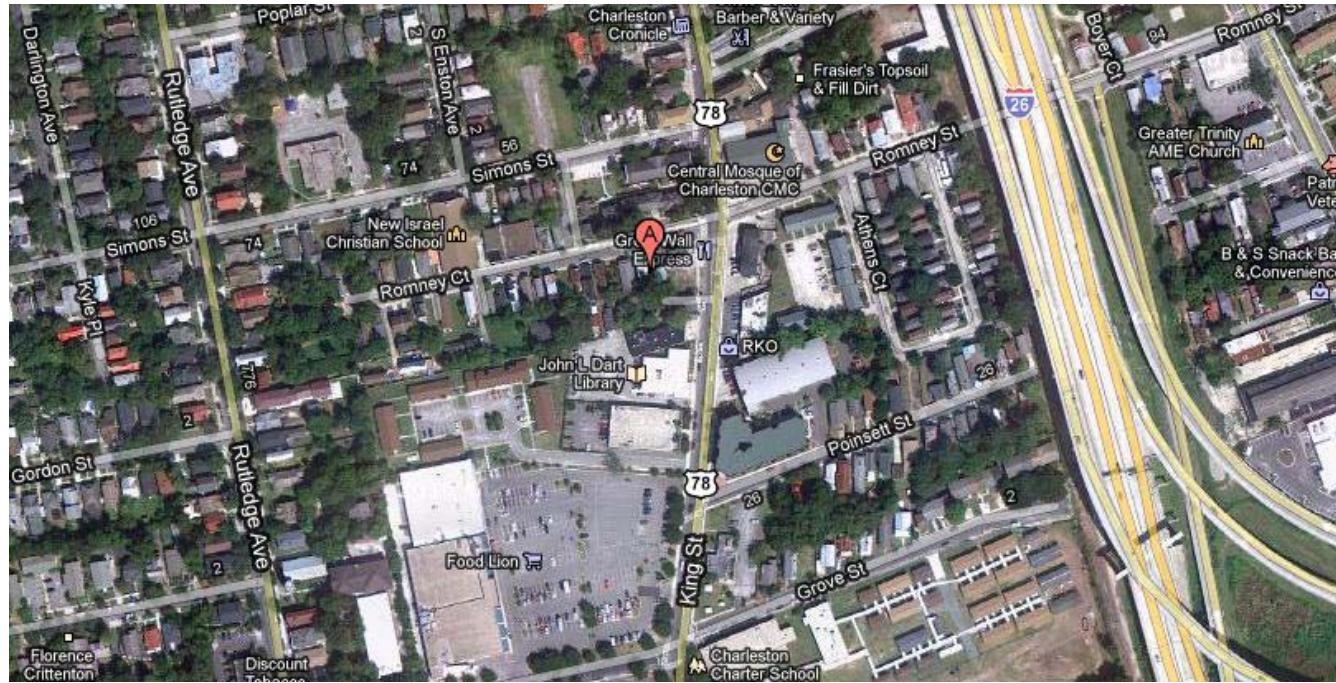


# *A Study of* 159 Romney Street

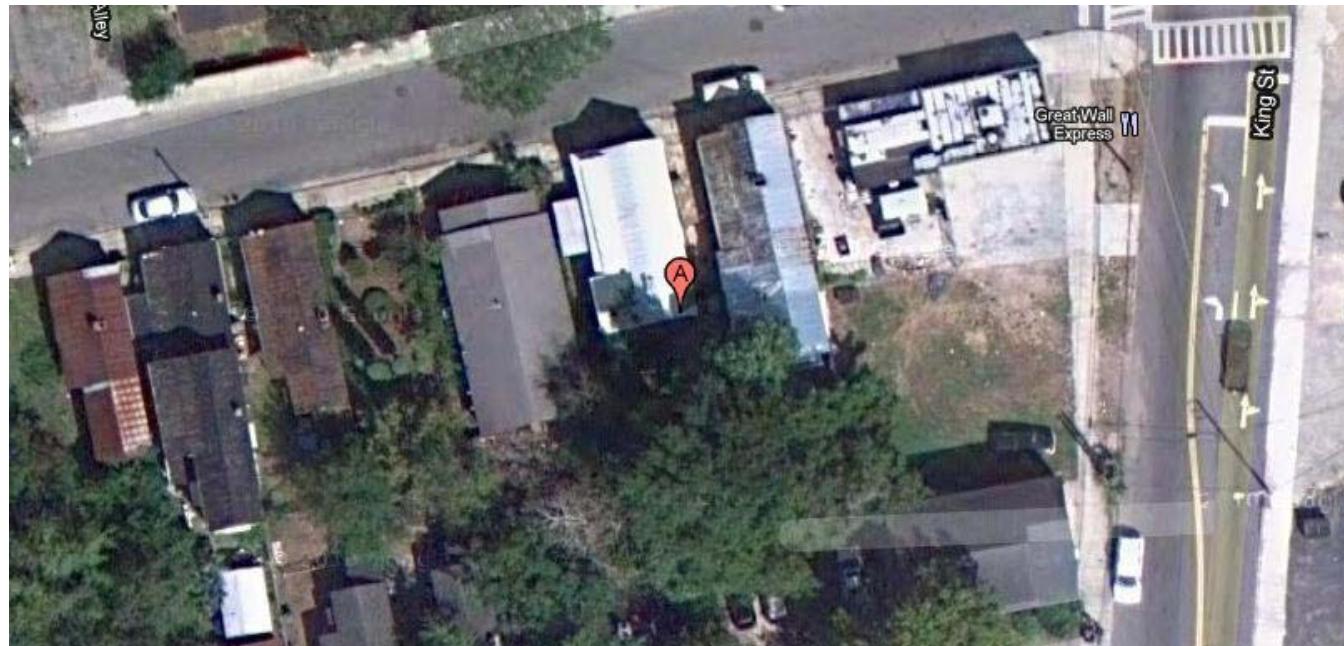


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# Current Aerial View

(Google Maps)





## Charleston County GIS Tax Maps

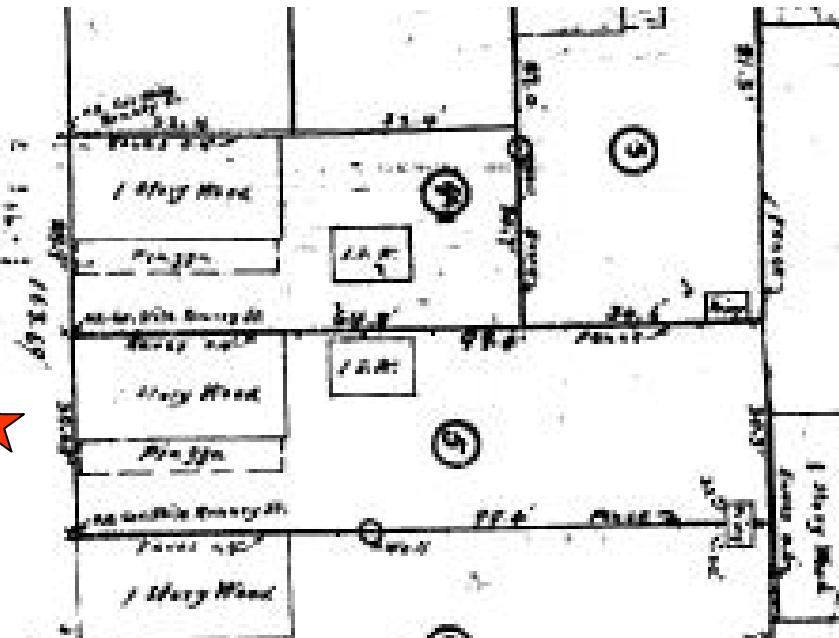


**Structure:** 1,050 square feet  
2 bedrooms, 1 bath  
**Lot:** 2,970 square feet / 0.07 acres

# April 16, 1921

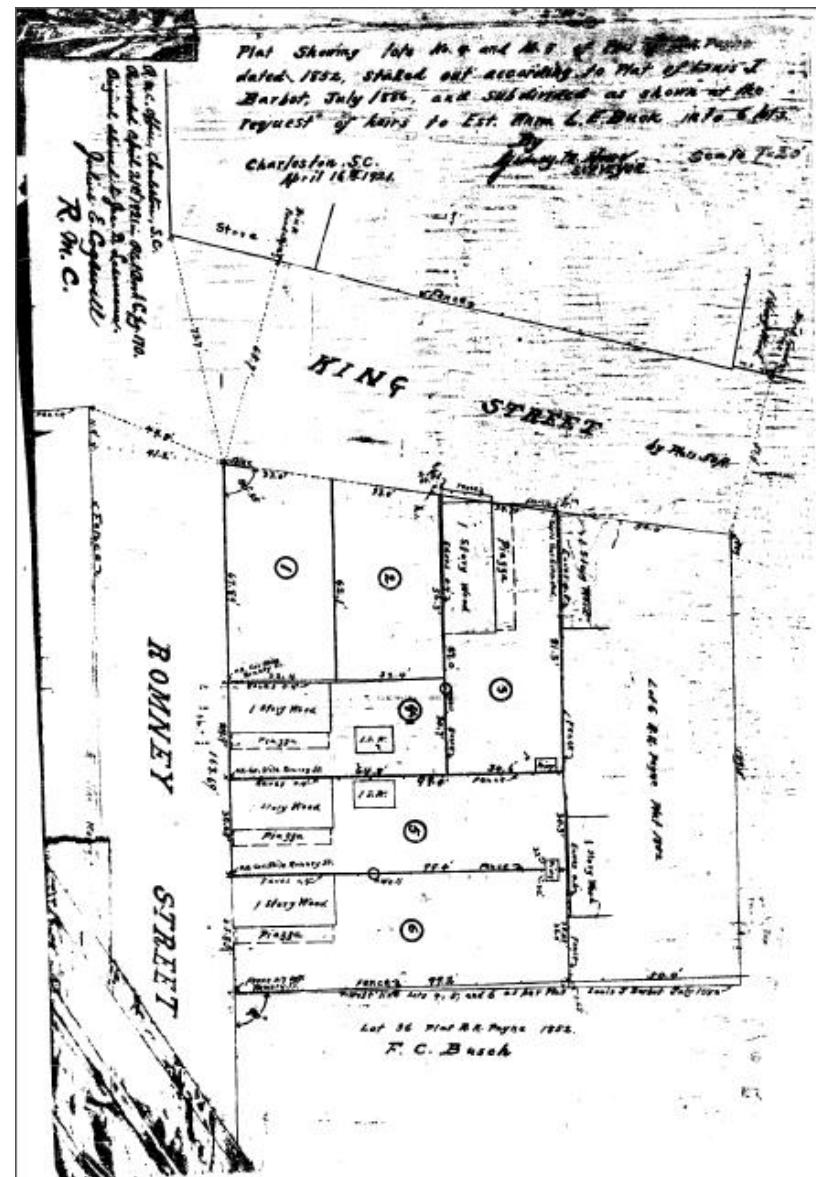
## Plat of Lots No. 4 and No. 5

(Originally owned by R.R. Payne in 1852; subdivided into 6 lots on estate of Anna L.E. Buck)



**Lot No. 5:** 1 story wood structure, eaves 0.4'

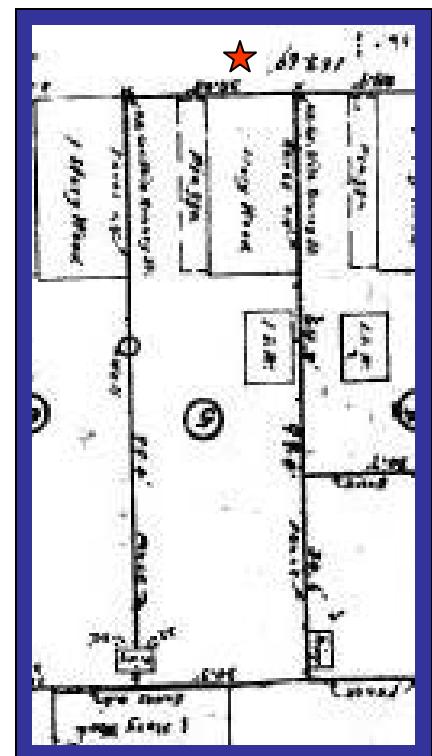
**Lot Dimensions:** 30'5 N x 99'4 E x 30'3 S x 99'4 W



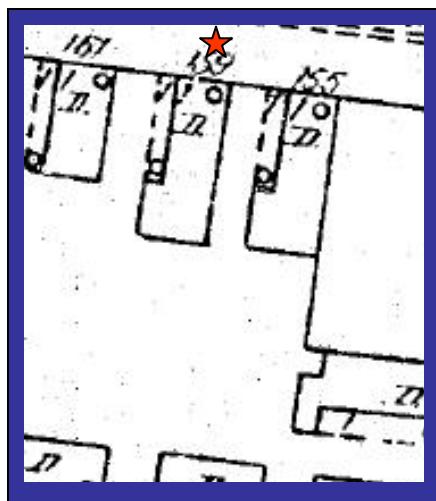
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# Maps and Plats

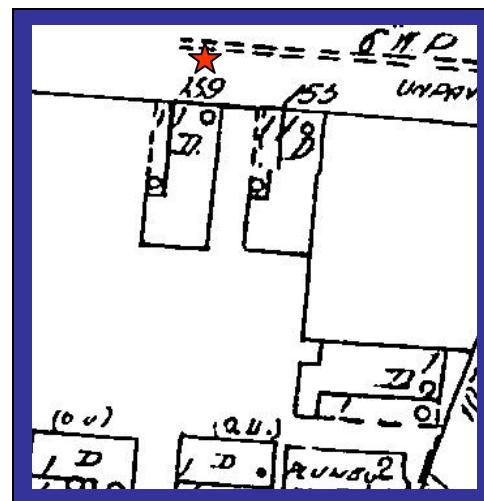
1921 Plat



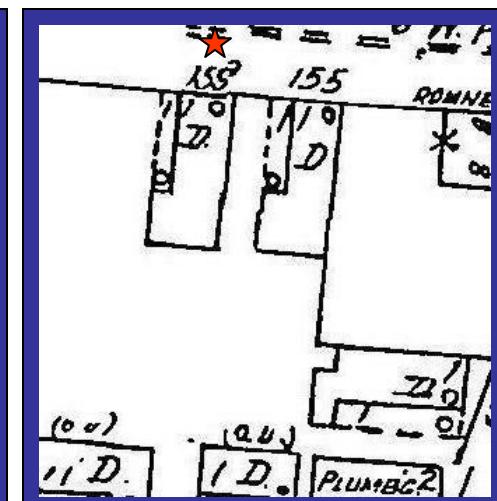
1929 Sanborn Map



1941 Sanborn Map



1955 Sanborn Map



# Deed Research

According to the 1921 Plat,  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres on the southwest corner of King and Romney Streets were owned by R.R. Payne in 1852. Before 1852, as shown on the Bridgens and Allen Map (1852), Rumney Street terminated at the Rumney Coffee House at the intersection of King Street. There is a Rumney Farm documented along the Cooper River owned by J.S. Payne, potentially a relative of RR. Payne and Ed. T. Paine who owned the land that now occupies by 159 Romney Street.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Grantor</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Book</b>
Jan. 4, 1871	Ed. T. Paine, Jr.	Luder Buck		P15, 627
*Luder Buck willed his property to Anna L.E. Buck.				
April 2, 1920	Heirs of Anna Buck	Alick & Sarah J. Ellison Lots 4 and 5		D31, 236
*Anna's children divided up the $\frac{1}{4}$ acres into 6 lots, as shown in the 1921 plat. Lot 5 was measured 30'5 (frontage) x 99'4 (depth) x 30'3 and these dimensions will not change in future conveyances. No. 257 Romney Street (now 159 Romney Street) encompassed Lot 5.				
Oct. 2, 1940	Alick & Sarah J. Ellison	Gable Investment Co.	Lots 4 and 5	G43, 563
May 2, 1942	Gable Investment Co.	P.P. Leventis	Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5	B43, 540
May 7, 1946	P.P. Leventis	George J. Morakis	Lots 1, 2, 4 and 5	S46-277
Sept. 13, 1948	George J. Morakis	Lillie Belle Heyward	30'5 x 99'4 x 30'3	R49-579
April 20, 2004	Lillie Belle Heyward	Sandra Heyward Miller	30'5 x 99'4 x 30'3	C560-623

# **Approximate Date of Construction: 1919**

- No.159 Romney Street is not listed in the City of Charleston Directory prior to 1919, in which the city only recorded those addresses east of the King Street intersection.
- Charleston Directory of:
  - 1919 – 1924: Zacharias and Viola Washington, carpenter ©
  - 1926 – 1928: Christopher and Virginia Shine, employee in Navy Yard ©
  - 1934: E.J. Lincoln ©
  - 1938: Jas and Ophelia Tyler © with 3 children under age 16
  - 1942 – 1948: Richard and Mary Smalls © with 1 child under age 16
  - 1950 – 1955: Ernest \*householder and Lillie Bell Heyward ©, piece worker at Koppers Co. Inc.
  - 1958: Lillie Belle Heyward © with 1 child under 16, laborer at the American Tobacco Company
  - 2004 – present: Sandra Heyward Miller

*\*There are no records of 257 Romney Street in any directory, an address some deeds additionally refer to the property as.*

- *City of Charleston Ward Book 1914-1918*: Anna L.E. Buck owns  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres on Romney Street west of King Street. There are no buildings recorded.
- *City of Charleston Ward Book 1918-1922*: Labeled Lot 5, Alick Ellison is recorded as owner of the property with 2 wooden structures. The lot matches the exact dimensions that currently define 159 Romney Street. The lot was assessed at \$500.00 in 1921.

*In conclusion...*

- Because 159 Romney Street is first recorded as a residence in the 1919 Charleston Directory and Charleston Ward Book 1918-1922 and the structure appears on a 1921 plat of the area, one can infer that the structure at 159 Romney Street was constructed as a residence in around the year 1919.

# Approximate Date of Addition: (1964-1990)

- The only major change in the assessment of the property from 1921 to 1969 in the City of Charleston Ward Books is the removal of a wooden outbuilding in 1954.
- Meeting scheduled with Bill Johnson, appraiser, June 23 to review sketches and notes recorded for 159 Romney Street from 1960-present