

#29 Broad Street
George Macaulay
& John Maynard Davis
Merchants
c. 1790
Facade: Post-Earthquake

The source of the property to the builders of this house was never determined, but that it was standing in 1790 cannot be doubted, for the Directory of that year lists

"McCally & Davis....13 Broad",

"McCally" being an obvious misspelling of "MacCaulay." That it cannot be much older is established by the fact that there is no building on this site shown on Petrie's map of 1788-89.

RMC0,
V.6,
p.150

This building is first specifically mentioned in a deed of 23 July 1792, when it was conveyed to Richard Wainwright, Thomas Ogier and Thomas Wright Bacot, "for the use and behoof of" a long list of merchants and others who may have been creditors of Macaulay & Davis, I surmise. If this transaction reflected the ~~xxxx~~ business reverses so common in the early 1790's, Macaulay, at least, soon recovered, for he built a similar house in 1794, which still stands at 37 Broad, and he is listed there throughout the rest of his business career. Davis I did not encounter again.

The reference above cited quoted the transaction above, and proved to be an acknowledgement by the various parties that Thomas Wright Bacot & John Markland were now the sole proprietors. This declaration was made on 2 January 1799.

H-7, p.86

On 2 June 1799, Wainwright, Ogier and Bacot sold the building to Edward Mortimer, a merchant, for 2250 pounds

sterling. Mortimer sold it to James Hamilton and Hugh Bethune on 1 May 1802 for 2400 pounds (sterling). It was described as " #11 Broad".

K-9, p.95 Hamilton sold his interest to Bethune on 14 March 1809, apparently dissolving their business partnership then.

H-10, p. 492 In 1835, James Hamilton as agent for Bethune, or his estate, rather, sold it to Peter Gerard, who sold it to

Z-10, p. 290 N.A. Cohen on 14 March 1839, for \$5000.00.

E-13, p. 549 On 20 April 1854, Cohen mortgaged it to the State Bank of South Carolina, for \$10,205.00, and the following year

S-13, p. 344 , he sold it to the South Western Railroad Bank, which is listed as its owner in the earliest Ward Book preserved.

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