

59 Church Street Research Materials in HCF's Archives

1. Property File:

- National Register Nomination Form (1970)
- Report by Brittany Lavelle for MLS (2014) with MLS text, property timeline, and house history (illustrated, with citations)
- Various “house histories” (FOHG) that include with room-by-room furnishings (most undated, one dated 2014 that includes garden history)
- 2008 garden history (FOHG)
- Excerpt from *An Architectural Guide to Charleston*
- Excerpt from *Vernacular Architecture of Charleston and the Lowcountry*
- House history by Jon Poston
- Summary of 2/10/1975 DYKYC article
- Document entitled “Data Concerning the House at 59 Church Street” (looks like research notes from various sources). Includes sections entitled “HCF notes on 59 Church Street” and “Notes on Tom Savage.” Unattributed, undated.
- Three documents entitled “Record of Ownership of the House at 59 Church Street”: (1) from the records of the Office of Mesne Conveyance, (2) from the Will of Thomas Elliott, and (3) very brief description. Unattributed, undated.
- News articles: “Thomas Rose House One of Most Unspoiled” (DYKYC) by Robert Stockton (presumably 1975), “Center of Romantic Duel” by Jack Leland (date not indicated), “Brilliant Young Charlestonian Lost Life Defending Mysterious Actress’ Repute (re: death of Joseph Brown Ladd, *News & Courier*, 1942)
- Letter from Stephen Whitman with document containing reminiscences of Thomas Whitman (owner of 59 Church, 1929-1942)
- Letter from David Shields [Citadel professor] to Cathy Forrester (1989) about Thomas Rose letters he found in Belfast, including copies of 2 letters and transcriptions. Shields notes that he gave other “less interesting” Rose letters to SCHS).
- Inventory of Benjamin Savage
- Will of Martha Savage
- Correspondence from Ben Scott Whaley related to Church Street Historic Foundation (March-April, 1977)

2. Architectural Drawings

- Measured Floor Plan, First Floor (Colonial Williamsburg)
- Floor plan: pencil sketch with notes identifying construction periods. (Unattributed and undated, but presumably the sketch for the final version of the first floor plan.
- Glenn Keyes drawings (2009): site plan; first floor plan; existing first, second, and attic floor plans; second and attic floor plans; pre-1929 and existing front elevations [street facades]; altered north and south elevations. NOTE: base drawings by Simons & Lapham.

3. Photographs

- Several photographs, both exterior and interior, various dates. Includes photos by newspaper staff, H.P. Staats, Louse Schwartz, and Samuel Chamberlain.

4. Books

There are references to 59 Church Street in the following books (and maybe others):

- *The Buildings of Charleston*
- Tour Guide Manuals (1975, 1984, 2011)
- *A Guide to Early American Homes* (Dorothy & Richard Pratt, 1956)
- *An Architectural Guide to Charleston, South Carolina, 1700-1900* (Albert Simons & W.H. Thomas Johnson, 1971?) (NOTE: excerpt in property file)
- *60 Famous Houses of Charleston, South Carolina* and *62 Famous Houses of Charleston, South Carolina* (Jack Leland, 1985 & 1986) (NOTE: may be same article in both books)
- *The Dwellings of Colonial America* (Thomas Tileston Waterman, 1950)
- *An American Heritage Guide: Historic Houses of America* (1971)
- *The Doors and Gates of Charleston* (Joseph F. Thompson, 1991)
- *The Vernacular Architecture of Charleston and the Lowcountry, 1670-1990: A Field Guide* (1994) (NOTE: excerpt in property file)

5. Newspaper & Magazine Articles

- “An American Treasury: Historic Charleston” by Mary Evans (*American Home*, 1972)
- “Focus on Historic Houses” (*News & Courier*, 1979)
- “Do You Know Your Charleston?” captioned photograph by Peck [no article], ca. 1940s? (from scrapbook 2008.005.12)
- “One of Historic Houses on Today’s Tours (Samuel Gaillard Stoney, *News & Courier*, ca. 1940s? (from scrapbook 2008.005.12)
- Miscellaneous articles in HCF newsclipping scrapbooks 1949-1952 and 1959-1962

6. Historic American Landscape Survey (a/k/a Briggs Garden Survey) and supporting documentation

- Survey form
- “Notes on House and Garden” listing plants in front parking court and rear court
- Excerpt from *The Private Gardens of Charleston*
- Excerpt from *Charleston Gardens*
- Landscape plan and description by Hugh Dargan Associates (undated)
- Garden notes and sketches by Ruth Ann Prevost
- Landscape plan sketches by Clemson Landscape Architecture students (undated)
- Several photos (photocopies of color slides)
- See also, FOHG garden histories in property file

7. Festival of Homes

- See FOH materials from 1948-1957 on the Lowcountry Digital Library

8. **Miscellaneous**

- 1886 earthquake damage assessment
- Hurricane Hugo damage assessment