

110 Ashley Avenue

DEEDS

3/2/1863 Sarah Smith of Charleston, widow, died 10/1859, will dated 11/2/1858. Her son Robert C. Smith, sole executor, to Wellington Stevenson of Charleston, lot southeast corner of Lynch and Bull, \$5,100 (Confederate). 70' on Bull, 172' on Lynch. B&B east on lot of John Cheseborough, formerly of Sarah Smith, south on passageway laid out for accommodation of this and other lots formerly the property of Sarah Smith.

Lot 5 on Parker Plat of Sarah Smith's lands. (plat not found)

RMC Deed Book S14, p. 106

11/18/1868 Wellington Stevenson of Augusta GA, of the firm Stevenson & Shelton of Augusta, mortgage to Henry Haviland of NYC. Promissory note, 60 days, debt of \$1889.33. Satisfied.

Deed Book F15, p. 273

6/4/1875 Wellington Stevenson of Aiken SC to Francis J. Pelzer of Charleston, \$1,200. Deed Book U16, p. 63

6/1/1881 FJ Pelzer to William Thayer, merchant, \$1,000. Deed Book K19, p. 121

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Ward Book notes

1852 J. H. Read "lots for sale"

1871-75 W. Stevenson

1876-79 F. J. Pelzer

1880-81 William Thayer

1890-94 Est. William Thayer

110 Ashley, Thayer-Lynah House

Ca. 1881

Francis J. Pelzer to William Thayer, by 1881. Thayer built the house.

After Thayer's death, to Arthur Lynah, owner until after World War I

Buildings of Charleston, p. 489

Bee's Row, 101-109 Bull

Built 1853, Sara Smith. Seems to have built 101 as her own residence; first to live on the row.

William Bee "took over" during Civil War, used as warehouses and stores.

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MAPS

1882 block plat shows the house and two outbuildings

1902 Sanborn map shows house and two outbuildings

1929 Sanborn map shows house and two outbuildings

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CITY DIRECTORIES

1883 William Thayer, Lynch and Bull
Eliza Lynah, widow of Hasell; Arthur Lynah bookkeeper, three
unmarried daughters, 120 Tradd

1884 same

1885-90 Eliza, widow of William Thayer, 90 Lynch

1891 same; also her son Edwin, student

1893 Eliza Thayer, 90 Lynch

1895 90 Ashley vacant.
Arthur Lynah, bank president, and several sons at 161 Tradd
No Edwin or Eliza Thayer in Charleston directory

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William Thayer (1821-1885) married Adeline Rivers, daughter of Francis Rivers.
Courier January 22, 1844.
Died 1/31/1847 in her 25th year, Mrs. Adeline S. Thayer, wife of Wm. Thayer.
Courier March 10, 1847.

Married second Elizabeth Sarah Rivers (1834-1915), daughter of John E. Rivers.

September 1894. Rev. Edwin Thayer married Nannie Lou Mauldin. "It was one of the most fashionable marriages ever solemnized in Greenville." A young man of unusual talent, he already has made his mark as a preacher. *The State*, September 5, 1894.

Eliza Thayer died 11/11/1915 at the home of her son W. E. Thayer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sumter. Burial at Magnolia Cemetery. "Her husband died thirty years ago and she had been living with her son, an only child, ever since he was married." *News & Courier* November 13, 1915

The Rev. Edwin Thayer of Greenville, a young man who has but recently entered the ministry, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Ridge Spring. *The State*, July 7, 1895.

William Edwin Thayer, son of William and Eliza Sarah. Oct 9, 1872-Oct 24, 1929. Born Charleston, died Sumter, buried Greenville County. Wife Nannie.
(FindaGrave)

110 Ashley Avenue
Sarah Fick for Historic Charleston Foundation
February, 2014

Alderman William Thayer and family have departed for Rawley Springs, VA
News & Courier July 12, 1885

Alderman William Thayer, who has been absent for several months, has returned to the city with his health greatly improved. *News & Courier* Oct 4, 1885.

“Death of Alderman Thayer.” Mr. William Thayer, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Charleston, died at his residence in this city on Tuesday night. Born in Charleston October 14, 1821.

Mr. Thayer received his education in a private school kept by Southworth and Ball in Charleston. He did not enjoy the advantages of college training, but was compelled, when he was quite a youth, to make his own way in the world. He started life when he was fourteen years of age as a clerk in a dry goods store on King Street, but gradually rose until he became bookkeeper and subsequently cashier of the Bank of Charleston, which position he held until the reorganization of the bank after the war. He then went into the insurance business as one of the firm of C. T. Lowndes & Co., of which firm he was the only surviving member. [He] was elected a member of the City Council as Alderman from Ward 4 in 1879. At the election in 1883 he was re-elected Alderman from Ward 6 under the redistricting of the city ... several times Mayor pro tem. ... chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. He was ever thoughtful of the best interests of his constituents and was one of the most active and valuable members of the municipal board.

A deacon of Citadel Square Baptist Church, devoted to the denomination in which he was a conspicuous figure. Funeral this afternoon, Citadel Square Baptist Church. Interred in family burying ground at Magnolia. *News & Courier* Thursday Nov 5, 1885.

City Council Meeting November 24, published *News & Courier* Nov 27, 1885
Tribute offered by committee of City Council

There has been no occasion within the administration of the city in recent years so full of sadness and regret as the death of this venerable member of our body...

Resolution unanimously adopted, the members of Council standing.