

CharlestonWISE Impact Project Historic House Information

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Location Address: Mazyck-Tunno Tenement
 32 Tradd Street
 Charleston, SC 29401

House Data Sheet

Construction Date: 1750-1785
Sq. Ft.: 2,958
No. of Stories: 3.5
Bldg. Orientation: Tradd St
 façade faces S
HCF Easement /
Covenant Property: Yes



System	Material / Type	Notes
Exterior Walls	Brick & Stucco	East elevation has 2 chimneys; west wall abuts neighbor
Roof	Metal, standing seam	Jerkinhead (clipped gable) roof, very few left in Charleston
Framing	Wood	
Windows	Wood, double-hung	2/2 lites; 4 French doors on north (rear) elevation
Foundation	Brick	Assume no/low crawlspace; 1st floor looks almost level with street
Piazza / Porch	n/a	

Sanborn Maps:

The 1884 Sanborn Map shows a 3-story, "old" small rectangular structure located at present day 32 Tradd Street. Directly above this building and several next to it, is the description "Negro Tenements Old & Rotten." The 1888 Sanborn map shows the same 3-story structure, but it is now labeled as a store with tenements next door. In 1902, the 3-story structure has reverted back to a dwelling house; it now has a fireproof wall in between it and its abutting neighbor to the west. The 1944 Sanborn map shows the same structure, however there is a 3-story porch on the rear of the building that also attaches to the structure to the northwest. The 1951 Sanborn map shows the exact same configuration as the 1944 map.

Additions / Alterations:

32 Tradd Street measures 21 feet (north and south dimensions) by 60 feet (east and west dimensions). There is little information available in the HCF Archives about alterations to the structure; however the National Register Part 1 Certification states that alterations were made "circa 1800; late 19th century; 1960s; partial restoration and rehabilitation in 1998." The certification also states that the 1778 fire burned most of this part of Tradd Street, but there is a possibility that the house was rebuilt within the same shell after the American Revolution, though evidence is "unclear." Furthermore, the Certification states that the house was damaged during the Federal bombardment in 1864. Perhaps the damage during the Civil War and the poor condition of the house in the 1880s, as shown on Sanborn Maps, led to the renovation in the late 1800s. This house has undergone substantial alterations over the years, like many colonial structures in this part of Charleston. All this being said, it retains its original Jerkinhead roof form and its 2/2 lite windows from the late 19th-century Victorian renovation. Apparently, the front room on the first floor has been rem