

72 ANSON STREET

Constructed 1846

This large, three story brick dwelling occupies two lots acquired for \$2,000 in 1846 by Eliza Kohne, a wealthy widow who owned property in Charleston and Philadelphia. Construction apparently began soon thereafter. Mrs. Kohne conveyed her house and lot on Anson Street "by will to her nephew Benjamin S. Neuville, a merchant, in 1852." Neuville is listed as a resident of Anson Street in the city directory for 1849.

Set back slightly from Anson Street, the house retains an entrance in its three-bay gable end which provides direct access to the front commercial chamber. Framed by Doric columns, entrances like this one were generally removed when dwellings surrendered their commercial functions and access to the house was routed through a side entrance through the piazza. The plan of this dwelling is typical of Charleston single houses as is the relationship of the house to its rear service ell and kitchenquarter.

The house was rehabilitated in the 1960s as part of Historic Charleston Foundation's Ansonborough Project.



Photograph of 72 Anson, c. 1965, before Foundation purchase and rehabilitation, HCF



Interior, before rehabilitation, showing double parlors damaged in 1950s fire, HCF