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**10 1990 thru 1999** Robert T. Wall, Jr. (H) **1980** Walker A Stone (H) **1970** Hugh V. Walker, **1960** Commander Richard A. Sexton (H) **1950** William W. Lamar **1940** John P. Day Sr. **1920 thru 1930** Dr. R. A. Taft Known to all as *Bobby*, **Robert A. Taft** was a physician and one of the first specialists in the new technology of X-Ray. He was one of the first three people in Charleston to own his own airplane, the other two being Dr. William Price and Clarence Rawls. They flew their planes from an area on James Island that later became the Municipal golf course. This was the first airport in Charleston. *Bobby Taft* had three sisters, *Mary*, *Betty* and *Corry*. *Mary* married Harry Walker who was in the insurance business with "Fish" Witsell as Walker and Witsell. She was known to be overly protective of her only daughter, and every night, fearful that some one would harm the child, would patrol their home carrying a loaded gun. **1900 thru 1910** Dr. John Forrest physician.

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### LAMBOLL INTERSECTS

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**11 1980 thru 1999** F.L. Brigman III (H) **1970** John G. Leland /Mrs Isabel C. Gaud **John Girardeau Leland** known to all as **Jack Leland** was one of Charleston's best known newspaper storytellers and experts on Gullah. For more than 40 years he chronicled the lives and people of coastal Carolina as a columnist for the *Evening Post* and the *News and Courier*. (from *Post Courier* 12/21/1999 by Sculler Knopf) According to Knopf he was "someone who tells stories and anecdotes with skill and wit. If he wasn't promoting area plantations and wildlife, or lecturing on God, Gullah and Grits, or chronicling area ghosts and legends, he could be found writing about the Lowcountry's odd personalities, conditions and establishments." He joined the *News and Courier* staff in 1946 serving on the waterfront and agriculture beats before becoming a general assignment reporter. In 1957 he was made city editor and was also a correspondent for *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune* and *Sports Illustrated* and wrote a column for *The Georgetown Times*. He never enjoyed management and in 1960 left the newspapers to join the College of Charleston staff as assistant to the president, director of development and public relations director. Because he still liked newspaper life he left the college position in 1967 to become a general assignment reporter for the *Charleston Evening Post* writing the columns and profiles that brought stories of Lowcountry lives home to readers.. He answered an ad in the *News and Courier* in 1946 that paid \$30.00 a week after he had returned from World War 11 and was attending the college of Charleston under the GI Bill. He had been a freshman there in 1936 but left at the time of the Great Depression He retired from the newspapers in 1984. He was a member of the *Charleston Club*, the *Charleston Ancient Artillery Society* and the *Piping and Marching Society* of Lower Chalmers Street serving as its Keeper in 1966. He was a board member of the English Speaking Union's *Charleston Branch*, the *S.C. Agricultural Society* and the *College Preparatory School*, He held positions as president of the *Charleston Press Club*, the *S.C. Historical Society* receiving awards from *The Associated Press Managing Editors*. He first married Isabella Gaud Leland and had five children John G., Timothy F., Caroline, Cheves and Elizabeth. He later married Anne Barnes, widow of Read Barnes. Jack war famous for his Lowcountry cooking and his doggerel poetry as well as his witty remarks in various stories he wrote. His most famous project was the recording of the history of brothels in Charleston. He died in December 1999. **1950 thru 1960** Theodore J Simons, III **1940** Mrs Caroline H. Douglas **1930** T. T. Hyde (see 89 *Broad Street*) **1910 thru 1920** J. B. Hyde **1900** J.B.Hyde