

## KING STREET

**478** 1980 thru 1996 vacant 1960 thru 1970 Mazo's Restaurant 1950 Al's Delicatessen 1940 Mrs. Essie Mazo grocery 1930 Alec Mazo A favorite delicatessen was *Mazo's Delicatessen & Grocery* run by *Alec Mazo*. It was a place that always had customers. There were several Mazo children who could always be found sitting in an open touring car parked outside and when a customer came in, someone would jump out to serve you generally eating a hot dog or candy bar. It was known as the "Uptown Mazo's. One of the older girls, Mary, married Ben Bodne who had made money during World War II in the oil business here. They honeymooned at the Algonquin hotel in the 20s. Years later he bought the Algonquin Hotel in New York City and restored it in 1945 and lived there. They sold the hotel in 1987 but Mary continued to live there. She could be seen daily in her lobby armchair greeting Algonquin regulars. Many of those in Charleston were said to comment "Bodne made a lady out of Mary." The daughter was one of the "gang" of Mazos who hung out at the King Street store. She often visited Charleston and of course dressed to the nines in the finest clothes so different from the reasonable working gingham she wore as a teenager. The family lived upstairs over the store. 1900 thru 1920 Mrs. A. Schneider furniture

**479** 1970 thru 1999 People's Clothing Store One of the city's oldest retailers catering primarily to the African-American community was *People's Clothing Store*. The store was owned by *Melvin Wyland* and his wife *Linda Wyland* with a partner *Francis Seabrook III*. Mrs Wyland's father, Irving Lipsky in 1962 started Peoples after managing a Kaybee store on King Street for 17 years. The business was one of only a few businesses in which ownership crosses racial lines. The Wylands were white and Seabrook was black. Seabrook had been with Peoples for 39 years starting by helping an uncle who worked for Lipsky. 1950 thru 1960 Western Auto Supply Co. 1940 A & P Food Stores groceries / Arthur Forrest restaurant 1920 thru 1930 Palmetto Furniture Co. 1910 M. Patla 1900 W.G. Rehkopf undertaker / Mrs. Dora Rehkopf

**480** 1999 Reuben's men's clothing 1990 Super Bad's 1980 Vacant 1970 King Paint Co. 1940 thru 1960 Star Furniture Co. 1920 thru 1930 Sam Solomon Company *The Sam Solomon Company* was started by a young Latvian named *Sam Solomon*. He settled his family here in Charleston in 1909 and began a small business. The business grew and in 1963 he purchased a site on East Bay. (see 334 East Bay) He died shortly after this move to East Bay and his son Melvin became the owner and headed the corporation. In 1971 the business was moved to North Charleston as the *Merchants Specialty Company*. 1920 J.J. Horan 1900 thru 1910 H.F. Weber grocer

**481** 1999 (a) Southern Finance 1990 Vacant 1980 Vacant 1970 Pete's Restaurant & Soda Fountain / Louis A. Bikle accountant 1950 thru 1960 Pete's Restaurant / Mrs. Stella Paizos 1950 Peter N. Lempesis 1940 Mack's Lunch, restaurant 1930 Mike's Fruit Store 1910 thru 1920 L.L. Landry 1900 William Meagher fruitier

**482** 1996 vacant 1980 Venning's Men's Wear 1970 Dumas & Co. men's clothing 1950 thru 1960 King Paint Co. 1940 B.Solomon Furniture Store / Aaron Seigel 1930 Sunshine Shoe Store / Max Rudich 1920 Samuel Brickman / B.L. Solomon 1910 J. Widelitz 1900 C.A. Holle merchant