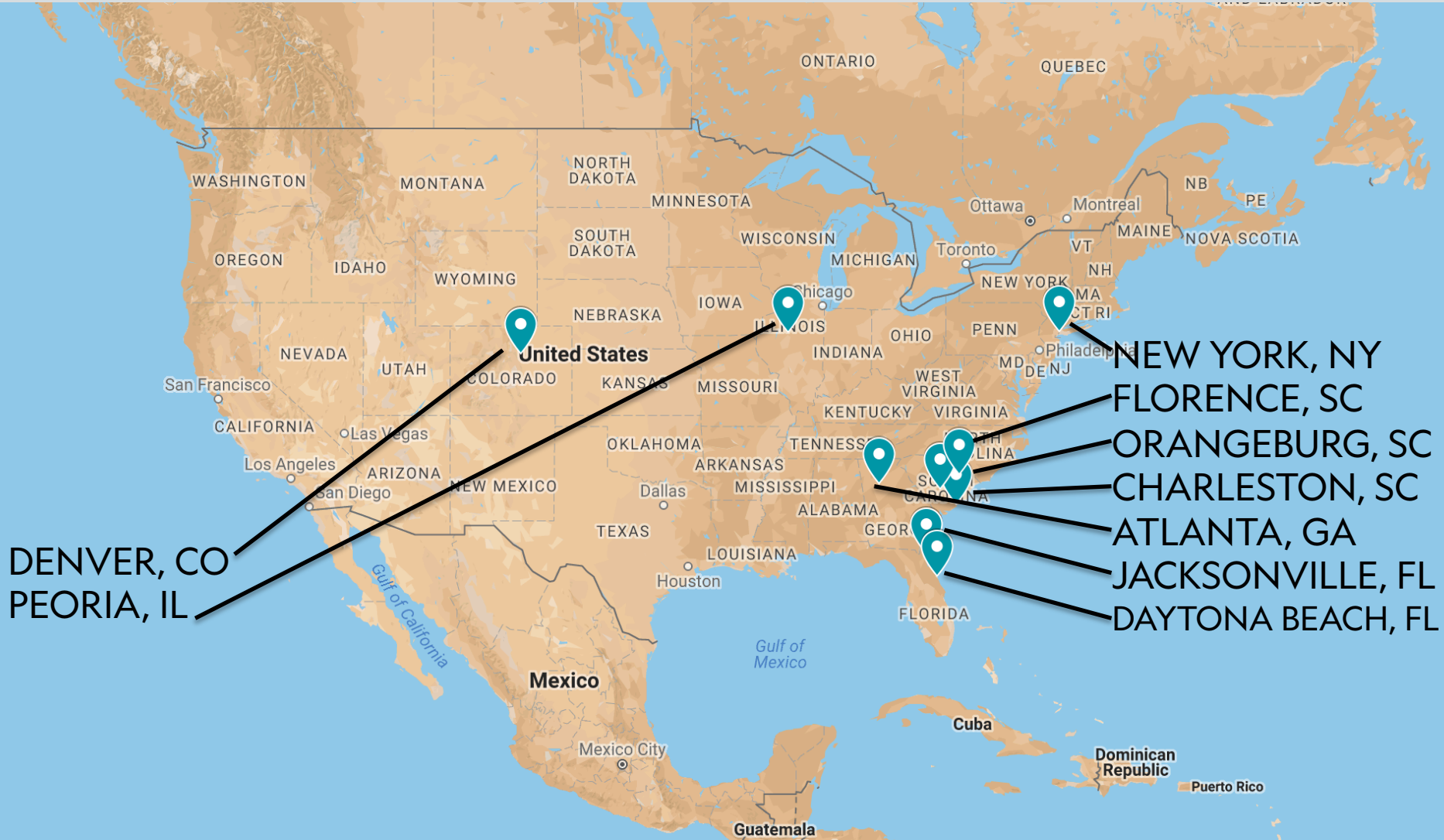


**FURCHGOTT BROS.**  
**DRY GOODS & DEPT. STORE**  
**~ EMPIRE ~**

FURCHTGOTT FAMILY REUNION  
AUGUST 5-7, 2018  
CHARLESTON, SC

**PRESENTATION BY MAURICE FURCHGOTT**  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 10AM  
@ THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

# FAMILY STORE LOCATIONS

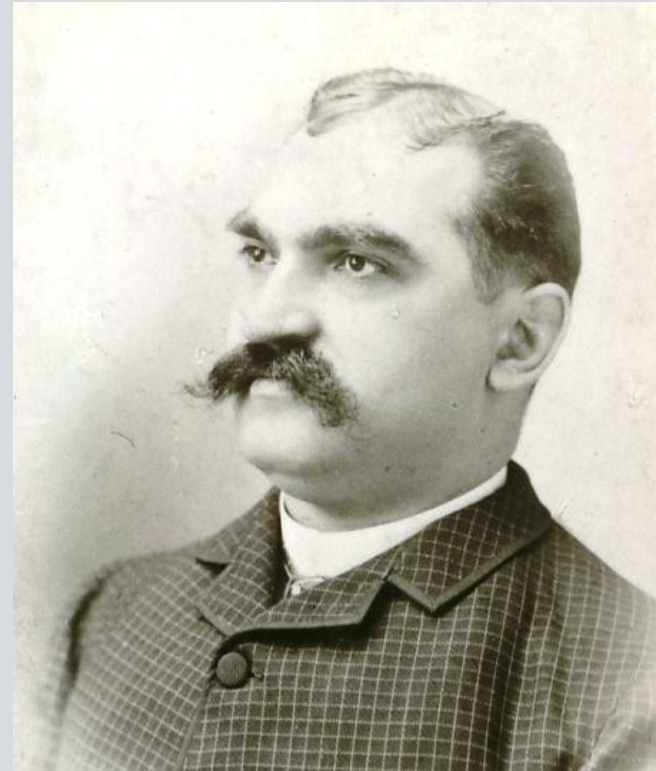


# FURCHGOTT BROTHERS

SONS OF ABRAHAM ISAAC FURCHGOTT & MARIE HERZOG



***Max Furchgott (b. 1844)  
& Herman Furchgott (b. 1841)***



***Leopold Furchgott  
(b. 1852)***

# ARTHUR C. FURCHGOTT

MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE

DIAL 3-8591

1085 KING ST. - ART - M -

CHARLESTON, S. C.

P.O. Box 2337

"BUY DIRECT AND SAVE"

SALESBOOKS - CALENDARS - ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES

REGISTER FORMS - STATIONERY - TAGS

PRINTED GUM TAPE - PHOTO OFFSET PRINTING - GUM LABELS

INTERLEAVED CARBON FORMS

NOV - 6 1962

The following information was taken from the City of Charleston Directories, which are in the possession of the Charleston Museum, Mr. Milby Burton, in charge

1867-68 FURCHGOTT BROS. 429 KING - STORE Y R-M & H  
1869 to 1870

Leopold Furchgott, Clerk in the employ of Furchgott Bros. (Max and Herman) Store at King St at Calhoun.

1874 to 1875

Leopold Furchgott, clerk, in the employ of Furchgott Bros, (Max and Herman) Same location. Residence at the Waverly House .

1875- 1876

Leopold Furchgott, became a member of the Firm of Furchgott, Benedict & Co. Store location, 275 King St. Max , Herman and Leopold, partners with Mr. Benedict of Jax.

1877- 1878

Firm continues with the same title name, Furchgott, Benedict & Co. Same location. Members of partnership, Max, Herman, and Leopold Furchgott, Mr. C. Benedict, and Mr. Philip Herzog, ( Uncle of the Furchgott's resident of New York City.

1878- 1879

Firm continues in the same location, Max and Herman, residing in Charleston, while Leopold moved to Atlanta, Ga, where they had purchased a store, to branch out and enlarge their business. They sold out their interest in Atlanta after a short period to the Keely Co.

No Directory available until 1886.

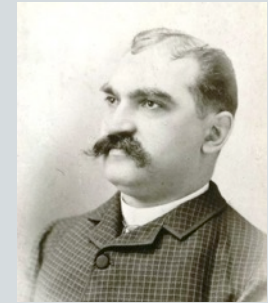
New Store now located at 259 King St. Max and Herman remain in Charleston, while Leopold is listed as residing in Jacksonville, Fla. Firms Title name, Now Kohn, Furchgott and Benedict. (Mr. Kohn was a New York City resident who was a silent partner.) Charles Benedict from Jacksonville.

The Firm of Furchgott Bros. was established in Charleston in the year 1866, with Max and Leopold Furchgott opening the store in Jacksonville, on the corner of Main and Bay St. the back of the store facing the St. Johns River. The writer visited the said store in 1892, when on a visit to Jacksonville, when a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Furchgott in their home which with the store was destroyed by fire at the turn of the century.

The store in Charleston was sold after the 1886 Earthquake in 1887 to Cohen and Triest Charleston merchants, Max moving to



Max & Herman



Leopold

Research letter from  
Arthur C. Furchgott,  
Nov 6, 1962

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FURCHGOTT, BENEDICT & CO.,  
No. 437 KING STREET,  
CORNER OF CALHOUN.

WE OFFER A LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF

**DRY AND FANCY GOODS,**

At Prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction.

WE SOLICIT A CALL.

L. B. LOVEGREEN is with us, and will be happy to see his friends.

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*1870 ad in a local church program*

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Dry Goods, &c.

**DRY GOODS!**

DRY GOODS!                      DRY GOODS!

—o—

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF

**THE BEST STOCK OF DRY GOODS**

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES AT

FURCHGOTT,  
BENEDICT  
& CO.,  
NO. 244 KING STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C.

—o—

PREVIOUS TO REMOVING TO OUR NEW STORE,  
NO. 275 KING STREET,  
BROWNING'S OLD STAND,

All of our Goods on Hand now will be Sold at

**GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.**

FURCHGOTT, BENEDICT & CO.,  
NO. 244 KING STREET.

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*1872 ad in Charleston Daily News*



# CHARLESTON

**VIEWS OF PROMINENT PLACES**

**Charleston,**  
SOUTH CAROLINA,  
U. S. A.

Illustrating the effects of the  
**EARTHQUAKE SHOCK,**  
August, 31<sup>st</sup> - 1886  
And a Sketch of the occurrence.

BOOKS WITH ONLY ENGRAVINGS, FOR SALE BY THE PUBLISHER:

PUBLISHED BY  
ALEX. M. COCHRAN,  
17 CHARLOTTE ST.

PRICE  
ONE  
DOLLAR

ENGRAVED & PRINTED BY  
THE MOSS ENGRAVING  
535 PEARL ST.



EAST BAY, CORNER OF CUMBERLAND STREET—A COMPLETE WRECK  
Damaged \$15,000.

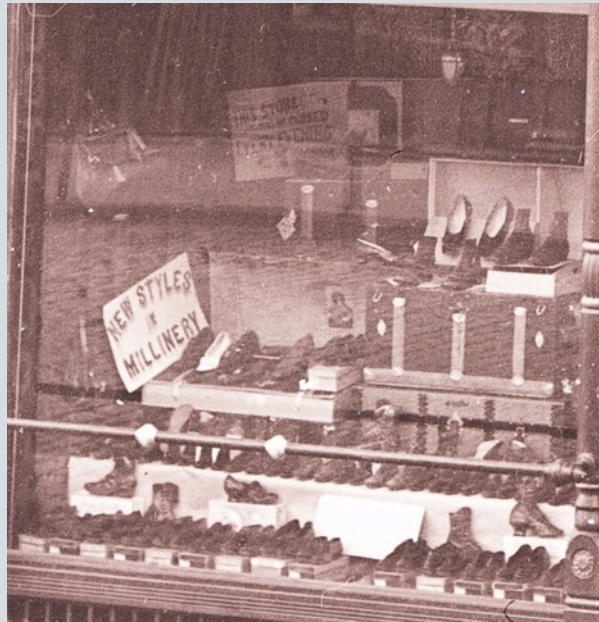
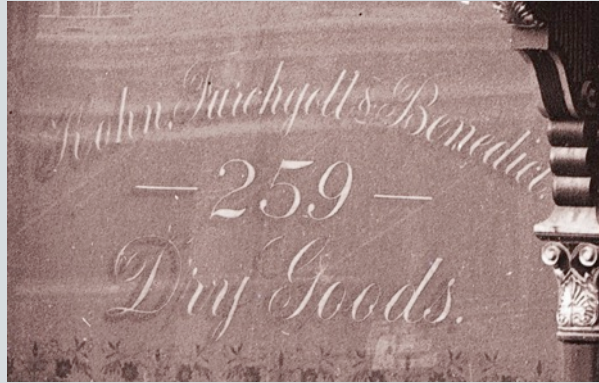
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**KOHN, FURCHGOTT & BENEDICT,**  
259 KING STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C.  
IMPORTERS OF  
**DRY GOODS,**  
**MILLINERY,**  
**CARPETS, &c.**  
COUNTRY ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.



**KOHN, FURCHGOTT & BENEDICT,**  
Branches: NEW YORK & JACKSONVILLE, Fla.  
DEALERS IN  
**SHOES, TRUNKS,**  
**VALISES,**  
**Etc., Etc.**  
COUNTRY ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.





***Kohn, Furchgott & Benedict Dry Goods Store  
259 King Street, Charleston (ca. 1887-1889) – Built After the Earthquake***



( Continued )

Max moved to N.Y. May 1888

Lived on 92nd St. Taught at Packards ( Math )-  
worked at Lord & Taylor - Moved back to  
Charleston 1901 - Lived at 20 Meeting  
corner of Atlantic

Max came over during Civil War about 16 (?).

Belonged to St. Michael's church -  
went on Sundays - Went back to Europe,  
on buying trip, to see his family and  
met his cousin (Bertha Raffman) -  
3 week romance. Honeymooned in Vienna,  
Budapest and Paris - Bought her trousseau -  
Best dressed and best looking bride  
in Charleston.



*Max Furchgott*



*Bertha Raffman*

NEW YORK CITY



*Max's Ribbon from Temple Emanu-El on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Manhattan, NYC*



# CHARLESTON



***Banner advertising sale at M. Furchgott & Co. Dry Goods  
265 King Street, Charleston (ca. 1901)***



CHARLESTON  
NOVELTY



*M. Furchgott & Sons Dry Goods store front, 240-242 King Street, Charleston (ca. 1910)*



# MAX FURCHGOTT PASSES AWAY

Prominent Merchant Dies  
at Venerable Age.

Widely Mourned

CHARLESTON S.C. - JUNE 6, 1921

The funeral services of Mr. Max Furchgott, who died Saturday night at Baker Sanatorium after an extended illness, will take place this afternoon at the Haskell Street Synagogue at 4:30 p. m., with Dr. J. R. Rainin officiating. The interment will be at the K. K. B. E. (Huguenot Avenue) cemetery.

The death of Mr. Furchgott, who was one of the leading merchants of the South and one of Charleston's most prominent and best loved citizens, has caused deep sorrow among a wide circle of friends by whom he was held in affectionate esteem and who will mourn his passing away. Three sons and two daughters survive him, Arthur, Melvin and Oscar Furchgott, of this city, and Mrs. H. H. Benjamin, of Atlanta, and Mrs. W. H. Rosenfeld, of New York. A brother, Leopold Furchgott, of Baltimore, and other relatives also survive him.

For many years Mr. Furchgott had been a prominent figure in local business circles, and he was foremost among the city's progressive retail merchants. Born in Munkacs, Hungary, on August 12, 1844, he came while a youth to America, and after a few years moved to this State, establishing a store in Charleston, with Herman F. Furchgott, under the name of Furchgott Brothers, at a corner of King and Calhoun streets. In 1868, from the start this business was

successful, and the present noted mercantile establishment of M. Furchgott & Sons, of which the deceased was the head, is the outgrowth of the original start that Mr. Furchgott made here in business.

The remarkable success attained by Mr. Furchgott in his business was due to his keen knowledge of merchandise, his general understanding of the underlying principles of retail business, to his faith in Charleston, and to the high plane on which his enterprises were conducted, as well as to the general and warm personality that drew so many friends to him. He was well beloved by the younger people as well as by the older.

Mr. Furchgott's energies were not all directed solely to his business. He was active in civic affairs, in Jewish affairs and in Masonic circles. In many ways he showed that he was truly a public-spirited citizen. During the yellow fever epidemic here, and during the distress by earthquake he rendered valuable service in the relief work which went on for the community. He was always interested in projects which had as their objects the good of Charleston. He was at one time president of the K. K. B. E. congregation, and was a member of the Dan Lodge No. 592, I. O. O. F. He was a member of La Candeur Lodge, No. 36, A. F. M., and of Delta Lodge of Perfection, No. 1 and of B'nai B'rith Chapter No. 1, Rose-Croix, A. S. H.

Until a few months ago, Mr. Furchgott continued to be active in business in spite of advanced age. However, his health became impaired, and it was necessary for him to take treatment at Baker Sanatorium.

In respect to his memory, a number of the retail stores will close this afternoon for an hour, at the time of his funeral. J. Henry Strong has charge of the arrangements.



Max Furchgott  
(1844-1921)

Max Furchgott's  
Obituary,  
Charleston, SC  
June 4, 1921

# FURCHGOTT BROTHERS (THE NEXT GENERATION)

SONS OF MAX FURCHGOTT & BERTHA RAFFMAN



**Arthur Furchgott (1884-1971)**



**Melvin Furchgott (1886-1960)**



**Oscar Furchgott (1890-1949)**



# FLORENCE

**FREE!**

**\$25 Cash**

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT OUR STORE  
**Saturday Nite, Dec. 23**

Here's How...

To the 12 Ladies' (Over 16) who write the best letter of not over 100 words on—

**"Why I Prefer to Shop At Furchgott's"**

**RULES OF CONTEST:**

Letters must be written in long hand on a sheet of Furchgott's Stationery which will be furnished at store.

All replies must be in our store by Thursday nite, December 21st.

Judges will be the Editorial Staff of The Morning News and will be final.

**PRIZES!**

1st. Prize . . . . . \$10.00

2nd Prize . . . . . \$ 5.00

10 Prizes, each . . . . \$ 1.00

For Any Further Information Ask

**Furchgott's**

1933 ad for essay contest, Florence

**FURCHGOTT'S INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR . . . .**

**10th Anniversary CELEBRATION!**

Your confidence in our shoppe has contributed largely to the success of our business, and we sincerely appreciate your patronage.

**Newest Styles!**

As always, Furchgott's keeps a step ahead in style and value. Visit our store during this celebration and see what's

**New For Fall!**

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL  
Full Fashioned Pure  
Thread, SILK HOSE. 50¢  
regular 75¢, pair



**Souvenirs!**

A lovely Rose will be presented to each lady visiting our store today between 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.

We want you to feel free to come although you may not be quite ready to buy your fall outfit

**FURCHGOTT'S**

"Florence's Most Popular Ladies Shoppe"

1940 ad for Florence Store's 10th Anniversary



Oscar Furchgott  
(1890-1949)

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# ANNIVERSARY

*Furchgott's* **SALE**  
132 W. EVANS ST.

**WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 18TH ANNIVERSARY  
STARTING TOMORROW**

**OUR BUSINESS WAS ESTABLISHED IN FLORENCE  
ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1930**

To commemorate this occasion we are offering free to every 18th customer this week 3 pair of either Kayser or Gotham Nylon Hosiery in your wanted color and size. We will let you know whenever you are one of the lucky 18th customers. We want to thank you at this time for your wonderful support through all these years and hope in the days to come that we will still be able to serve you in the same manner that we have during the past 18 years. Below we are giving you a brief history of FURCHGOTT'S in South Carolina.

It was back in 1865 that Furchgott's founded their first store in Charleston, later opening branches in Jacksonville, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia. Selling out to other interests in 1889, Furchgott's returned to Charleston in 1898 and founded the department store on King Street which served Charlestonians so faithfully for many years.

Oscar Furchgott sold his interest in this department store in 1929 and founded Furchgott's in Florence in 1930. Today we're eighteen years old and we owe it all to you who have made it possible.

P. S. C'mon in and try for those free nylons!

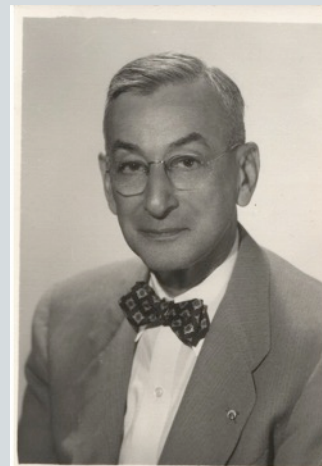
**1948 ad for 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Florence store –  
includes a brief history of FURCHGOTT's in South Carolina**



# ORANGEBURG

**ANNOUNCING**  
*Furchgott's*  
AN A. C. F. DRESS SHOP.  
**ALWAYS CORRECT FASHIONS**  
Will Open in Orangeburg About March, 20th, 1930.  
**\$10 In Gold Free!**  
to be given away on opening day. Contest open to any one residing within a radius of forty miles of Orangeburg, S. C.  
RULES AS FOLLOWS--USING THE INITIALS.  
**A. C. F.**  
see how many sentences you can make out of these three letters pertaining to our business, for instance.  
**ALWAYS CORRECT FASHIONS.  
ADORABLE CHARMING FROCKS.**  
In no case can you use the same word more than twice, as this will count against you. Answers must be in Ink or Typewritten, on one side of paper only. To the person sending in the largest number of sentences,  
**WILL BE AWARDED \$10.00 IN GOLD.**  
Get out your dictionary, and start now, contest closes March 15th.  
Address All Letters to  
**A. C. F. CONTEST**  
**A. C. FURCHGOTT**  
35 West Russell St., Orangeburg, S. C.

*1930 ad for new dress shop in Orangeburg, opened by Arthur C. Furchgott*



*Arthur C. Furchgott  
(1884-1971)*

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**THE A. C. FURCHGOTTS  
LEAVE CITY.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Furchgott and sons, Robert and Max, left Monday for Goldsboro, N. C., where Mr. Furchgott has decided to open an establishment. The departure of this popular family is a source of deep regret to the many friends which they have made since coming from Charleston to this city several years ago. Their loss will be felt not only in the business but also in social circles. They bear the best wishes of the community for their happiness and success in their new home.

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*1934 news clipping,  
"A.C. Furchgotts Leave City"*

**Furchgott's Furchgott's**  
240-242 King St. 240-242 King St.

**CHARLESTON, S. C.**

ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1866

65 Years of Honesty in Merchandising

The Name Furchgott is Paramount to That  
of Sterling on Silverware

If You Can't Find What Your Requirements Call For In Your Home Town  
or Nearby Localities Then Trade In Charleston at Furchgott's

CHARLESTON IS YOUR OWN PORT CITY OF YOUR OWN STATE.—Don't send your  
money to fill the coffers of mail order concerns in other states.

HELP SOUTH CAROLINIANS MAKE SOUTH CAROLINA A GREATER STATE BY  
TRADING WITH YOUR OWN PEOPLE.

(Who Pays The Unkeep of Your Schools and Other State Institutions? Does The Mail  
Order House in Chicago or New York?)

**FURCHGOTT'S**  
IN CHARLESTON

ANNOUNCES THE GREATEST SALE OF 65 YEARS OF MERCHANDISING  
STARTING

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 1931**

It Will Pay You To Come Hundreds of Miles to Visit Us

**Furchgott's Price Readjustment Sale**  
*A Sale of Sales*  
THE REASON FOR THIS SALE

*1931 ad for Charleston store  
(One of the last before it closed)*

## THE REASON FOR THIS SALE

TO READJUST OUR STOCKS TO MEET PRESENT LOW PRICE LEVELS

Returning from New York Mr. Melvin Furchgott says—  
"I HAVE NEVER BOUGHT QUALITY MERCHANDISE AT SUCH A LOW PRICE.—Following Furchgott's Policy—  
AS WE BUY WE SELL.—and—SMALL PROFITS AND LARGE SALES.—which has been our motto for over three score  
years. AND IS TODAY, we will sell DURING THIS GREAT SALE many lines of MERCHANDISE AT 50c ON THE DOL-  
LAR to what you paid a year ago for them."

AS EXAMPLE:--

YARD WIDE DRUID L. L. HOMESPUN ..... 10 yds for 59c  
8 oz. FEATHER PROOF TICKING ..... 1 1/2 yd.  
WOMEN'S NEW FALL SILK AND TRAVEL TWEED DRESSES, size from 14 to 52, \$2.98  
WOMEN'S NEW EUGENIE and many other NEW FALL MILLINERY ... \$1.00 and \$1.98

—These Values are typical of the over 1000 other specials on Sale—

WRITE US FOR ONE OF OUR SPECIAL PRICE READJUSTMENT SALE BULLE-  
TINS IF YOU CANNOT COME IN PERSON.

Mail Orders Sent Parcel Post or Express Prepaid To Your Door

IMPORTANT TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH  
CAROLINA

Visit Charleston And Spend The Day With Us At Furchgott's Expense  
ITS A FREE TRIP TO CHARLESTON

NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA WE WILL REFUND YOU THE EXPENSE OF YOUR  
TRIP IF YOUR INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE AMOUNTS TO \$25.00 OR OVER.—(This offer holds good for the duration  
of our PRICE READJUSTMENT SALE only)—FROM SEPTEMBER 19th TO SEPTEMBER 30th.

STILL FURTHER REDUCTIONS TO STILL LOWER PRICES

Look for the PRICE READJUSTMENT SALE signs in all departments and in every  
nook of our store.—Look for the un-advertised star bargains in our large window displays.

### NOTICE!

On Account Of a Religious Holiday Our Store Will Be Closed All Day  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st.

If you can't come to Charleston Saturday, WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

READ WHAT MR. MELVIN FURCHGOTT, PRESIDENT OF M. FURCHGOTT & SONS STATES—  
"In all my years of experience as a merchant on King Street our store has never offered merchandise at so low a price.  
I trust that all our friends and customers will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy real savings by attending this  
PRICE READJUSTMENT SALE.

"We have made special arrangements to park your automobiles (free of charge) for you for this occasion. We will check  
your parcels bought from us or other merchants in our city free of checking charges and our telephones and rest rooms are  
at your convenience. A special section has been provided for the care of infants and children under the supervision of one of  
our trained representatives."

THE PRICE READJUSTMENT SALE IS FROM  
SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 1931 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 1931.

(With the Exception of Monday, September 21st on Which Day We Will Be Closed).

Remember—A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT—

TAKE THE BUDGE OUT OF YOUR PRESENT BUDGET. COME TO FURCHGOTT'S

Signed September 17, 1931.

Melvin Furchgott, President  
M. FURCHGOTT & SONS.

**Furchgott's Furchgott's**  
240-242 King St. 240-242 King St.  
Charleston, South Carolina Charleston, South Carolina



Nov. 15, 1960

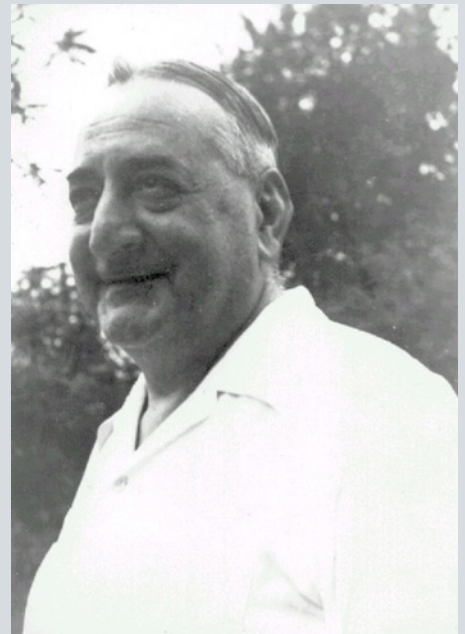
Dear Aunt Dora:

Lenox and I extend our sympathy to you on the death of Uncle Melvin.

Knowing something of the hardships of his later years - hardships for you and the family as well as for him, I realize that the usual expressions of sympathy are not appropriate here. So instead, at this time, may I congratulate you on the wonderful family that you and Uncle Melvin together brought up. The children are a tribute to both of you.

I am enclosing a note to them. Please give it to Clarence, and have her circulate it to the others.

Love,  
Robert



Melvin Furchgott (1886-1960)

**Letter from Robert F. Furchgott to his aunt Dora after death of her husband Melvin, Nov 15 1960**

Nov. 15, 1960

Dear Melvin, Clarice, Roslyn, Charles and Maurice:

Just grouping your names together  
brings back many memories —

Street games starting in front of 14 Colonial  
St., with a gas-light lamp post in front of  
the Bitches sometimes used as base.

Ping-pong on an extra long dining room  
table.

A summer house with some broken  
screens and a hammock on Sullivan's Island.

The warmth of your house — because of the  
people as well as the big heater in the living  
room — after an Orangeburg High-Charleston High  
football game.

Visit to your Atlanta home in preparation  
to graduate school in Chicago, and the un-  
deserved acclaim you gave me as a young scholar.

There are but a few of the many memories,  
most of them happy ones, that come to mind  
when I think of your family. And Uncle Melvin,  
with his warmth, enthusiasm, kindness and gen-  
erality, figures in most of them. This is the  
Uncle Melvin I shall remember.

I was saddened to hear of his passing.  
Lenore joins me in sympathy to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Robert



Cousins in 1916: Robert, Clarice,  
Arthur, Bertha, Billy, Melvin

**Letter from Robert F.  
Furchgott to his cousins  
after the death of their  
father Melvin, Nov 15 1960**



# JACKSONVILLE



*Furchgott's  
Dept. Store,  
Jacksonville,  
Florida, 1949*

# JACKSONVILLE





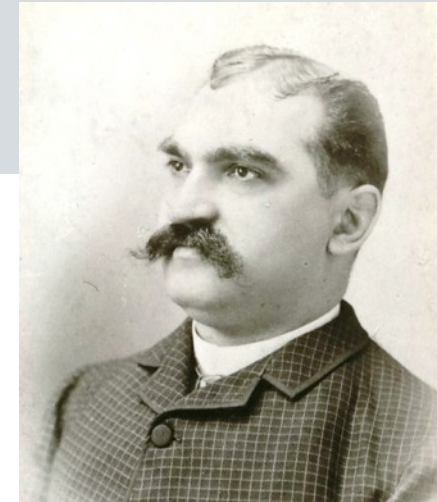
**Birthday Party for L. Furchgott.**

The seventy-fifth birthday of Leopold Furchgott was celebrated with a reception yesterday at the Madison attended by 300 persons and a dinner at which there were fifty of his friends. Mr. Furchgott was the proprietor of a department store in Jacksonville, Fla., until three years ago, when he retired and came to this city to live. Among those at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wertheim and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Krass. Mr. Furchgott told his guests that he attributed what success he had had in business to the fact that he was born under an eclipse and on a Friday, the 13th of the month.

Founder of  
United Cigar Co.  
died 1920?

Rabbi  
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SR - US Amb. to Ottoman Empire  
WWI  
JR - He was Sec. Treas for FDR  
WWII



Leopold Furchgott



Julia Meyerheim  
Furchgott &  
daughter Elsie

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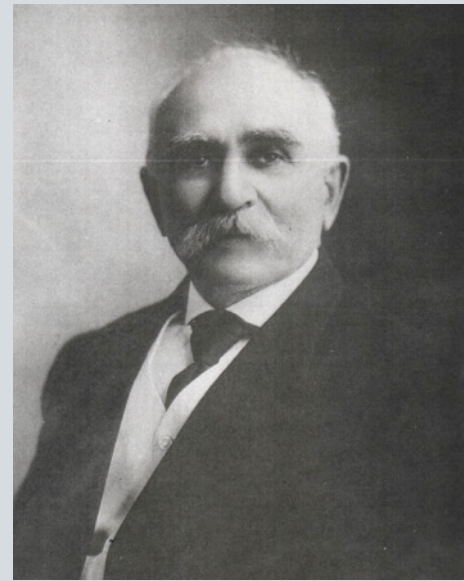
**NY Times article about Leopold Furchgott's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 1927**

# DENVER

## The Denver Alcazar Closed.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 3.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.] — Herman Furchgott, proprietor of the Alcazar, a large retail dry goods house, was closed to-day by the sheriff. On Saturday afternoon the morning papers attached stock for advertising bills aggregating \$1,435, but these claims were promptly met by certified checks. This morning the American National bank, of this city, levied for nearly twenty-one thousand, preceded by two smaller claims aggregating about seven hundred, and these were followed by others, making a total of nearly ninety thousand. The store was filled with customers when the first papers were served, but the officers permitted the sales until all were served, then the doors were locked and the usual placard posted. The proprietor, who is ill, blames the morning papers for their hasty action, and says he could have liquidated all claims as they became due.

J. N. Fillmore & Co., wholesale cigar dealers, assigned to-day. Their indebtedness is about ten thousand five hundred dollars.



Herman Furchgott  
(1841-1912)

## BIG DRYGOODS FAILURE.

The Alcazar Store, of Denver, Attached for About \$65,000.

DENVER, November 3.—The big dry-goods house known as the "Alcazar" passed into the hands of the Sheriff at 10:30 this morning. The first attachment that was filed was taken out by the American National Bank, of this city, and was for \$20,396. This was immediately followed by one in favor of H. B. Claffin, of New York, for \$11,522 55; one of \$28,000 in favor of M. H. Pitzwaller, and one of \$16,272 for Mrs. Martha Furchgott, of Denver. Others amounting to \$14,000 were also filed.

The stock is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$110,000. The proprietor, H. Furchgott, is lying dangerously ill with erysipelas, and he believes the failure could have been averted had he been well.

*November 1890 news articles about the closing of the Alcazar Dry Goods Store in Denver*



# PEORIA



**Family Dry Goods Store in Peoria, Illinois  
205 Warner Street (ca. 1915)**

Albert Adam ("Bela") Furchtgott, wife Julie, daughter Francis Rose ("Frannie") & son Alfred  
(Albert's grandfather Wolf was the brother of Abraham and Moses Furchtgott)

# APPENDIX



South Carolina District.

IN THE Circuit COURT.

April 7, 1870

To the Honorable Judge of said Court:

The petition of Herman Furchgott aged twenty nine years, following the profession or occupation of a Merchant respectfully showeth: That your petitioner was born in Tharbachka in Hungary that he arrived in the United States, to wit, at New York on the 22<sup>d</sup> of April 1863 day of said came to Charleston in 1865 and has ever since resided within the United States

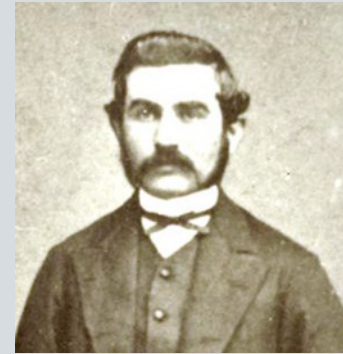
that on the fourth day of June 1867 he declared on oath his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States, and renounce all foreign allegiance, in manner and form, as required by law.

That your petitioner is sincerely attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, of which and the required residence, evidence is contained in the certificate hereto annexed. That he has never borne any hereditary title, or been of any order of nobility whatever.

He therefore prays that the usual oath may be administered to him, and he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

I solemnly swear that the contents of my petition are just & true, that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that I do renounce solemnly all allegiance & fidelity to every foreign Prince potentate, & State whatever, & particularly to the King of Hungary, of whom I was born a subject, and I do further declare that I have never borne any hereditary title or been of any order of nobility whatever.

Herman Furchgott



Herman Furchgott

Herman Furchgott's Petition for U.S. Citizenship, April 7, 1870

United States of America  
State of South Carolina }

Office Clerk of Court of Common Pleas  
and General Sessions for  
Charleston County

I, A. C. Richmond Clerk of the Court of  
Common Pleas and General Sessions in and  
for the County aboves named do hereby certify  
that Max Furchgott on the 14<sup>th</sup> December '6  
1866 filed his declarations of intentions to  
become a citizen of the United States, and took  
the required oath, as appears by the record  
in my office.

Witness my Hand and the  
Seal of the said Court this 23<sup>d</sup> day of April  
1870.

A. C. Richmond  
C. G. J. & C. P.



Max Furchgott

**Max Furchgott's  
Declaration of  
Citizenship,  
Charleston, SC,  
April 23, 1870**



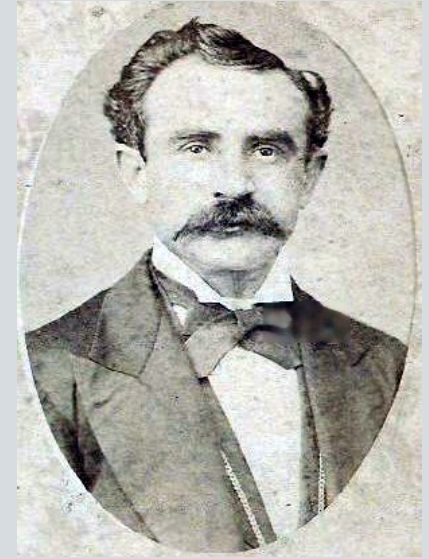
### Herman Furchgott Notes

According to information provided by Bertha Furchgott Salomon, daughter of Herman Furchgott, during his early teenage years (between ages 13-15) Herman Furchgott went to San Francisco to visit a relative. (According to Louis Simon, following the family's flight to Budapest from Sarluska in 1848 during the Hungarian Revolution, Herman, the eldest son, left Budapest to go to America to make money - at the age of 14, in 1855. He sailed to New York and from there went through Panama and up to San Francisco, where he had a cousin or an uncle). A story is related in which a servant came to pick up Herman and told him to ride in the back of a cart. Traveling up the steep hills, Herman fell out of the cart as the servant proceeded to drive on. With only a few coins in his possession, Herman bought an orange and then resold it for enough money to provide lodging for himself for that evening. He eventually was found by his relatives (or according to Louis Simon, the servant realized that Herman was missing and went back to find him). It is assumed that he later went back to Hungary.

According to Louis Simon, Joseph Herzog was living in San Francisco, during this time. He was uncertain if this was the Herzog uncle that Herman was sent to in San Francisco when he was 14. Louis's version of the story is as follows; Herman, having crossed the isthmus of Panama by mulepack proceeded by sailing vessel to San Francisco where he was to be met by his uncle. But the uncle, instead of going to the dock to pick up his nephew, sent a drayman who had a load of mattresses on his wagon. The youngster was placed on top of the load, but was bounced off when the wagon proceeded up a steep hill. But the noise of the wagon traffic on the cobblestone street prevented the drayman from hearing his cries. Herman had only a dollar to his name. Fearing that he might be stranded, he bought 50 cents worth of oranges and peddled them so that he'd have enough money to rent a room for the night. However, his being "missing" was reported to the police and he was restored to his uncle's custody before night fell.

Various sources give different dates for Herman's return to America from Hungary. One source states he left Hungary on February 23, 1861 and went to Jacksonville, Florida. Another source lists that he came to New York City on March 23, 1863. Another source says he emigrated from Hamburg on the ship Germania and arrived at the port of New York on February 24, 1864. It is possible that he was making several trips back and forth between the United States and Hungary. He was joined by his brother Max who arrived in New York in November, 1864 (at age 20). Their youngest brother Leopold emigrated from Hamburg aboard the Germania and arrived in New York City on March 21, 1868 (at age 17).

Herman moved to Charleston, S.C. in 1865. In 1865, Herman and Max Furchgott established a store under the name of Furchgott Brothers, at the corner of King and Calhoun Streets. The 1867 Charleston City Directory lists that the Furchgott Brothers, Herman and Max, owned a Dry Goods store located at 429 King Street. Herman applied for U.S. citizenship on June 4, 1867 and which was granted on April 21, 1870. Further listings in the Charleston City Directory are as follows (compiled by Arthur C.



*Herman Furchgott  
(1841-1912)*

***Research notes on  
Herman Furchgott  
(part 1 of 3)***

Furchgott):

1869-1870 - Leopold Furchgott, clerk in the employ of Furchgott Brothers (Max and Herman) store

at King Street at Calhoun

1874-1875 - Leopold Furchgott, clerk in the employ of Furchgott Brothers (Max and Herman). Same

location. Residences at the Waverly House.

1875-1876 - Leopold Furchgott, became a member of the Firm of Furchgott, Benedict & Co. Store

location at 275 King Street. Max, Herman, and Leopold, partners with Mr. Benedict of Jacksonville.

1877 -1878 - Firm continues with the same title name, Furchgott, Benedict & Co. Same location.

Members of partnership, Max, Herman, and Leopold Furchgott, Mr. C. Benedict, and Mr. Philip Herzog (uncle of the Furchgott's resident of New York City)

Herman resided on Tradd Street, Max at 11 Bull Street.

1878-1879 - Firm continues in the same location, Max and Herman residing in Charleston, while

Leopold moved to Atlanta, GA, where they had purchased a store, to branch out and enlarge their business. They sold out their interest in Atlanta after a short period to the Keely Company. Max resided at the southwest corner of Montegue and Rutledge.

1881 - Herman resides at 12 George Street, Max at 21 Bull Street and Leopold at 21 Rutledge(?)

1886 - New store now located at 259 King Street. Max and Herman remain in Charleston, while Leopold is listed as residing in Jacksonville, Florida. The title of the firm is now Kohn, Furchgott and Benedict. Kohn was a New York City resident who was a silent partner. Charles Benedict was from Jacksonville.

1887 - Store at the corner of King and Hasell streets (and a listing at 333 Broadway, N.Y.) Following the 1886 earthquake in Charleston, the store was sold in 1887 to Cohen and Triest, Charleston Merchants.



*Herman Furchgott  
(1841-1912)*

***Research notes on  
Herman Furchgott  
(part 2 of 3)***



In 1877, Herman married Martha Ritzwoller in Jacksonville, Florida. It was at this time that he changed the spelling of his last name to Furchgott. One source lists that in 1887, Herman moved his family to Delta, Colorado where he purchased a sheep ranch. The family spent winters in Denver, where the family owned a home while the children went to school.

According to Stella Furchgott Simon, Herman opened a store in Denver, Colorado called "The Alcazar" in April, 1889. . It was owned by partners, Herman Furchgott and Alex Rosenthal. Later, Adolph Raffman and Pauline, came to Denver and opened a Crockery and Glass Department in the Alcazar. Later, the Alcazar failed, and Adolph Raffman went to Peoria, Illinois and managed the Rosenau interests. The Rosenthals went to Chicago and Alex took a job with a women's clothing line on the road. This source lists that it was after the Alcazar failed that Herman went to Delta, Colorado and had a large ranch of sheep, cattle, and a fruit orchard. The Cleveland Money Panic took effect, and again he failed.

Herman's son, Mortimer (Mortie) Furchgott, was sent as a very young man to Tampa, Florida to work for his uncle, Leo(pold) Furchgott. This store was a supply store for the Spanish American troops. Mortie had a falling out with Leo Furchgott, locked the store, sent the keys to him, and took the train until his money ran out at St. Louis, Missouri.

Herman and his family moved to St. Louis, and then later to Chicago, Illinois, where he died in 1912..

Herman emigrated from Hamburg ex ship "Gernabia". Arrived at the port of New York on 24 February, 1864. Changed spelling of surname from Fuerchtgott to Furchgott in 1877.



*Herman Furchgott  
(1841-1912)*

***Research notes on  
Herman Furchgott  
(part 3 of 3)***

## (Transcription)

MAX FURCHGOTT PASSES AWAY  
Prominent Merchant Dies at Venerable Age  
Widely Mourned

The funeral services of Mr. Max Furchgott, who died Saturday night (June 4, 1921) at Baker Sanatorium after an extended illness will take place this afternoon at the Hasell Street synagogue at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. J. S. Raisin officiating. The interment will be at the KKBE Huguenin Avenue cemetery.

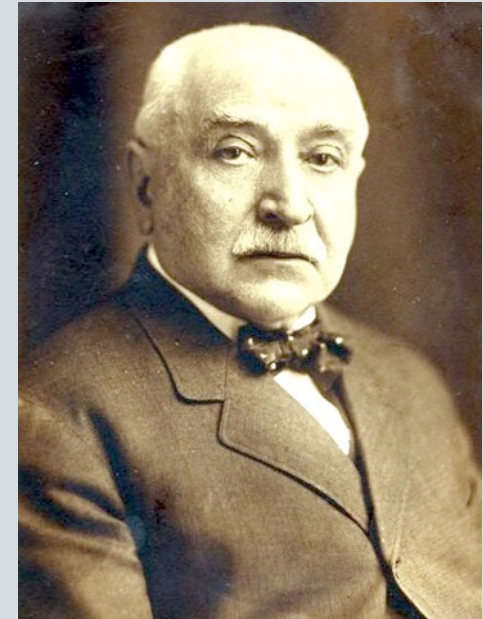
The death of Mr. Furchgott, who was one of the leading merchants of the south and one of Charleston's most prominent and best-loved citizens has caused deep sorrow among a wide circle of friends by whom he has held in affectionate esteem and who will long mourn his passing away. Three sons and two daughters survive him, Arthur, Melvin, and Oscar Furchgott of this city, and Mrs. H.S. Benjamin of Atlanta, and Mrs. W.H. Rosenfeld of New York. A brother, Leopold Furchgott of Baltimore and other relatives survive him.

For many years, Mr. Furchgott had been a prominent figure in local business circles, and he was foremost among the city's progressive retail merchants. Born in Nitra, Hungary, on August 12, 1844, he came while a youth to America, and after a few years moved to this state, establishing a store in Charleston with Herman F. Furchgott, under the name of Furchgott Brothers, at a corner of King and Calhoun Streets in 1865. From the start this business was successful, and the present noted mercantile establishment of M. Furchgott & Sons of which the deceased was the head is the outgrowth of the original start that Mr. Furchgott made here in business.

The remarkable success attained by Mr. Furchgott in his business was due to his keen knowledge of merchandise, his general understanding of the underlying principles of retail business, to his faith in Charleston, and to the high plane on which his enterprises were conducted, as well as the genial and warm personality that drew so many friends to him. He was well loved by the younger people as well as by the older.

Mr. Furchgott's energies were not all directed solely to his business. He was active in civic affairs, in Jewish affairs and in Masonic circles. In many ways he showed that he was truly a public-spirited citizen. During the yellow fever epidemic here, and during the distress by earthquake, he rendered valuable service in the relief work which went on for this community. He was always interested in projects which had as their objects the good of Charleston. He was at one time the President of KKBE Congregation, and was a member of the Dan Lodge No. 593, O.H.B. He was a member of La Candeur Lodge no.36 A.F.M. of Delta Lodge of Perfection no.1 and of Business Chapter no. 1, Rose-Croix, A.S.R.

Until a few months ago, Mr. Furchgott continued to be active in business in spite of advanced age. However, his health became impaired and it was necessary to take treatment at Baker Sanatorium. In respect to his memory, a number of retail stores will close for one hour during his funeral.



Max Furchgott  
(1844-1921)

**Max Furchgott's  
Obituary,  
Charleston, SC  
June 4, 1921**