Memory Lane

EXPLORE THE PAST OF DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

Stinson Block

Stinson's Block spanned from 67 to 79 King Street East and was constructed circa 1837. The commercial row was owned by prominent merchant and businessman Ebenezer Stinson, for which Stinson Street is named, and subsequently by John and Thomas Stinson.



73 King Street East has housed a variety of businesses including dry goods merchant L. Crawford (1830s), H. Arland's shoe store (1874-1886) and R. Wilson's shoe store (1905-1960). In 2012, 73 King Street East housed Christopher's restaurant, pictured here, which first occupied the building in 1981.

77 King Street East has housed a variety of businesses including Winer and Sims (1830s), grocer M. O'Connor (1857-1866), druggist J. Clark (1893-1904), Morris Gift and Leather Shop (1939-1961) and Sherman's Record Centre (1964-1975). Keon's Super Convenience currently is located within this building and has been since 1983.

79 King Street East has housed a variety of businesses including Phinney and Company (1830s), grocers W. Murphy & H. Murray (1871-1888), confectioner L. Christopher (1906-1928), Venus Sweets and Team Room (1934-1948), Agnew-Superpass (1949-1980) and the Amusement Centre (1980s). In the recent past 79 King Street East housed The Jump Off.



This photo shows the unveiling of the cenotaph constructed in the extension to Gore Park on May 22, 1923. In the background we can see the stretch of businesses on King St. East that once made up the Stinson Block.