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## KING STREET

*This pair of pictures illustrates a fascinating change in the appearance of King Street. The upper photo shows the east side of the street #310 (Macbeth's) looking northward around 1910. The grocery store of F.C. Peters can be seen at #314. The lower photograph shows approximately the same section of King Street taken in the 1940s. The Peacock Barber Shop and Gayden Bros. Cigars are in the building at #314. Note the bicycles, and brick paving in the early photo and the traffic and neon signs in the later shot where men in uniform can be spotted indicating a picture probably taken during World War II.*



**314** 1999 Studio 1990 Wee Ones Children's Shop 1980 Joyce Van Patten's Dress Shop 1960 thru 1970 The Singer Co. sewing machines 1950 Bob Hunt Cigar Store / Apartments 1930 thru 1940 Standard Grocery Inc. / Automatic Grocery / Magnolia House / Mrs. Olissa Whaley 1920 thru 1930 The Aregon House boarding house 1910 F.C. Peters Well known in the grocery business *Frederick C. Peters operated the Automatic Grocery Stores, one at this address and the other on Broad Street (see 103 Broad)*. He was for nine years Collector of Customs at Charleston, eight years under President Wilson and one under President Harding. Prior to this he was for nine years an Alderman of the city. Mrs. M.. Burns 1900 J.N. Peecksen At various times, *J.N. Peecksen operated grocery stores at three different King Street locations. He advertised that he dealt in choice family groceries and imported teas, coffees and spices. He sold both retail and wholesale. In addition he advertised that he sold tea, coffee and sugar with a very small margin. (see 289 King, and 514 King)* / Mrs. E.D. Stokes boarding house

**315** 1999 Norma May International *This specialty shop Norma May International sold only handmade accessories. Norma May, who stocked her store with many items made by hand abroad carried among other things, scarves, beaded handbags and jewelry for women.* 1970 The Bridal House / Paper Charlie's gift shop 1960 Jean Meyer & Harry Miller fashions 1950 Meyer's women's clothing ½ Jack Kramer shoes 1940 Charleston Shooting Gallery ½ Southern Jewelers 1930 Gloria Lobster House 1920 New York Restaurant 1900 thru 1910 Mrs. M.J. Zernow millinery

**316** 1999 The Climbing Bear toys 1990 The Firm aerobics & weight training 1960 thru 1980 Rosalie Meyers *Opening her shop Rosalie Meyers first at 3 Liberty Street, Rosalie Levy Myers moved her high fashion dress shop to King Street in 1957. She had worked in women's fashion retailing for more than twenty years, becoming manager of Mangel's, a large national chain store at 289 King at the age of 24 and staying there for twenty years. In 1950 she became a partner in Meyer's and after the partnership dissolved opened her own shop on Liberty Street. She specialized in bridal fashions and classic dresses (long and short) with lingerie and accessories. Sportswear was seldom found in Rosalie Meyer's store although occasionally she would include a few pants suits in her stock. Rosalie Meyers grew up in Charleston graduating with honors from Memminger High School. It is probable that she inherited her innate sense of fashion from her Parisian father Gabrielle Levy. Her father founded a food brokerage business on East Bay Street, but died at age 33, and her mother, left with five young children to raise became the first female food broker in the U.S. Rosalie was married first to Jack Myers and after his death married Harry Levinson. She took great pride in the fact that her daughter, Elza, followed her into the fashion business, maintaining her own store just up the street at 334 King Street.* 1950 Frierson Drug Co. / Apartments ½ The Junior Shop 1940 Peacock Billiard & Lunch Parlor *This business which shows prominently in the 1940 picture on the preceding page Riddock's Peacock Alley occupied a number of addresses on King Street. The Princess Theater building at 304 King was originally built to house this arcade in 1895. It was later located just above Market Street at 226 and listed as Riddock's Hotel, but there was a billiard parlor located next door. One Old Codger remembers it to be primarily a lunch room. In the 1940s picture on the prior page you see it as it was in this 316 King location which included the Peacock Barber Shop, a billiard parlor, a soda shop and a cigar store.* / Alex Tumboli/ James J. Simonin 1930 Riddock's Peacock Alley / Riddock's Lunch Room 1920 Riddock's Lunch Room /Mohawk Condensed Milk Co Premium Store 1910 Vienna Model Bakery 1900 Hermann Wilken bakery