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SS-04-5.2.3 The Old General Store

The early settlers to Kentucky set up general stores to make goods available to families.

Ervin Houchens set up a grocery store in 1917 to make goods available to families in the area.



Houchens First Store opened 1917, measured 12 ft. X 20 ft.



Houchens Grocery store of today-about 20,000 sq. ft.

As you can see the early store was very different to stores of today. What are some differences in the two stores? Think about size, products sold, technology, methods of payment, etc. Choose two of the following:

- **Write about how the old and new stores are different.**
- **What types of technology of today help to increase availability of goods.**
- **Write a letter to a shopper at the first Houchens store explaining credit cards, debit cards, etc.**
- **Stores in earlier times would let you buy things now and pay for them later. Is this different from now? Explain your answer.**