

CharlestonWISE Impact Project Historic House Information

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Location Address: James Morrison House
 236 St. Philip Street
 Charleston, SC 29403

House Data Sheet		
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1852	
<u>Sq. Ft:</u>	1,800	
<u>No. of Stories:</u>	2	
<u>Bldg. Orientation:</u>	St. Philip St façade faces SW	
<u>HCF Easement / Covenant Property:</u>	Yes	



System	Material / Type	Notes
Exterior Walls	Wood	See 2001 plans for new exterior wall info
Roof	Metal, standing seam	2001 plans call for fiberglass shingles, photos show roof is still metal
Framing	Wood	See 2001 plans for new interior & exterior framing info
Windows	Wood	
Foundation	Stucco over masonry wall	Enclosed during 2001-2 rehab; piazza on piers
Piazza / Porch	Wood	2001-2 plans call for existing to be removed & re-build new

Sanborn Maps:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from 1888, 1902, 1944 and the 1950s show the structure at 236 St. Philip's Street as a two-story wood frame dwelling with a two-story south-side piazza. By the time of the earliest Sanborn map in 1888, the building already has a two-story single room extension from the rear, or east, flush with the north elevation. The 1902 Sanborn map shows another two-story single room addition on the east end of the building. This is essentially the form of the building as it stands today, with the exception of the enclosure of the two-story piazza, which, appears to have taken place sometime during the third quarter of the twentieth century. (Quoted from 236 St. Philip Street History by S. Lytle and C. Albee in HCF archives)

Additions / Alterations:

Sanborn maps suggest there was a major renovation in late-19th century and the enclosure of the 2-story piazza after 1951. The next major renovation the house underwent was in 2001-2002. Plans for this rehabilitation project are on file and provide significant information about materials. Plans should be verified in the field as comparison of plans versus current photos suggest some items on plans were not approved.