

KING STREET

The shops on the east side this block of King Street all became part of the Charleston Place complex (see 130 Market) which ran from Market to Hasell. Many of them had display windows on King Street, but were actually entered through the Charleston Place arcade. Most of the retail businesses that rented space in this development were nationally franchised businesses, all carrying classic designer merchandise, both in fashion and home furnishings. The brick paving on King Street between Wentworth and Market made the site very visible. Most of the bricks were engraved with names of people who for a nominal sum could purchase a brick for this project. The area was usually closed for the Christmas season and a giant tree erected in the center of the street for holiday activities. Automobiles were detoured across King Street on Wentworth to St. Philip Street and then on to Beaufain which was decorated with wooden soldiers and called Candy Cane lane, so that shoppers could use the area without traffic interference.

230 1999 Limited Express 1950 thru 1960 Atlantic Shoe Repair Shop 1940 The Oriental Store 1910 thru 1930 B.H. Worthen Arms Co. *sporting goods* 1900 The Imperial Barber Shop / H.H. Karpe

231 1990 thru 1999 Purple Plum Too *collectibles gift shop* 1980 Two Hundred Thirty One King Street *cocktail lounge* 1970 The Tiki *cocktail lounge* 1960 Vacant 1930 thru 1950 Duffy's Pharmacy / W. F. Wolff 1910 thru 1920 Kerrison Dry Goods Co. (See 260 King Street). 1900 A.W. Eckel *druggist*



The bend in King Street looking South in the early 1900s. Taken from the intersection of Beaufain Street in the right foreground is Siegling's Music House and the left shows Furchgott and Sons. The site of Belks was where the Louis Cohen & Co. sign on the right is located and the spire further down the street was the YMCA and Women's Exchange.