



Address: 317 Front St.

Lot No. 51 Plan 296

Present Owner: George Haggis

Construction: This building is faced in brick and has a rubblestone side. It has three storeys plus an attic and is composed of 7 bays. The entrance ways are asymmetrically placed, the first two spaced further apart than the next five. Above the windows are four rectangular areas recessed in the brick which add interest to an otherwise large area of wall. This wall faces the attic and the roof slopes from the top of it to the top of the third storey at the back.

Date built 1860c.

Builder and/or First Owner: Believe it was built for a Mr. Bateman

Map Information: On Birds's Eye Map of Belleville, 1874

Registry Office Information:

Directors of Hastings County Information:

Other factual information:

Interviews: George Haggis

At the time the "Crystal" was built it was one of 26 hotels in the city. It was said that with \$1.50 in your pocket you could visit each hotel and get plenty to eat and a drink. There are stables at the back and the entrance to them was from Pinnacle St. The stone walls are 2 feet thick and has not been changed architecturally greatly during the years. It has always been called the Crystal.