



39 King when it was a three story building with a bakery on the first floor in 1900

39 1960 thru 1999 W. Elliot Hutson, Jr. (H) Head of the Wm. M. Means Co. **Elliot Hutson** was well known and well liked by everyone in the city. He was a real estate broker, owner of the William Means Co. and the first chairman of the Charleston County Airport Authority. He was on the authority for 11 years. He was a captain in 11th Airborne Division of the Army during World War II and awarded the Bronze Star for service in the paratroopers in the Philippines. He served on the College of Charleston Board of trustees and as a member of the College Foundation. He was a president of the Charleston Club, the St. George's Society, St Cecelia Society and a commodore of the Carolina Yacht Club. He was elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame. He married Mary Battle Parsons (Bea) Means, daughter of the founder of the real estate company he headed. They had one daughter, Mary Battle Hutson Sikkema. The house was remodeled by J.F. Brenner, (see **79 King Street**) who had purchased it in the early fifties from a Miss Henken. When he, Brenner, put in a bid for the house, he was told that it had been purchased by Colonel

Dessasure. The realtor told him however, that he thought the Colonel would be glad to let it go, for a small profit. \$500 was enough to get house from the Colonel who realized a neat profit for the one day of his option. The house was purchased from Miss Johanna Henken who at the time was hospitalized. She refused to accept anything but cold cash for the sale. Even a cashier's check would not suit her. The house was remodeled in 1952, and redone again when Elliot Hutson bought it. The front brick wall was built in one day. The coping that was already there served as the base. Knowing that the coping was partially on city sidewalk property, Brenner feared that the city would not grant him a permit for the wall construction. He was advised to apply for the permit late on a Friday afternoon when the city inspector always left early, and that is what he did. The permit was issued and Pinckney Ezekial, the master brick mason of the day, brought in his supplies and crew early on Saturday morning, and the wall appeared miraculously by that evening. When the inspector returned to inspect it on Monday, he commented on what a beautiful wall it was, never noticing that it extended a little way onto the city pavement, and that was that. Old Codger, Palmer Gaillard, who lived right up the street on Weims Court said that this building was off limits to him as a child. The owner Mrs Henrietta Henken and her unmarried daughter kept the shutters closed tight. He said an 8 foot fence with gate ran from the house to 37 King which prevented anyone even looking into the yard. He recalls that if they sat on the coping out front the lady would yell at them from the second story porch. **1940** Miss Johanna Henken **1930** Mrs. Henrietta Bailey **1910 thru 1920** C.W.Bailey **1900** Henrietta Henken (H) This was a three story building in the early days and served as a grocery store and residence. The ground floor was removed after the great storm of 1911 and it has remained a two-story building ever since. The grocery became a bakery before it purchased in the 1950's by Brenner.