

## Annotated Chain of title records: 19 Elliott Street, Charleston, SC.

The parcel on the south-east corner of Elliott Street and Bedons Alley that is presently located South of Broad Street can be dated back to the 1678 *Grand Modell Map of Charles Towne*. Located only a block away from the heart of the *Towne*; 19 Elliott was a part of a rather large parcel of land numbered 10 in the *Grand Modell* map. This huge lot of land owned by Mr. Barnard Schenckingh was bounded by East Bay Street on the east, Elliott Street to the north and Bedons Alley to the west; and was later owned by William Elliott. Interestingly, an alley was carved on this lot in 1683 which would connect to the waterside named as Caillabeuf's lane in 1722 and later got renamed as Elliott Street only in 1740.

Property research indicates various phases of divisions and consolidations that the parcel underwent to form one large property that we see today. Hence each of these individual properties have their own chain of title records which are interconnected at various periods. Therefore, the following research will focus only on the lot at the South-East corner of Elliott Street and Bedons Alley. The earliest property records for this corner lot can be dated back to 1787.

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 1787

Grantor: John McCall, James McCall, Hext McCall & Joshua Ward

Grantee: William Tate

Book & page: Z5/527

Type: Conveyance

John McCall, James McCall, Hext McCall & Joshua Ward, the executors of the last will of John McCall the elder, convey two lots of land and messuage measuring 47' along Elliott St. and 42' along Bedons Alley by an indenture deed for 1120 pounds 2 shillings and 6 pence sterling to William Tate.

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 1788

Grantor: William Tate

Grantee: James Kennedy

Book & page: A6/200

Type: Conveyance

In a newspaper advertisement dated August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1787 in the *Columbian Herald*, William Tate offers to sell the house and the lot on the south east corner of Elliott St. and Bedons Alley which is described as .."known to be one of the best lands in Charleston, for a grocery or a retail store". And along with the corner lot the adjoining lot was also available for sale.

William Tate conveys the two lots to James Kennedy measuring 47' along Elliott St. and 42' along Bedons Alley by a lease and release deed for 1700 pounds sterling.

The 1788 Ichnography of Charleston, South-Carolina Map of Charleston indicates a wooden house at the corner of Elliott St. and Bedons Alley.

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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 1795

Grantor: James Kennedy

Grantee: William Woodward

Book & page: S6/36-46

Type: Sheriffs' Sale, Conveyance.

In a newspaper advertisement dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1795 in the *City Gazette*, two lots and the buildings thereon on the south east corner of Elliott St. and Bedons Alley, belonging to James Kennedy were to be sold by virtue of Sheriff's Sale. (467 pounds 10 shillings and 7 pence ?)

Through a Sheriffs' Sale the corner lot and the messauage is conveyed to William Woodward measuring 21'6" along Elliott St. and 42' along Bedons Alley.

A 1794 newspaper article in *The City Gazette* indicates that there was a hat makers store on this corner lot by the name of Madden & Woodward.

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 1799

Grantor: William Woodward

Grantee: James Clark

Book & page: A7/307 - 311

Type: Conveyance

After the death of William Woodward his father Sebble Woodward of Middletown, Connecticut transfers the power of attorney of his son's last will and testament to his son-in-law Jonathan Smith and also revoked the power of attorney that previously vested with his other son Abraham Woodward.

Jonathan Smith then transfers the rights to the executors of William's will James Clark and Able Hudson. In this transfer the corner lot measuring 21'6" along Elliott St. and 42' along Bedons Alley was conveyed to James Clark by Thomas Sehre Esquire Sheriff of Charleston District.

The City Directories (from 1801-1806) indicate that James Clark who owned this property for about 30 years had a tailoring business on the corner lot.

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 1829

Grantor: James Clark

Grantee: Mary Cassin

Book & page: Y9/63

Type: Conveyance

Executor of William Woodward's will James Clark, conveyed the corner property measuring 21'6" along Elliott St. and 42' along Bedons Alley to Mary Cassin for \$200. How this property left Mary Cassin is unknown but this lot then goes to the City.

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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 1834

Grantor: John B Irving, Sheriff of Charleston

Grantee: Margaret Chambers

Book & page: H10/ 189

Type: Conveyance

John B Irving, Sheriff of Charleston recites an order of Court of ordinary in which William Flynn was the applicant and Margaret Chamberes et all were defendants; and conveys the property as 32' on Elliot and 43' on Bedons to Margaret Chambers for \$845.

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Date: September 1839

Grantor: Margaret Chambers

Grantee: John Chambers

Book & page: A11/563

Type: Conveyance

Margaret Chambers conveys the property to her son John Chambers for love and affection and \$5.

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Date: September 1839

Grantor: John Chambers

Grantee: Edward Wood

Book & page: Y10/201

Type: Conveyance

The property is then conveyed to Edward Wood for **\$550**.

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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 1841??

Grantor: Edward Wood

Grantee: J W Schmidt

Book & page: E 11/416

Type: The property is then conveyed to J W Schmidt for **\$2500** along with a building on the lot. No description of building is mentioned.

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 1841??

Grantor: J W Schmidt

Grantee: Henry Houseman

Book & page: N10/391

Type: Mortgage/Conveyance? Confusion.

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Date:

Grantor: Henry Houseman

Grantee: ?

Book & page:?

Type:

Missing information.

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 1856

Grantor: Thomas D Condy, US Marshall

Grantee: Eibe H Marjenhoff

Book & page: Z12/648

Type: Legal settlement for the estate of Henry Houseman recites suit of Henry Bulwinkle vs Adolph Nimitz. Thomas Condy conveys property to E H Marjenhoff for \$2400.

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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 1857

Grantor: Eibe H Marjenhoff

Grantee: Henry Bulwinkle

Book & page: T13/186

Type: The property is then conveyed for \$2400.

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Date: August 1861

Grantor: Henry Bulwinkle

Grantee: Thomas Ryan, formerly owned Bank of the State of SC.

Book & page: J14/124

Type: The property is then conveyed to Thomas Ryan for \$2400. All three properties that form the current lot size are conveyed to Thomas Ryan.

For this deed onwards the property comprises of all three lots.

When Thomas Ryan owned the property the City had plans to widen Elliot Street which resulted in a 10' reduction of the property size from the south side of Elliot Street.

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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 1970

Grantor: (Thomas Ryan, minor) William Courtney (Receiver for Presidents of the Bank of the State of SC)

Grantee: James Bettz

Book & page: C16/116

Type: Conveyance of property measuring 73' x 106' for \$1300.

James Tupper, Master in Equity recites suit of William B. Ryan against Thomas Ryan Jr et all (many people and Banks) for the settlement of the estate of Thomas Ryan, Sr?.

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Date: 1877??

Grantor: James Bettz, George Clark et all

Grantee: Alva Gage

Book & page: K17/205

Type: Conveyance. Confusing deeds. Possible mortgage.

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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 1880

Grantor: Alva Gage

Grantee: George Cunningham

Book & page: D18/171

Type: Conveyance of property measuring 73' x 106' for **\$850**.

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 1903.

Grantor: George Cunningham's estate administered by wife Helen R Cunningham and daughters Mary A Hardee and Helen Cunningham, the younger.

Grantee: Walter E. Moore

Book & page: ???

Type: George Cunningham dies in November 1902 and his estate is being valued and sold to clear his debts by his wife and daughters for the consideration of **\$1000 and the brick buildings thereon**. Numbered 13,15,17&19 Elliott and measuring 73'x106'.

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Date: ?? 1936

Grantor: Walter E. Moore

Grantee: J Marion More

Book & page: H38/469

Type: Conveyance.

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 1949.

Grantor: J Marion More

Grantee: Elizabeth E. Chisolm

Book & page: Q50/517

Type: Conveyed the property and the brick buildings thereon.

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Date: July 1959

Grantor: Elizabeth E. Chisolm

Grantee: Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Charleston, SC.

Book & page: L68/468

Type: Conveyance of the lot of land measuring 106'X85.2'X108.5'X80.9' on the south east corner of Elliott Street and Bedons Alley.

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