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To: Emmons, Karen
Subject: RE: Earthquake Records
Date: Monday, December 03, 2018 1:47:15 PM
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Thank you Karen, that's interesting. None of those dimensions really make sense w/ what is there now (especially the 25ft height), but the Sanborns indicate it was addressed as 39 King in 1888, so unless they changed a lot right after the earthquake, that seems right. Attached are two photographs we found hanging in the house, which we assume to be pre and post earthquake based on our understanding that it lost its third-story, but the owner passed away so there is no one to ask! The description of repairs needed jives pretty well with what we see on site, but in addition to the missing 3rd floor, it appears the piazza was completely rebuilt and the windows rearranged on the front facade.

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Subject: RE: Earthquake Records
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Here's the info from the earthquake damage assessment. It does show some serious damage to the north and south walls but there's no mention of a third story coming down. It also indicates that the building was 25 feet high. I don't know whether or not that's that high enough for a 3-story building but you'll know that. If a 3-story building couldn't possibly be 25 feet high then either what is 39 King now had a different address then or that the bad cracks did indeed impact the third story and repairs couldn't be made. Unfortunately, the historical information in HCF's property file doesn't cite the source of the claim that the building lost its third story as a result of the earthquake. What do you think??



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From: Emmons, Karen
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I'll check the assessment and will get back to you in a little bit. In the meantime, the description from info in the property files does claim that the 3rd story was lost after the earthquake: "Constructed ca. 1847. A typical 2-story stucco Charleston single house with side piazzas and a

southern exposure, built on property originally incorporated into the parcel acquired by Miles Brewton I in 1732. Richard Yeadon, an antebellum newspaper editor and philanthropist, probably built this house in 1847 incorporating a portion of a 1730s dwelling. It lost its third story as a result of the earthquake of 1886."

Stay tuned!!!



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Thank you Karen, I'm just interested in one address - 39 King Street. I have photographs of the building pre- and post- earthquake, and we were under the impression that it lost its top floor, but after looking at the images a little closer, we're wondering if it is even the same building or was possibly completely rebuilt.

Thanks,

Erin

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Subject: RE: Earthquake Records

From: "Emmons, Karen" <kemmons@historiccharleston.org>

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Hi Erin,

The records I know of include an Earthquake Damage Assessment survey (which, yes, assesses many buildings in Charleston by address), the damage vouchers, and a variety of photographs. Historic Charleston Foundation has the Assessment Survey on microfiche and a few collections of photographs.

The Assessment is also at the SC Historical Society. I believe they have the original.

The Charleston Archives has the vouchers and other Earthquake relief documentation, and likely the Assessment Survey as well.

So... If you need the assessment of a specific building, let me know the address and I can look it up for you. If you have many addresses, however, I'd invite you to come in.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Karen



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Hi Karen,

I hope you are doing well. Quick question I'm hoping you can help me with - If I were looking for earthquake records for a specific building (I'm pretty sure such exists right?), where would I look?

Thank you!

Erin Lanier



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