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1754

(John McCall to Benjamin d'Harriette) mortgage of 2 houses: one is now #5 Tradd; the other is the house at #19 Tradd, described as "part of Lot #73 with a brick messuage . . . Bounding east on land of late of [Rev. Wm.] Guy, now of Warham." #17 Tradd is on 1788/1790 map of Charleston. There are no transactions into or out of Warham on this block until after the death of Charles Warham, Jr. about 1798. The Will of Charles Warham, Jr. identifies this as the same house. There is no record of a sale of Lot #17 by Rev. Wm. Guy; therefore he may have died "seized and possessed of it.", and his heirs sold it to Warham.

Mrs. Theodora Gregorie Warren has it on long family tradition that #17 Tradd was built by her ancestor, Charles Warham. She is descended from only the first Charles Warham (born London 1701 - died Charleston 1770), through his daughter Ann (1748 - 1829) the wife of Anthony Bonneau Toomer.

Since the first Charles Warham owns this house by 1754,

and it was "late of Rev. Wm. Guy.", he probably acquired the lot after Rev. Wm. Guy's death in 1750. If he built it, it must date after 1750 and before 1754.

Fires occurred in 1740 and 1778 in the area.

This house must have escaped the fire of 1778 without heavy damage:

1. Warham - Toomer - Gregorie tradition ascribes it to Charles Warham I, who died in 1770.
2. Surviving features of the building denote 1750, and probably not 1780 (window seats, etc.)
3. House at #19, dating from about 1741, appears to have very little early work after that period - none of the 1780's

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