

Form 10-108a  
Rev. 12/90UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICEOMB Approved  
No. 1024-0099HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Name of Property: White-Williman House

Address of Property: Street 25 Legare Street

City Charleston

County Charleston

State SC

Zip 29401

Name of historic district: Charleston Historic District

 National Register district certified state or local district potential districtMAR 28 2004 *AM 3/24/04*

2. Check nature of request:

- certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district (or National Register property) for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- certification that the structure or building, and where appropriate, the land area on which such structure or building is located, contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes
- certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named historic district.
- preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Sarah Fick

Street Post Office Box 526

City Charleston

State SC

Zip 29402

Daytime Telephone Number 543-723-4675

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Christopher T. and Christine C. Landers

Signature *X Christopher C. Landers*Date *3/22/2004*Organization *AT&T*Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number *XXXXXXXXXX*

Street 25 Legare Street

City Charleston

State SC

Zip 29401

Daytime Telephone Number *723-0221 h#*

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district (or National Register property) and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 80.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district, but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

4/14/04

*Antonio Aguilar*

HPS/TPS

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No.

202-354-2032

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION -**

**White-Williman House**

Property Name

26 Legare Street, Charleston SC 29401

**PART 1**

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Project Number:

Property Address

**5. Description of physical appearance:**

#25 Legare Street is a two-and-a-half story stuccoed masonry townhouse with a long two-story rear wing, and a modern garage apartment. Originally built ca. 1840, the house was remodeled after the 1886 earthquake, which toppled its double porticos. The present facade, with its two-story bay window, dates to the period after the earthquake. A ca. 1930 masonry hyphen connects the two-story rear kitchen house, and a modern garage apartment is attached at right angles to the kitchen house.

The Legare Street facade is in three sections, the outer bays with upper-level french doors opening to small balconies flanking a two-story polygonal projection. At the front gable end is a double multi-light casement window. The principal entry, with a narrow transom, is at the north bay.

The two-story rear wing steps back from the plane of the front section at the south side. An arcaded one-story porch with an open roof deck extends along this elevation. The rear of the south elevation is obscured by the trees and shrubs which provide privacy from the alleyway leading to the property directly behind 25 Legare Street.

The interior of 25 Legare Street retains a mix of historic fabric from several eras of construction and remodeling. At the north side is the long entry hall, with the stair rising from back to front along the north wall. A single parlor occupies the front wing and opens to the ground-level porch. Behind (west of) the parlor, the dining room retains lath and plaster from the earlier period of construction.

At the second floor, too, the front section is occupied by a single large reception or drawing room, which opens to the upper deck of the porch. Early fabric remains at the rear wing, notably wood mantelpieces, deep baseboards, and heart-pine flooring.

The kitchen house and rear wing have been used as a separate apartment since the early twentieth century. The ground floor rear was converted into an automobile garage, then renovated again as laundry and storage for the main residence. Two small apartments are placed in the rear of the historic kitchen house and its modern addition.

Date of Construction: ca. 1840

Source of Date: Poston, The Buildings of Charleston

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1886

Has building been moved?  yes  no If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Statement of significance:**

#25 Legare Street is a good example of a mid-nineteenth century masonry townhouse with late-nineteenth century alterations. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and contributes to the significance of the Charleston Old and Historic District.

#25 Legare Street was rated as Category 4: Contributory in the 1973 Feiss-Wright Inventory of Charleston. Category 4 is described as "Buildings of architectural value without which the character of those buildings rated in Groups 1-3 would be lessened. To be preserved and retained."

**Historical information**

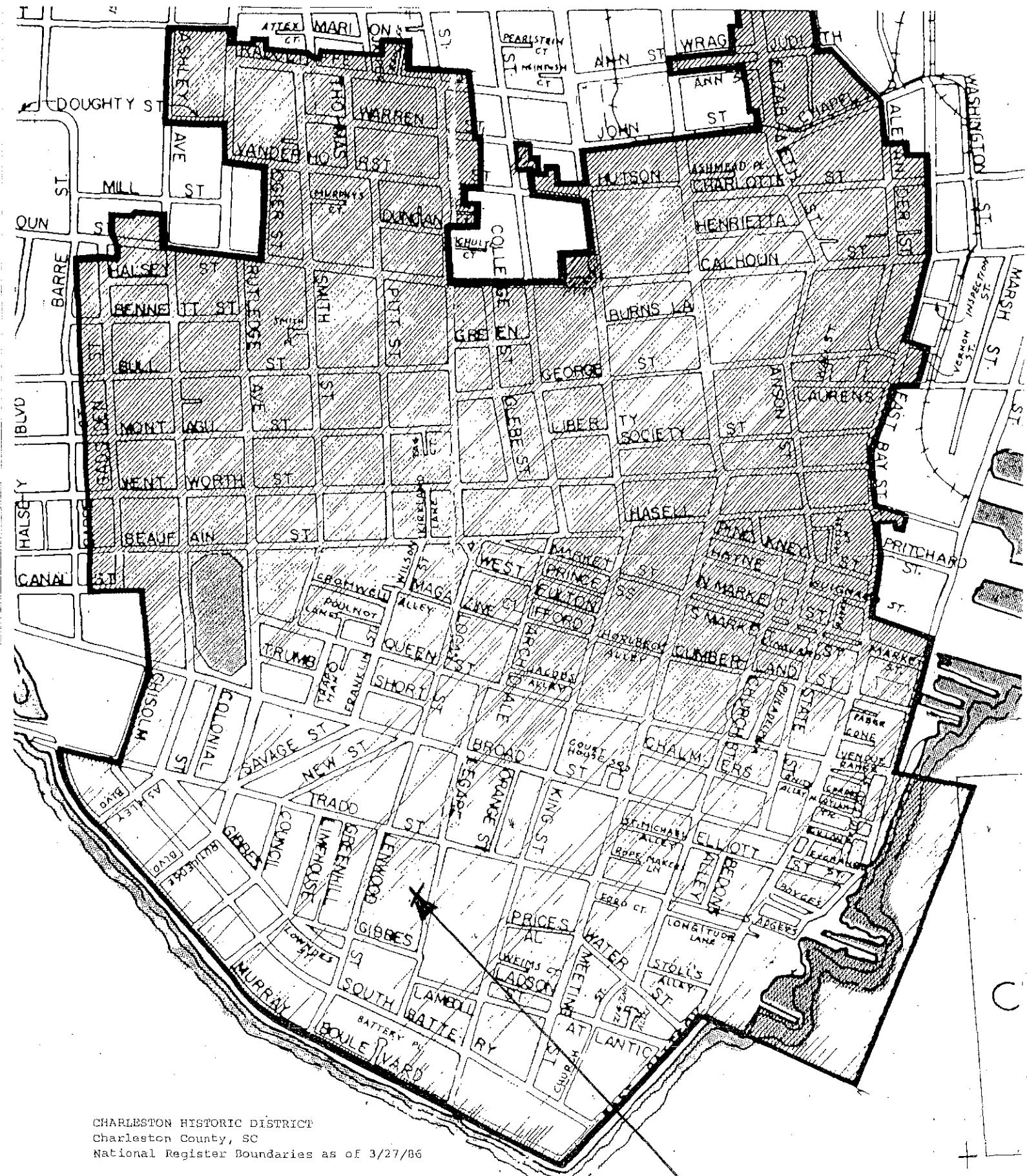
The brick residence at #25 Legare Street was built by John B. White sometime after his purchase of this lot in 1838. J. B. White, professor of mathematics at the Citadel, resided here until his death ca. 1859. In 1871 the property was sold at auction to William C. Courtney, as executor of George Herbert Sass, for \$2750. The Sass estate held the property for the benefit of his children until 1883, when Courtney conveyed it to Henrietta C. Williman for \$2500. Only three years later the building was heavily damaged by the 1886 earthquake, and rebuilt to its present appearance.

Mrs. Williman owned the property at her death in 1909, and her estate held it for another decade. It was later conveyed, in 1927, by Theda W. Huguenin to Jessica Keane Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frost were well-regarded part-time residents of Charleston. Upon their sale of the property in 1942, the News and Courier commented favorably upon the house, "beautifully furnished during their occupancy, for the most part with furniture from Italy."

**7. Photographs and maps.**

Attach photographs and maps to application

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no

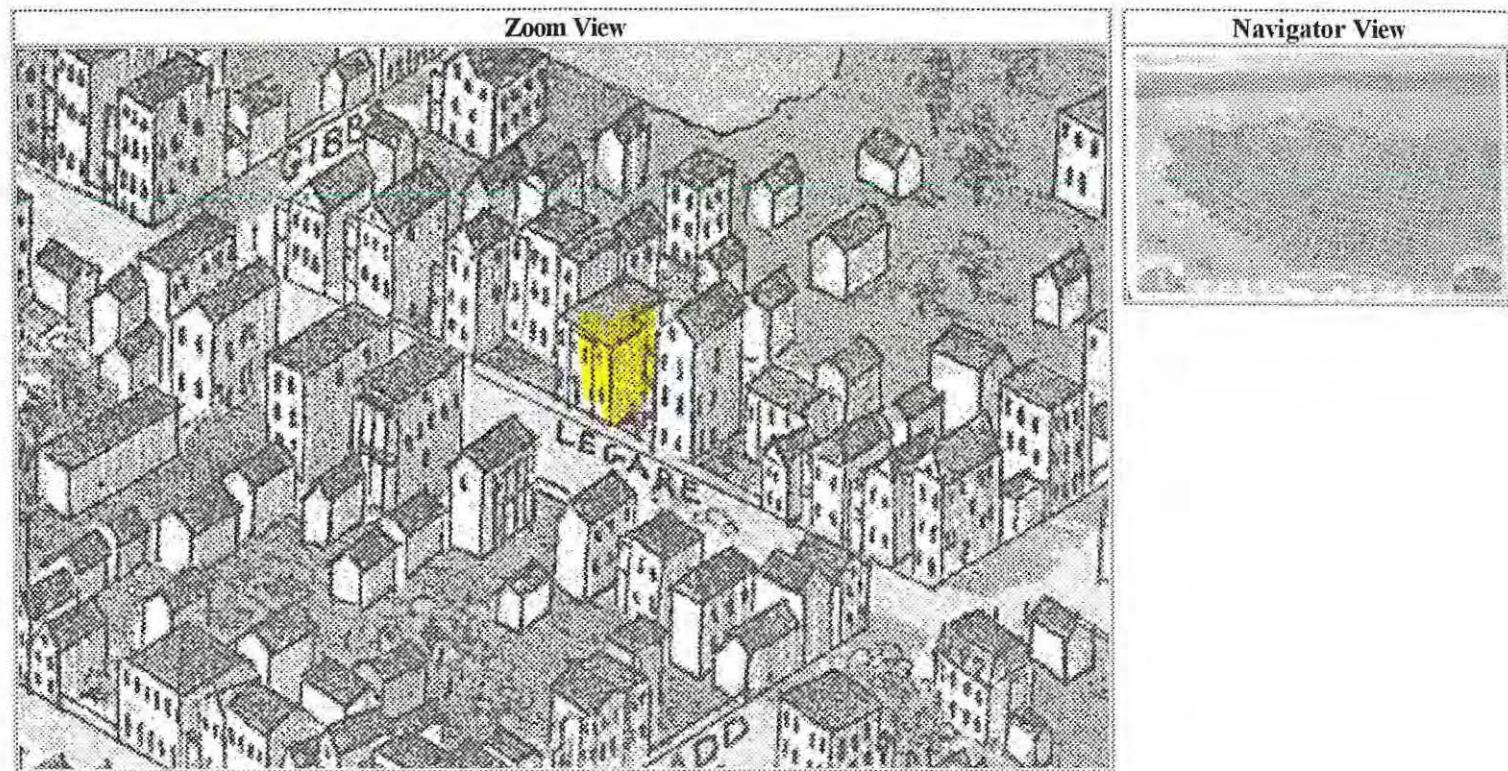


CHARLESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Charleston County, SC  
National Register Boundaries as of 3/27/86

25 Legare Street

## Bird's eye view of the city of Charleston, South Carolina 1872.

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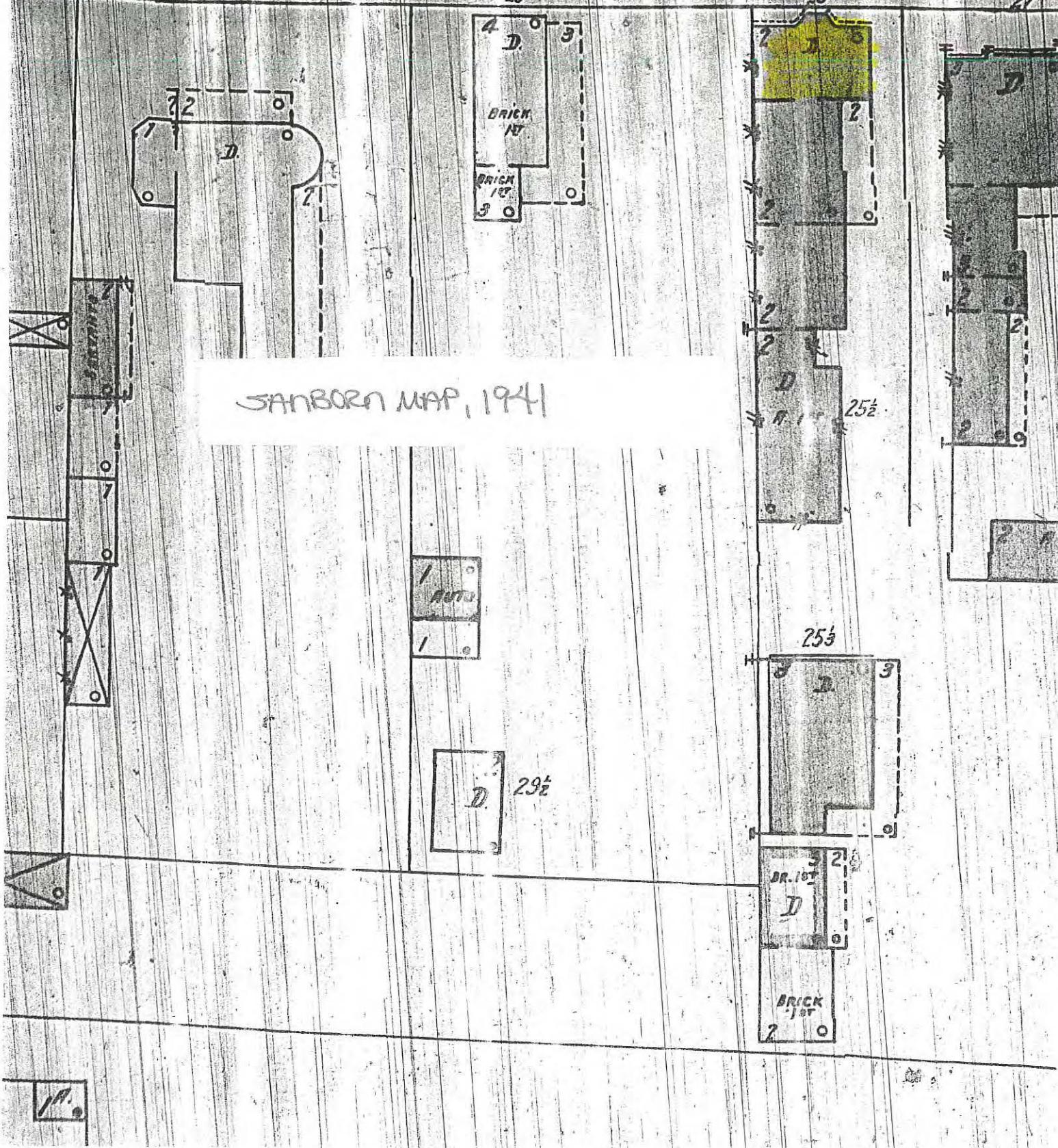
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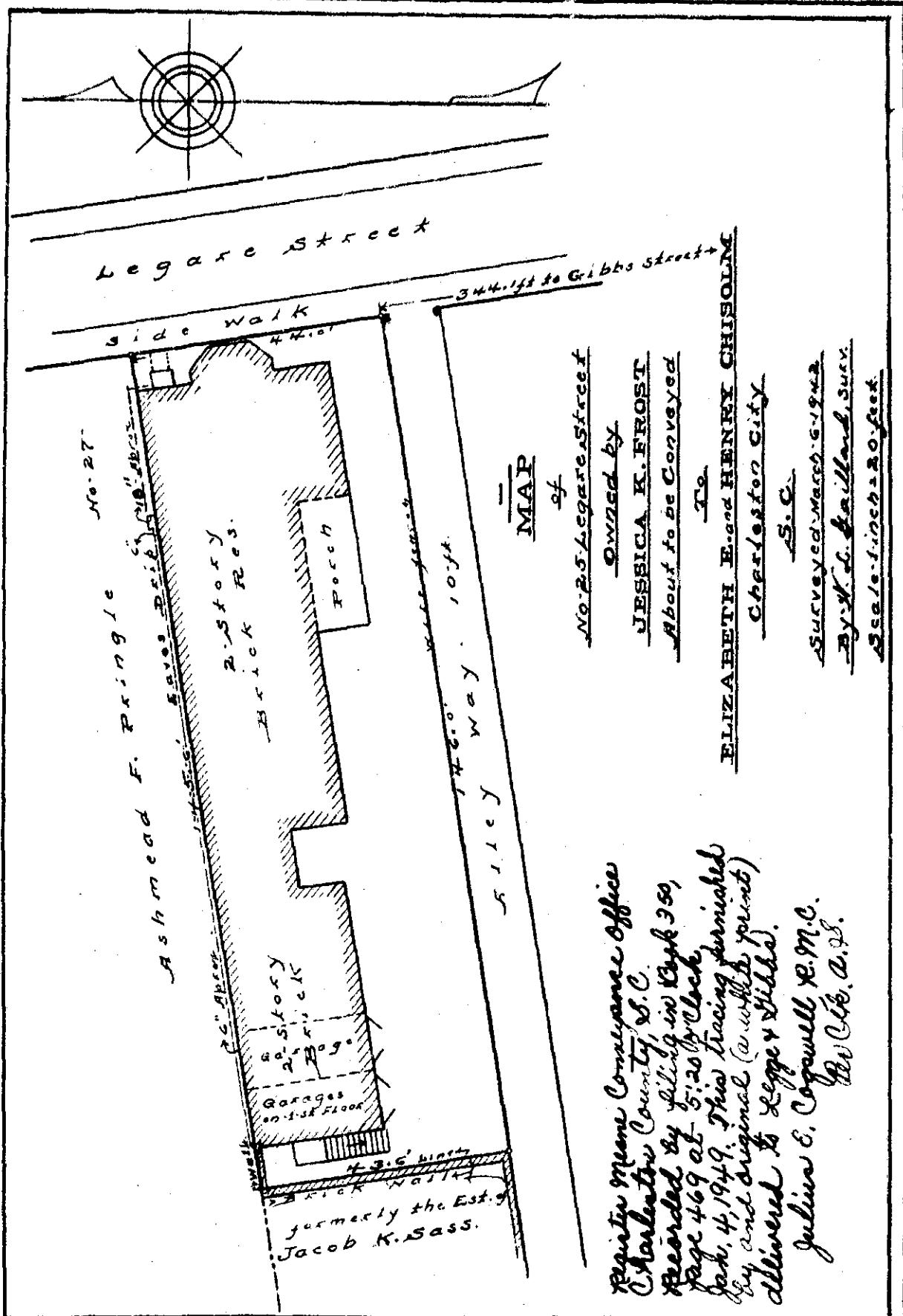
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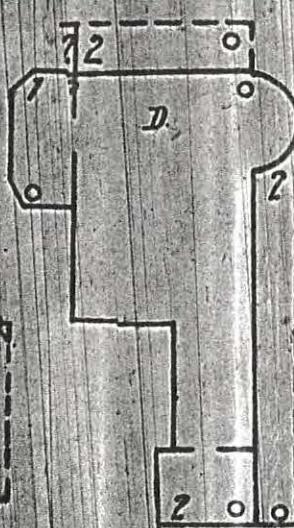
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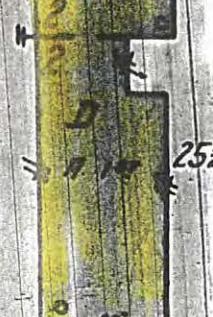
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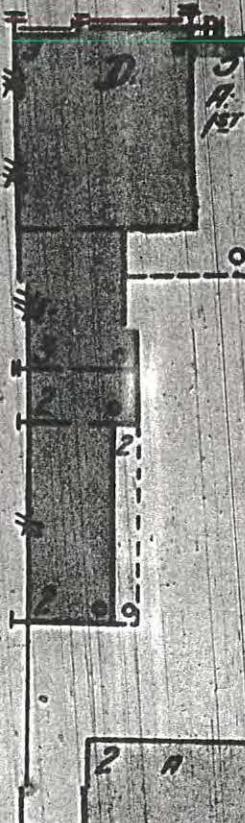
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Lots measure 19 feet each, on Clifford-street, by 90  
feet deep.

Terms—One-third cash; balance in one and two  
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House Legare-street, at Auction.

BY LOWNDES & GRIMBALL

Will be sold, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at the  
Old Postoflice, at 11 o'clock.

That TWOSTORY BRICK RESIDENCE, on the West  
side of Legare-street known as No. 21.

Lot measures 145 feet deep, 44 feet on Legare-street,  
43 feet and 11 inches on back line.

Terms—one third cash; balance in one and two  
years, secured by bond and mortgage of the property,  
with interest at the rate of 7 per cent. a year.

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The Mills House at Auction.

BY LOWNDES & GRIMBALL.

Will be sold on THURSDAY, 9th February next, at the  
Old Postoflice, at 11 o'clock,

That desirable HOTEL, situated at the corner of  
Queen and Meeting-streets, and known as the MILLS  
HOUSE. The house contains about 160 Chambers,  
besides Parlors, Ladies' Ordinary, Barber Shop, Bath  
Rooms. Water Closets, Laundry, Steam Engine and  
Boiler for driving machinery and pumps and for heat-  
ing the house, and all the conveniences of a first class  
modern hotel. Also, fine Cellars and large Cisterns.  
The building is very substantial and the interior finely  
finished. The location is the most desirable in the  
city and the house has always been a favorite one.  
The property is now under lease till 1st November,  
1873, at \$10,000 per annum, payable monthly. The  
lot measures 80 feet more or less, on Meeting-street,  
by — feet on Queen-street, and 117 feet on West line.  
This gives ample yard room for all purposes of the  
hotel and for extending the building if desired.

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Valuable Vacant Lot of Land West Side of King-  
street.

BY Z. B. OAKES.

25 Legare  
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ca. 1840, built by John B. White, after his 1838 purchase of the lot. Originally with paired two-story porticos. (Poston, *Buildings*, p. 248)

1852-56 Ward Book. 21 legare, 2-story brick, J. B. White  
1859 CD: J. B. White, math professor, Citadel Academy, home 21 legare

1859-61 Ward Book. Est. J. B. White Abbott H. Brisbane/ Mrs. Brisbane

1861 census Abbott H. Brisbane owner/occupant

1/19/1871 auction. Martin L. Wiklkins, special referee, to William C. Courtney, executor of George Herbert Sass, at auction, \$2750. [Ad: twostory brick residence on the west side of Legare Street known as No. 21. Lot measures 145' deep, 44' on Legare Street, 43'11" on the back line.]

2/1871 Octavius A. and Thomas G. White, with Allston O'N Gourdin and Anna R. Gourdin, both minors <14, petition for confirmation of sale.  
Lot with buildings, known as No. 21, B&B north on Rev. Paul T. Gervais, south by private alley now belonging to Est. J. K. Sass, west by lands of Est. J. K. Sass (X15:127).

2/1883 William C. Courtney, executor of George Herbert Sass; Mary E. Sass and Jane D. Sass, to Henrietta C. Williman, \$2500. Conveyed "in trust in accordance with Sass' deed and his will, leaving all his estate to his 3 children George H., Mary E., and Jane D. Sass (V18:668)

1884 City engineer's block plat does not include the west side of Legare

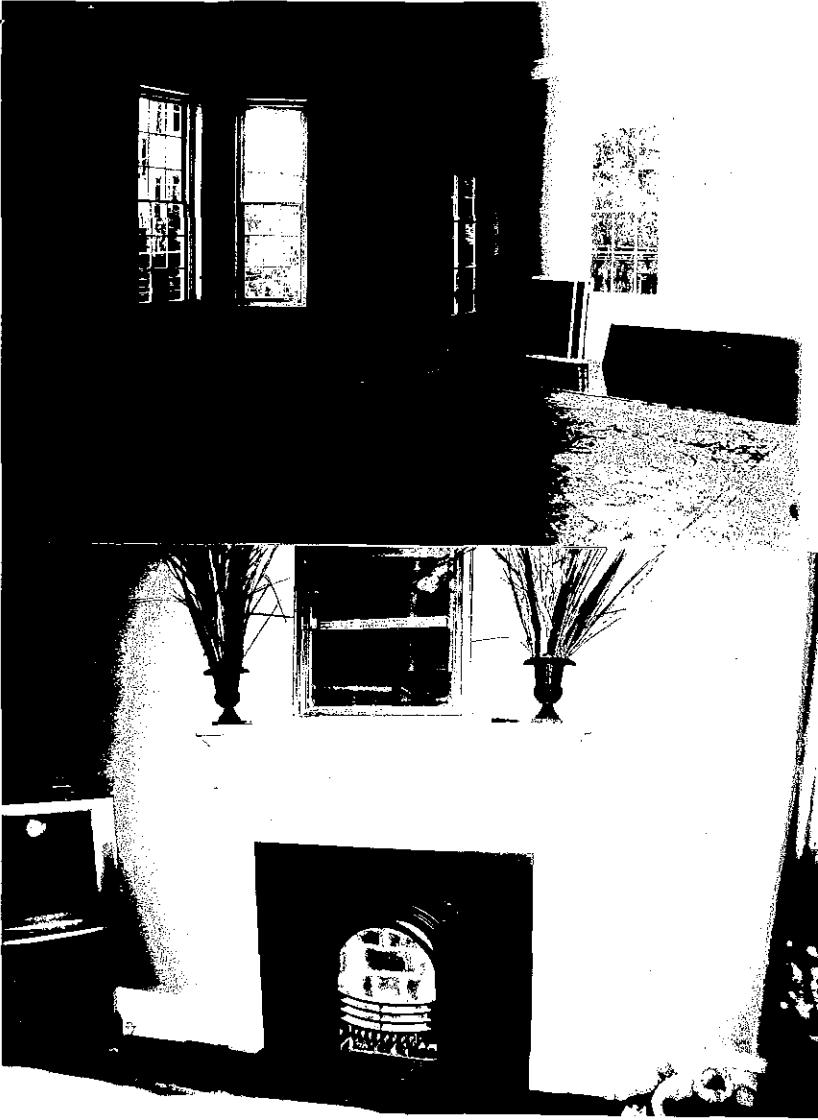
1920 Arthur M. Huger, executor of Henrietta C. Williman (d. 9/1909), and Susan C. and Cleland Williman, her children, to Theda W. Huguenin (P29:210)

1927 Theda W. Huguenin to Jessica Keane Frost, \$11,000 + assumption of mortgage (N34:237) Edwin I. Frost; "made many changes, bringing Italian architecture to play its influence wherever possible." (N&C 1942)

1942 Jessica Keane Frost to Elizabeth B. Chisolm and Henry Chisolm (F43:813). \$18000 (N&C 1942)

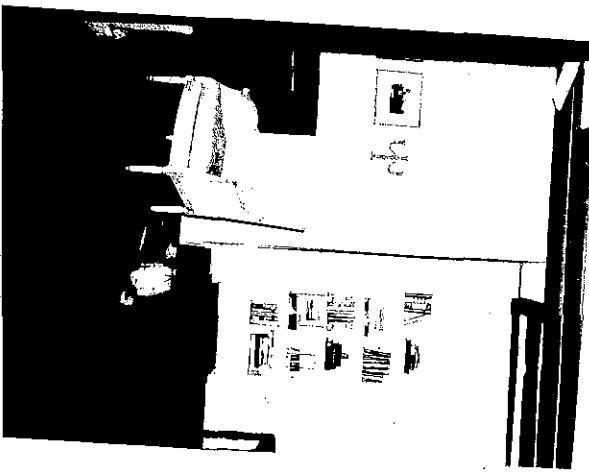
1949 Elizabeth Chisolm, widow of Henry (d. 1944) to J. Walker Coleman, \$30,000 (F50:469)

2003: 145' deep, 44' on Legare Street, 43'11" on west line, B&B north on lands formerly of Rev. Paul T. Gervais, now of Julie P. Welch; south by a private alleyway of 10' in the clear, belonging formerly to the Est. Jacob K. Sass, now of H. R. Pratt-Thomas, west by lands formerly of the Est. Jacob K. Sass, now of H. R. Pratt-Thomas (H460:684).



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Second floor reception room, facing southeast.



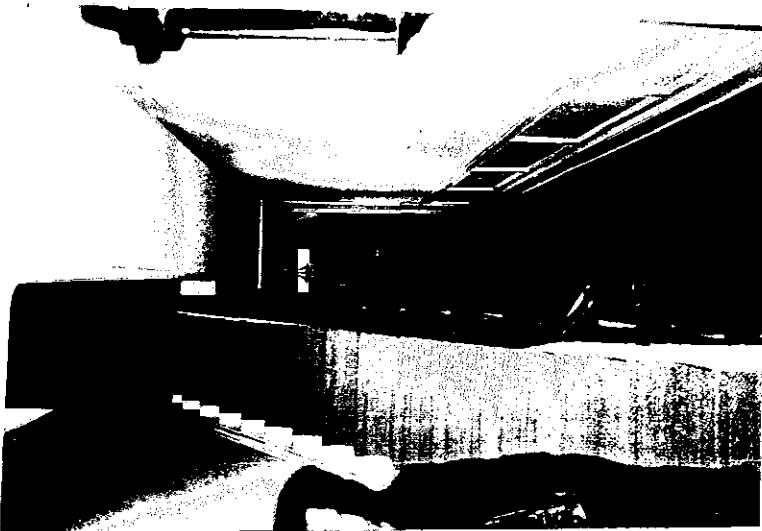
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Apartment at rear wing, ground floor. Facing east.



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Garage apartment built into historic kitchen house, facing north.



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Entry and stair hall. Facing east along north wall.



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First floor front parlor, facing southwest.



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Dining room, view facing east.



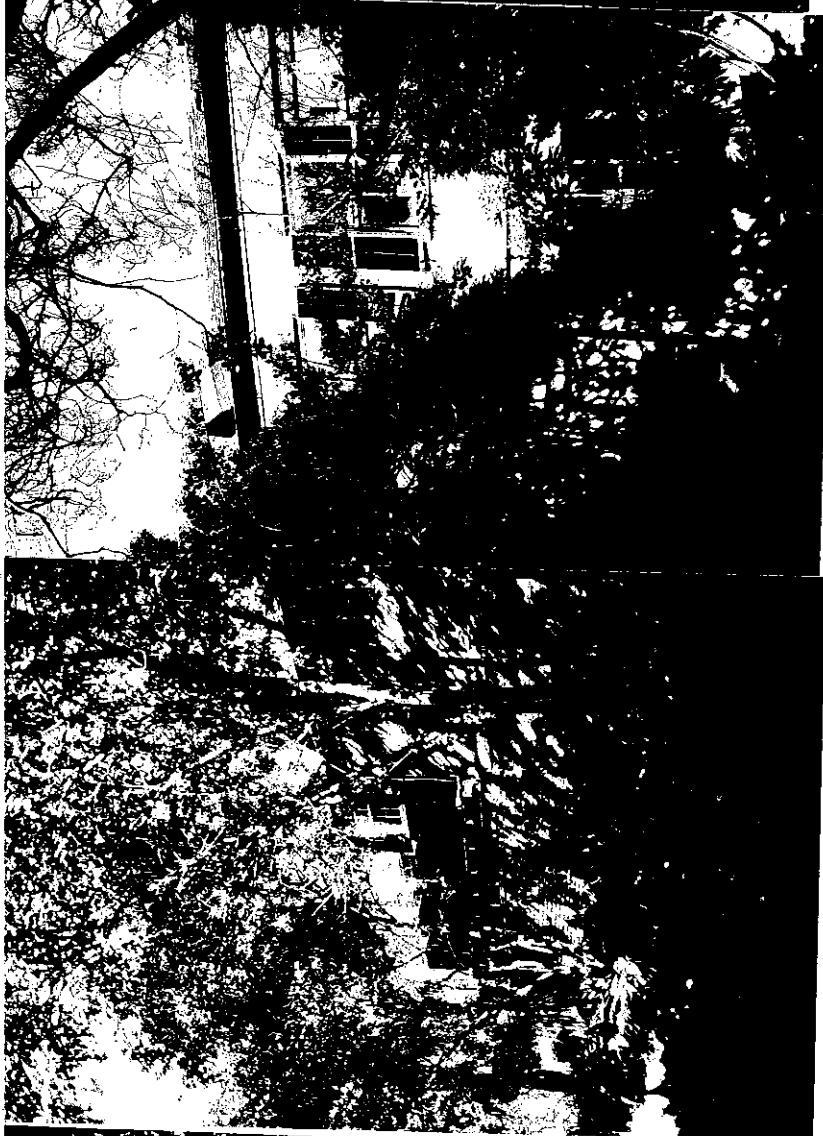
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Main house kitchen, facing northwest.



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Porch detail.



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Upper level, two-story wing.



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West elevation, kitchen house and garage apartment.

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Modern garage apartment, east elevation.



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Facing northwest along Legare Street.



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### East facade.



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Facing east. Two-story wing and south porch.