

GEORGE W. DINGLE'S GARDEN  
c. 1850  
6 St. Michael's Alley  
Home of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Clark

This charming little house has been pointed out traditionally as the coffee house mentioned in Gwen Bristow's Celia Garth, a novel about Charleston at the time of the Revolution. Research recently undertaken to prove it so has shown instead that James Pettigru whose law office was in the handsome building next door bought this lot, vacant, in 1848. This would indicate that the house must have been built close to 1850 since George W. Dingle was living here shortly thereafter. Examination of the mantels, newel posts and chair rails inside - all original - would support this theory. The house was brick, stuccoed over later; perhaps to cover damage from the earthquake in 1886 or to conceal the fact that the front door was moved from the center to the west corner of the front wall.