

KINGS COURTYARD INN

HISTORY

- 1853** Built by Colonel J. Charles Blum, the inn occupies one of the oldest buildings on King Street. Designed by Francis D. Lee, a noted Charleston architect, its Greek revival style was accented by Egyptian architectural detailing. In the 19th century, the first floor of the Blum building housed shops while the second and third floors were used as a hotel.
- 1865** Following the Civil war, King Street fell into a long decline. The war's devastating effect on the Southern economy changed the character of the building's shops. Over the next century, its uses varied considerably, including Singer Sewing Machine, a Salvation Army for lodging women, a dry cleaner, and even a skating rink.
- 1983** A complete renovation of the building included the creation of two courtyards with surrounding rooms, simply by uncovering and enlarging two light wells of the original building. Floors were refinished, windows were replaced, and modern buildings were added.
- 1989** The Kings Courtyard Inn became a charter member of Historic Hotels of America.

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