



Twenty Seven reprints of photographs collected by Laura Gertrude Roosevelt Punnett depicting the remodeling of her home at 1 Tradd Street circa 1928. Punnett, a cousin of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, purchased the three-story brick edifice at the southwest corner of Tradd and East Bay Streets in 1927.

According to an article published in the *News and Courier* in March of 1942, the building served as an automobile shop immediately before Punnett purchased and remodeled the storefront to suit residential purposes. Laura Punnett lived there, along with her daughter Helen, until her death in 1948. Punnett's son, Thomas, also moved to 1 Tradd Street sometime after 1930. Thomas, an invalid who could not live alone, sold the house in 1958 after his sister Helen's death in 1957.

1 Tradd Street was the first house restored in the vicinity that eventually came to be associated with Charleston's iconic Rainbow Row, less than one block away. The album of photographs has been in the possession of Thomas Punnett's son and daughter-in-law until 2010 when it was donated to the collections of the South Carolina Historical Society.