Victory Loan in Gore Park in 1943 the sign for Miles coal can be seen in the bottom left.

8 James Street North has since housed a number of other businesses including milliner Mrs. Hinman in the late-19th century and Black's Camera Store in the late-20th century. In 2012, 8 James Street North was occupied by Sushi to Go in the ground floor and Suspect Sound recording studio above.

