

CharlestonWISE Impact Project Historic House Information

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Location Address: (no name)
 122 Wentworth St
 Charleston, SC 29401

House Data Sheet

Construction Date: c. 1830
 (Originally thought 1792-1796)

Sq. Ft: 3,018

No. of Stories: 3

Bldg. Orientation: Wentworth St
 façade faces SE

HCF Easement /
Covenant Property: Yes



System	Material / Type	Notes
Exterior Walls	Wood Siding	
Roof	Metal	Rear wings have shed roofs
Framing	Wood	
Windows	Wood, double-hung	mix of 2/2 and 9/9 lites
Foundation	Brick	Low foundation; partially excavated basement
Piazza / Porch	Wood	2-story on south elevation

Sanborn Maps:

The 1888 Sanborn Map shows a 2-story dwelling house with its long façade fronting on Wentworth Street. There is a 2-story piazza on the front (south) side of the structure and a 1-story porch on the rear. By 1902, a floor has been added to the structure so that it now totals three stories in height. The 2-story piazza still remains intact on the south elevation; however the 1-story porch has been reduced in size to allow for a 1-story addition on the rear northeast corner of the main structure. This 1-story addition projects north past the porch towards the back property line. The 1944 and 1951 Sanborn maps show the same structural configuration as the 1902 map.

Additions / Alterations:

There are some discrepancies between the 1888 Sanborn map and an 1882 block plat regarding the 1-story rear addition on the east side of the house. According to the National Register Part 1 Certification: "Originally one room deep, the house historically had a one-story rear porch that has been altered several times. By 1882 (block plat), the east side of the porch was enclosed and extended to the north as a one-story wing. After 1951 (Sanborn map), the west end of the porch was enclosed, a second level was placed atop this section, and the center section was framed in and enclosed with French doors. In 2002, the rear was reworked. A second level was added to the east wing, and the rear and center sections enlarged to the north." The certification also discusses the interior floor plan: "The interior of 122 Wentworth Street retains its historic plan essentially intact, with two rooms divided by the stair hall at each level. (Modern kitchen and bathrooms are located in the rear additions.)...Some flooring might have been replaced during a 19th century remodeling...That period of the building's history has not yet been documented."