

Miss Jane Thompson's House c. 1778
101 Tradd Street
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Turner

The house at 101 Tradd Street stands on land granted in 1689 by the Lords Proprietors to Direck Hoogland, mariner of the City of New York. Built between 1778 and 1779 by George and Jane Thompson, a milliner, the house was sold to merchant James Ballantine on April 2, 1779. During the mid 1800's the property was occupied by a pilot of Charleston harbor named John Caringham.

The present 101 Tradd is really two buildings: one is a classic single house which faces the street; the other is a smaller building to the rear which has been connected to the single house by a modern kitchen addition. The Sanborn Insurance Map of June, 1888 showed a two and a half story frame dwelling with a slate roof, a two story frame partition with slate on the west and north sides of the dwelling and a one story frame partition leading to the two story brick kitchen building.

HALL

The first floor staircase was removed from another early house on Pitt Street. The interesting English lock on the front door was removed from the back door.

LIVING ROOM

The handsome Federal style mantel is original to the house as is the panelled fireplace wall.

On the Empire desk is a daguerreotype (an early photograph produced on a silver or silver-covered copper plate) of a Bolling family ancestor who was a private in the Confederate army. Above the sofa are prints by Mark Catesby. Catesby was sent to Carolina by Sir Hans Sloane, the founder of the British Museum, to record the flora and fauna of the colony. In his Hortus Europae Americanus he described those that could be transplanted to England: the