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The corner store at 843 Rutledge Ave. is a neighborhood Mexican food place now, but it was built as a corner store in 1921. In 1928, a fellow named Gustave Martschink bought the building and operated his grocery store out of it until 1939 when he opened what would become one of the leading beer distributors in the State. But, he kept the building until he died in 1972.

I contacted his grandson, and his grandson put me in touch with his own father (the son of the grocer) who is 76 and lives in Hendersonville, NC.

I set up a Facetime call with him this afternoon, and we talked for an hour about his growing up in Charleston and then later moving to Secessionville Manor on James Island when his parents left downtown in the 1950s.

He told me that he had four photo of the store dating back to the 1930s, and I told him I would LOVE to get a high res scan!

He said he wasn't going to make a scan of them and then continued talking about stuff. But, he held them up for me to see on the video call. I thanked him for letting me see them, but I was thinking to myself that this was really frustrating that he would show them to me but wouldn't scan them for me!

Then he asked where he could mail the photos to me.

I gave him my address and thanked him in advance for sending photocopies to me!

He said, "No, I'm just sending these old photos to you."

I replied that I would take very good care of them, make high res scans, and return them ASAP!

He said, "No, you don't need to return those. I don't really need those back."

Wow!

From dejection to elation in one minute!

He said he would drop those in the mail in the next day or two, so (fingers crossed) I should get them by this time next week!

I'll drop them off for the Archives some day next week!

Kevin