

The business continued in operation until 1972.
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204-206 King St. -- Mrs. Bluhma Cohen Loeb, wife of Levi Loeb, built this building in two stages. The first floor of brick, originally containing two stores, was built in 1887. The upper floor of wood with a metal clad facade was completed in 1894. The recess on the north end, now filled by a door, was the entrance to Robb's Lot Alley, which led to the rear of Robb's Lot, a large tract fronting on King Street, whose buildings were destroyed in the great fire of 1861. After the Civil War, Robb's Lot remained vacant for some time and was frequently used as a circus grounds in summer. It was a place of refuge of homeless people after the 1886 earthquake.

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208 King St. -- This three story brick building was built in 1889 as the Charleston YMCA. Organized in 1854, the YMCA was housed at various locations including the old Mills House hotel. In 1888, this site was purchased. S.W. Foulk of Newcastle, Pa., an architect who specialized in YMCA buildings, designed the structure; Henry Oliver of Charleston was the builder. The facade is of pressed brick with stone and terra cotta trim. The building formerly had a tower on the left with a peaked roof, and a gable on the right. The Romanesque style building has been renovated as shops and apartments.

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* 216 King St. -- This three story brick building was built in 1839-40 by Patrick McBride (d. 1866), an Irish-born merchant, and was remodeled c. 1908 by Vincent Chicco, who put his name in the parapet.

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