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P Garden B Edward Blake's House C. 1765
1 Legare - on rows B. Owen Jones SR

No. 1 Legare Street was built, according to unofficial information given us, between 1760 and 1770, by Edward Blake, who came to Charleston from Connecticut some time prior to 1760.

He was the Commissioner of the South Carolina Navy, prior to the Continental Congress, and was very active and prominent in the Revolution, having been taken from his home by the British in 1780 and sent to jail in St. Augustine, Florida. In 1781 (having supposedly returned home), he was banished from Charleston.

He built the house on Legare Street, directly opposite Lamboll Street, and numbered it No. 1, because there were then no houses on that side of Legare to the south.

In 1873, the then owner moved it two lots to the south, where it presently stands, and it retained the No. 1 street number, so that the house to the south is No. 0 Legare.

My mother, who purchased and remodeled the house in 1948, and lived there until 1968, told me that it was rolled from its former to its present location on palmetto logs.

The wall on the southern boundary of the lot is supposed to be original, many years old, and made of Bermuda stone.

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