

## 72 Anson Street

In 1755 the land which is currently bounded to the east by the Cooper River, bounded to the west by Anson Street, bounded to the north by Laurens Street, and bounded to the south by Society Street belonged to Henry Laurens, the first president of the Continental Congress. Laurens built a house overlooking the marshes of the Cooper in 1763. Henry Laurens the younger divided the land up into 23 lots and began to sell these lots to interested buyers in 1804. The area described above became known as Laurens Square. If you look at plat 528 which is dated 1804, you can see that the property currently known as 72 Anson rests actually on four lots of the land in plat 528. The house itself is on the southernmost part of lots 14 and 15, and the garden of 72 Anson rests on the northernmost part of lots 16 and 17. We can trace these separate lots up to the point at which they converged.

Lots 14 and 15 were sold the twentieth day of December in 1804 to a man named Jacint Laval. ( deed book N7 page 368 ) The dimensions of these lots are listed on plat 528. Laval sold the same lots to John Hauck who divided lots fourteen and fifteen up into smaller lots. One of these lots was sold to William Miller, trustee to Mary Miller. The lot measured one hundred and three ( 103 ) feet by forty three and five eighths (  $43 \frac{5}{8}$  ) feet by one hundred and five ( 105 ) feet by fifty one and five eighths (  $51 \frac{5}{8}$  ) feet. Hauck apparently had built a wooden house two and one half stories tall on this lot because the house was mentioned in the deed, and a plat of the house was included also. He also had a stable and a kitchen. ( see plat from deed D9 page 291 ). William Miller's heirs owned the land up until 1846.

In 1837 Charles Miller managed to buy the lot of land directly south of the lot he already owned. When Charles purchased this lot from George B Locke, it measured 33 feet by 100 feet more or less. ( see deed Z 10 page 231 ) George Locke got the land from Isabella Locke in 1837. Cassimer Patrick and William Miller had sold the land to Isabella Locke in 1827. Here there is a gap in the chain. It picks back up in 1822 when Francis Labordes bought the land from Elizabeth Conover. Conover had bought it in 1820 from the Planters and Mechanics Bank. The Bank received it from J Sadford Barker who was the first man to buy the land from Henry Laurens in 1804.

Phillip Neyle, a trustee for Charles Miller, conveyed both lots of land to Elizabeth Kohne in 1846. ( see deed Y 11 page 107 ) Apparently the wooden house on the larger lot had burned down in the fire of 1838. However from then on the two lots remained together, and it is probable that Elizabeth Kohne had the current house built.

In 1959 when the Historic Charleston Foundation purchased 72 Anson Street they also purchased the lot to the south of 72 Anson. This lot was sold by Augustine Smythe with houses thereon. ( see deed book M 68 page 66 ) HCF then sold all three lots of land to Mrs. Amelia Walker. Please see title search enclosed.

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lessor</u>	<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Dead</u>
1.	7/8/69	Amalia S Walker	Rodney Williams	X92 51
2.	1/2/62	HCF	Amalia S Walker	Z74 119
3.	7/17/59	Augustine Smythe	HCF	M68 66
3.	7/17/59	Nathaniel Barnwell	HCF	M68 54
4.	5/12/59	Julia Leslie	Nathaniel Barnwell	G68 346
5.	5/12/59	Charles C Leslie	Julia Leslie	G68 346
		( Charles died and left it to Julia )		
6.	5/5/04	Anna C Neufville	Charles C Leslie	N24 125
7.	1/17/60	Benj K Neufville	Harriet E Neufville	L14 173
8.		Elizabeth Kohne	Benj K Neufville	L14 173
9.	6/5/46	Phillip A Neyle	Elizabeth Kohne	Y11 107
10.	10/2/37	George B Locke	Charles E Miller	Z10 231
11.	/ /35	Charles E Miller	Phillip A Neyle	M10 193
12.		Mary Miller	Charles E Miller	M10 193
		( Mary died and left it to Charles )		
13.	8/23/19	John Hauck	Wm H Miller	D9 291
14.	4/9/05	Jacint Laval	John Hauck	O7 397
15.	12/20/04	Henry Laurens	Jacint Laval	N7 368
16.	12/20/04	Henry Laurens	Jacint Laval	N7 367

1/2 inch = 8 feet  
1/8 inch = 2 feet

72 Anson Street 1819

Garden of 72 Anson 1837

Driveway/ Garden  
1959

