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151 Wentworth St. -- The well-to-do merchant Benjamin D. Lazarus, member of a prominent Sephardic Jewish family, built this three story frame house, on a high basement, as his residence, c. 1849. Subsequently, it was the home of Henrietta Aiken Kelly, founder of the Charleston Female Seminary on St. Philip St. From 1882 to 1896, the building housed Miss Kelly and boarders of her "rigorous but genteel" academy. In 1917, the building was converted to an apartment house, "The Clifton."

(Thomas, DYKYC, Sept. 27, 1971)

154 Wentworth St. -- This residence was built about 1836 by Henry Muckenfuss (1766-1857), a master mason. It remained in his family until 1868. The two story stuccoed brick single house, with its long side facing the street, has simple Greek Revival details.

(Thomas, DYKYC, May 25, 1970)

156 Wentworth St. -- This two and one half story stuccoed brick house was built c. 1851 by J.T. Sanders, a mason. The house was enlarged in 1910 by the then owner, Archibald McL. Martin, with plans drawn by architect John D. Newcomer, who probably redesigned the facade in a Gothic style about the same time.

(Thomas, DYKYC, April 18, 1970.)

157 Wentworth St. -- Mrs. Eleonora Wilkinson, mother-in-law of Christopher Gustavus Memminger, Confederate Secretary of the Treasury, built this Greek Revival brick house as her residence c. 1853. The town house plan features a hall on the east side and three rooms opening into each other, and out onto the piazza, on the west side. It remained in her family until 1878.

(Thomas, DYKYC, May 4, 1970)