



# Our Charleston

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### Cantwell's Grocery, 80 Ashley Ave.

Cantwell's Grocery was located at 80 Ashley Ave. around 1915. The store's exterior was as much signage as siding, indicating an assortment of tobacco products for sale: Cressman's Counsellor Cigars, Stag Tobacco, Old Virginia Cheroots. A "cheroot" is a non-tapering, cylindrical cigar. The word is derived from the French word, "cheroute," which means "roll of tobacco." Soda pop and bread also were available inside. Hattie, Mildred, Meta and Diedrich Holling pose for a photo on the sidewalk in front of the store.

*Submitted by Joy Bold*



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***OLD CODGERS'*  
*CHARLESTON***

**Address Book**

**1900 - 1999**

**Betty and J. Francis Brenner**

**80** 1990 vacant 1930 thru 1970 Century Service Station *This building represents one of the earlier and most skillful efforts to achieve an old Charleston atmosphere on a purely modern structure. It is of traditional design and built of old brick. An Old Codger remembers watching the workmen when it was erected. The front surface of each brick was placed for a moment against an electrically operated abrasive grinder before being laid, hence the weathered natural look of the finished brickwork. The station was purchased after it closed by Arden Howard, whose son "Demi," **John B. Howard**, ran a solar energy business there called Low country Energy Systems, Inc. Having a long time interest in alternative energy, Howard specialized in solar water heaters for residential as well as business use. He was a licensed plumber and served as plumbing and mechanical inspector for the city.* 1920 F.C. Welch (business) 1910 Mrs. Annie Chase (H) 1901 Henry Gilken, (groceries and residence)