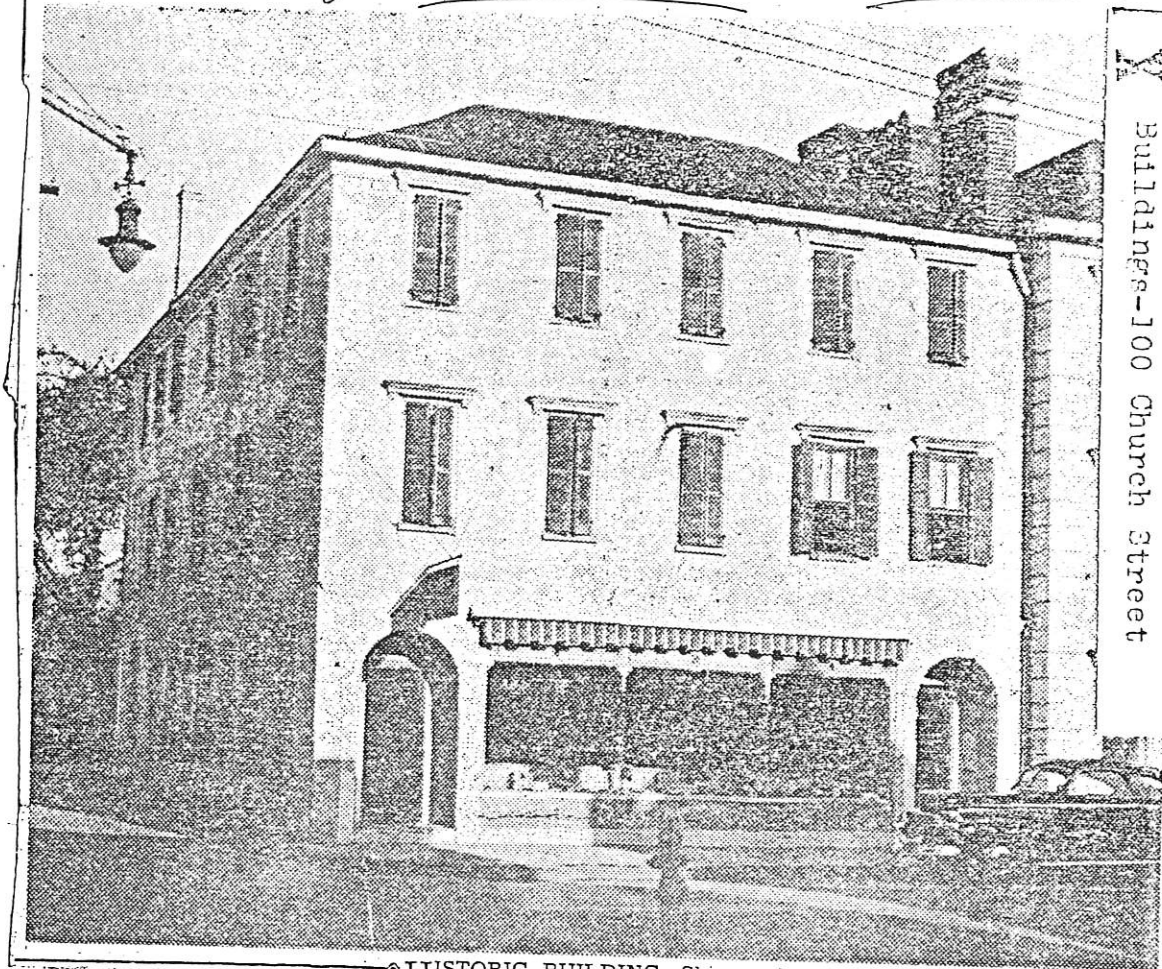


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HISTORIC BUILDING—Shown above is a three-story building now occupied by the R. F. Momeier Electric company, at 100 Church street. At one time it was the home of the Charleston branch of the Second Bank of the United States. (Staff Photo by Reilly.)

Historic Building Once Was Home Of Second Bank of United States

The building at the northeast corner of Church and Elliott streets, now occupied by the Momeier Electric company, was at one time the home of the Charleston branch of the Second Bank of the United States, known locally as the Office of Discount and Deposit. The location, 100 Church street, is mentioned by Charles Fraser in his "Reminiscences of Charleston".

The Second Bank of the United States was an outgrowth of the financial stress which resulted from the War of 1812. It was chartered under a bill introduced in congress by John C. Calhoun. The charter expired in 1836 and was not renewed by President Andrew Jackson. By that time, however, the branch in Charleston had removed to 88 Broad street, at Court House square.

It is difficult to trace real estate transactions in Charleston prior to 1800, but on April 12, 1812, the property was sold to Henry Bryce

by John Horan and Charles and Eleanor Spann for \$6,025.

Bryce got into financial difficulties and on May 5, 1821, the property was sold by Thomas Milliken and Charles Edmondston, assignees for Henry Bryce, to the Charleston Fire and Marine Insurance company. It is described as a lot fronting 38.6 feet in Church street and 57.8 feet in Elliott street.

The insurance company sold the property November 10, 1828, to John Gadsden and Thomas Gadsden for \$2,500. Thomas Gadsden evidently acquired sole ownership, for shortly thereafter it was sold under foreclosure proceedings by James Tupper, master, to Daniel H. Furst. Furst sold it December 31, 1866, to Estelle Haas for \$3,125. On December 14, 1878, it was sold by Daniel Haas, as executor and trustees under the last will and testament of Estelle Haas, to Christian Momeier for \$3,500. The property then included an additional 50 foot frontage in Elliott street.

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