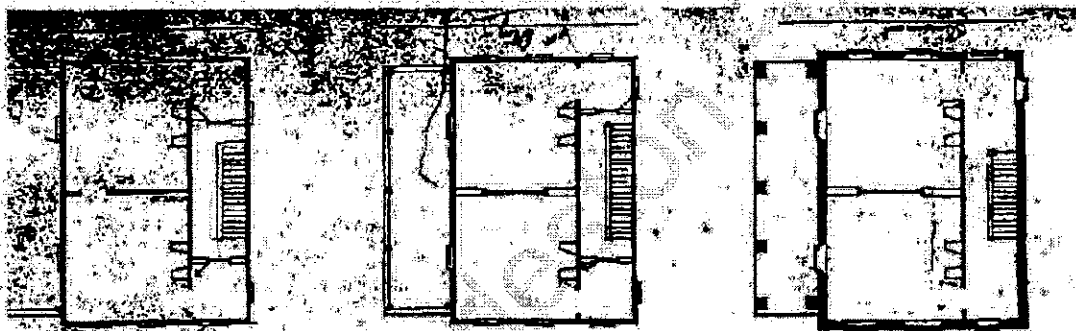


THE THOMAS WARING HOUSE

*Constructed 1853
216 Ashley Avenue*

This mid-nineteenth century Charleston house contains architectural elements popularized by the Italianate Style. Wide eaves with decorative cornices and arched piazza openings are just a few details which accentuate this structure. Wood columns with cast iron capitals in the Tower of the Winds tradition of the Greek Corinthian order are another important aspect of this building. The plan of this dwelling is typically Charleston in that it has a hall and parlor plan and a south-facing piazza. Original woodwork and plaster-work still remain in the interior.

The building was constructed c. 1853 by Thomas R. Waring, cashier of the Bank of South Carolina. Waring perhaps built this structure initially as a rental property, as he is not listed as an occupant until the 1861 census. Waring died in 1871 leaving the property to his wife, Anna D. Waring, who then sold it in 1881 for \$3,350.



Original floor plan for 216 Ashley Avenue, SCHS



Original elevation for 216 Ashley Avenue, SCHS