

96 Ashley Avenue -- Theodore Gaillard, Jr., a factor and planter, bought the site in 1803 and completed this house by 1816. The large two and one-half story wooden house has unusual fenestration in the front gable. The piazza entrance is recessed one bay to accommodate the front steps. The interior has fine woodwork and plasterwork of the Regency period, c. 1816. Dr. Willis Wilkinson bought the house in 1825. His two daughters, Mary and Sarah, both married Christopher Augustus Memminger, Confederate Secretary of the Treasury. According to tradition, Memminger fell in love with the second sister during their joint visits to the grave of the first. By way of proposal, Memminger said to her, "Will you accompany me to the grave?" Thinking he meant her sister's grave, the young lady replied, "Yes." The mistake was later resolved, however, and the couple were happily married. (Stockton, DYKYC, April 28, 1980. Stoney, This is Charleston, 5.)

107 Ashley Ave. -- This large three and one-half story frame house on a high brick basement was built c. 1829 by Thomas Corbett, a planter, on land which his wife, the former Elizabeth Harleston, inherited from her father John Harleston. The interior features a graceful winding stair, in the north projection. (Burton, unpub. notes; CCL.)

113 Ashley Ave. -- Built c. 1800 by Gov. Thomas Bennett, this two and one-half story frame house on a high brick basement was sold in 1825 to Mrs. Susan McElhenny, whose daughter married Paul Hamilton Hayne. Their son, Paul Hamilton Hayne, the noted poet, was born here in 1830. The house has interesting Adamesque woodwork, especially in the spacious stairhall. (Preservation Society Marker. Stoney, This is Charleston, 6.)