

**# 1 LEGARE STREET**

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ACCORDING TO THE BATES LELAND 1698 MAP THE PRESENT DAY LOCATION OF THE HOME AT # 1 LEGARE WOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF THE LAND LABELED LOT 283. A GRANT WAS AWARDED TO THOMAS BOLTON IN 1694 FOR LOTS 283 AND 284 BUT APPARENTLY NEVER USED. ( 1 )

THIS AREA WAS WATER, MARSH AND LOWLAND AND ONE OF THE FIRST FILL PROJECTS BEGAN IN THIS AREA. LAND GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO WILLIAM GIBBES, EDWARD BLAKE, GEORGE KINCAID AND ROBERT MACKENZIE WERE GIVEN IN 1769 TO 1772. ( 2 ) THE PROPERTY WAS POOLED TOGETHER AND PLATTED TO SUBDIVIDE THE LOTS. ALL OF THE LAND WAS CONVEYED TO SAMUEL LEGARE WHO THEN IN TURN CONVEYED OUT THE NEW LOTS. ( 3 )

SAMUEL LEGARE CONVEYED TO EDWARD BLAKE IN 1772 A LOT 135' WIDE BY 450' IN DEPTH BEING THE NW CORNER OF LEGARE AND SOUTH BAY. ( 4 ) EDWARD BLAKE THEN GIFTED HIS SON, JOHN BLAKE, IN 1786 A PORTION OF THAT LOT BEING 45' BY 200' RUNNING PARALLEL TO LEGARE STREET. ( 5 ) THE 135' WIDE LOT HAD BEEN DIVIDED IN THREE EQUAL WIDTHS OF 35' BY THE SAME 200' IN DEPTH. THE HEIRS OF EDWARD BLAKE AND HIS SON, JOHN BLAKE, CONVEY TO WILLIAM PERONNEAU ALL THREE OF THOSE PARCELS BY DEEDS RECORDED IN 1816. ( 6 )

WILLIAM PERONNEAU CONVEYS IN 1829 TO JAMES POYAS A LOT WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON BEING 45' IN WIDTH BY 158' IN LENGTH ON LEGARE STREET. ( 7 ) THE CURRENT LOT FOR # 1 LEGARE BEGINS 139.8' FROM THE CORNER OF SOUTH BAY. SO THIS IS A PORTION OF THE LOT BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE AREA WHERE THE HOUSE SITS.

WILLIAM PERONNEAU CONVEYS TO EDWARD HOLLAND IN 1849 A HOUSE WITH A LOT OF LAND THAT IS 42' IN LENGTH ON LEGARE STREET BY 135' IN DEPTH. ( 8 ) SO A HOUSE WAS ON THIS LOT BETWEEN 1816 AND 1849. WILLIAM PERONNEAU CONTINUES TO CONVEY PORTIONS OF THIS LOT WITH SOME LAND SWAPS BETWEEN OWNERS FROM 1844 UNTIL 1946 WHEN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BEE SELLS THE LOT WITH THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION TO MARY O GEER. A PLAT WAS RECORDED WITH THIS DEED AND IT REMAINS THE CURRENT PLAT OF THE PROPERTY.

**CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE HOUSE**

A VARIETY OF SOURCES DATE THE HOUSE AT COMPLETELY CONFLICTING TIMES.

THE HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION THROUGH THE MARGARETTA CHILDS ARCHIVES PROVIDED THEIR NOTES AS USED FOR THEIR BOOK-THE BUILDINGS OF CHARLESTON BY JONATHAN H POSTON FOR THE HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION. FROM THEIR NOTES, THE HOME WAS BUILT IN 1760-1770 BY EDWARD BLAKE AND WAS LOCATED ACROSS FROM LOMBOLL STREET. THE HOUSE WAS THEN MOVED

TWO LOTS TO THE SOUTH TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN 1873. THIS INFORMATION IS FROM MARY GEER, THE OWNER IN 1946. THE PHOENIX FIRE COMPANY MAP OF 1788 DOES SHOW A STRUCTURE ACROSS FROM LAMBOLL STREET.

FROM THE DWELLING HOUSES OF CHARLESTON BY ALICE R HUGER SMITH AND D E HUGER SMITH- "BLAKE BUILT HIS OWN HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF LEGARE STREET, NORTH OF THE CORNER LOT, WHICH LAST HE GAVE TO HIS SON, JOHN BLAKE."

FROM A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BY SAMUEL GAILLARD STONEY DATED MARCH 25, 1948 IN THE NEWS AND COURIER-RE: 14 LEGARE STREET - "GEORGE EDWARDS WHO BOUGHT BOTH PROPERTIES IN 1816, TWO YEARS AFTER SIMMONS DEATH, DISPOSED OF THE WOODEN HOUSE WHICH, ACCORDING TO TRADITION WAS ROLLED DOWN THE STREET TO BECOME THE PRESENT NO. 1 LEGARE STREET.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CURRENT OWNER WITH SOURCE UNKNOWN- THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS A TIMBERFRAMED HOUSE BUILT AROUND 1750, PURPORTEDLY IN ANOTHER LOCATION ( 14 LEGARE ST ) AND MOVED OT ITS PRESENT LOCATION, PROBABLY AROUND 1800.

THE FACTS ARE THAT EDWARD BLAKE PURCHASED THE LAND IN 1772 SO THAT IS THE EARLIEST A HOME COULD HAVE BEEN BUILT. I BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS THE EDWARD BLAKE HOUSE IS THE HOME CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS 0 LEGARE STREET. THE HOUSE FACES THE STREET AND WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE LOT AT THAT TIME WHEN THE DEPTH OF THE LOT WAS 45'. THAT LAND WAS GIFTED BY EDWARD BLAKE TO HIS SONE, JOHN BLAKE. THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THAT LOT IS WHERE JOHN BLAKE DOES BUILD HIS OWN HOME AND IS NOW ON THE CORNER AND KNOWN AS 58 SOUTH BATTERY.

WILLIAM PERONNEAU BOUGHT THE THREE PARCELS THAT BECAME WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION FOR # 1 LEGARE IN 1816. THAT IS THE EARLIEST A HOUSE COULD HAVE BEEN BUILT OR MOVED TO THAT SITE. IN 1849 HE SELLS **ALL THE HOUSE AND LOT OF LAND** SO THERE WAS A HOME EXISTING BY THAT DATE. THE CITY DIRECTORY FOR 1828 LISTS PERONNEAU LIVING ON LEGARE STREET.

1. VOL 038 PAGE 270
2. VOL 043 PAGES 402, 411, 415, AND 429
3. DEED P 4 PAGE 151
4. DEED R 5 PAGE 359
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6. DEED O 8 PAGE 315, P 8 PAGE 346, P 8 PAGE 349, AND P 8 PAGE 353
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