

Foundation Restores Moffatt House

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One of the latest restoration projects undertaken by the Historic Charleston Foundation is the Andrew Moffatt House at 328 East Bay St.

The Foundation, under the direction of Mrs. S. Henry Edmunds, has restored and renovated the handsome residence, originally built in 1839. The three-story brick and wood house has been divided into three large apartments.

The Moffatt house is built in the regulation Charleston fashion, with piazzas extending along the side on the first and second floors. The original broad-plank flooring has been retained throughout the entire house.

The first apartment on the second floor has handsome cornice and ceiling detail. The large, high-ceilinged living room overlooks East Bay Street. There are marble fireplaces in the living room and the bedroom. A small room has been made into a modern kitchen.

THE OTHER APARTMENT on the first floor is occupied by the Todd Hunts and is attractively decorated in Early American furnishings. The downstairs, consisting of a living-dining room combination and a kitchen, is paneled with old broad-plank flooring. This apartment was the original kitchen of the home.

THE THIRD APARTMENT is entered from the first floor porch, but the living room, kitchen and children's playroom are on the second floor. There are two bedrooms on the third floor. The stairs leading to the second floor are the original stairs, however,

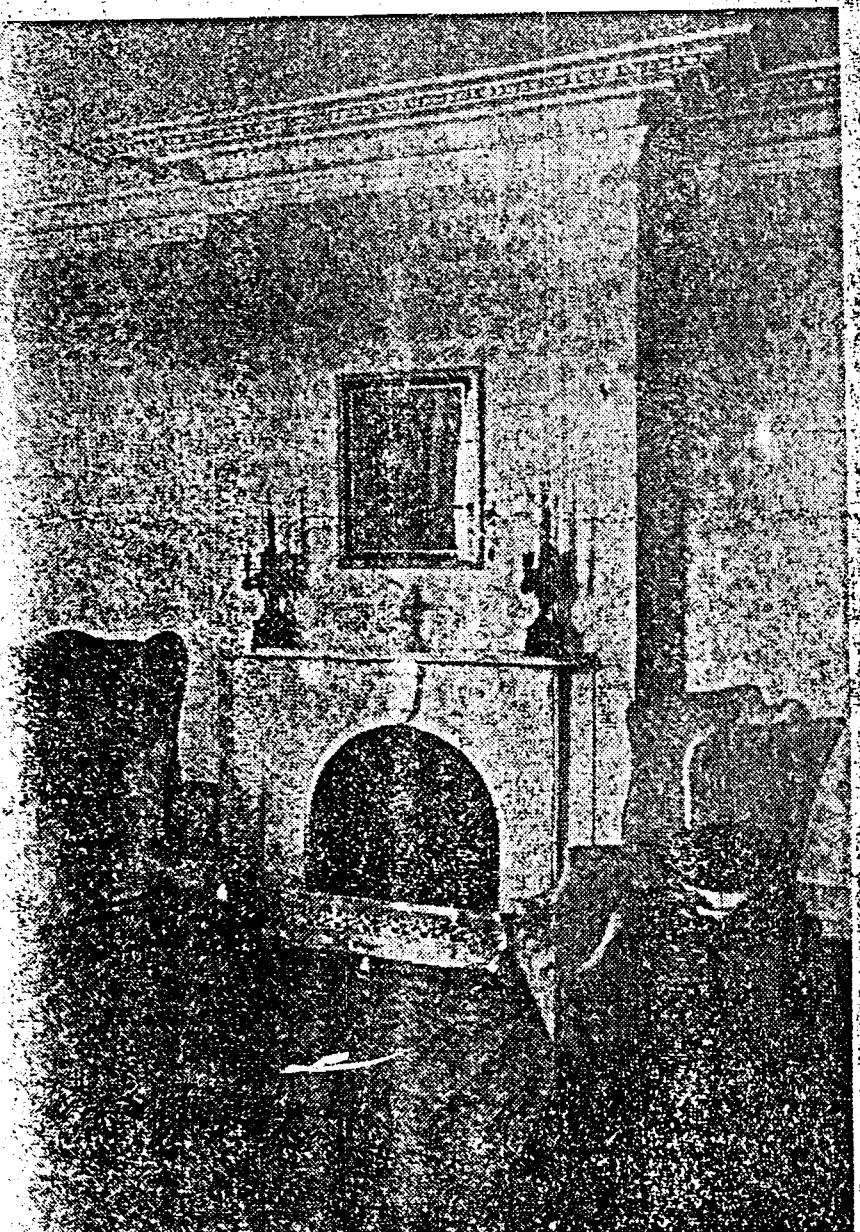
their location in the house has been changed. The flight between the second and third floor has been left as the designer intended.

The Foundation made as few architectural changes as possible during the restoration. The only major change was the moving of the stairs

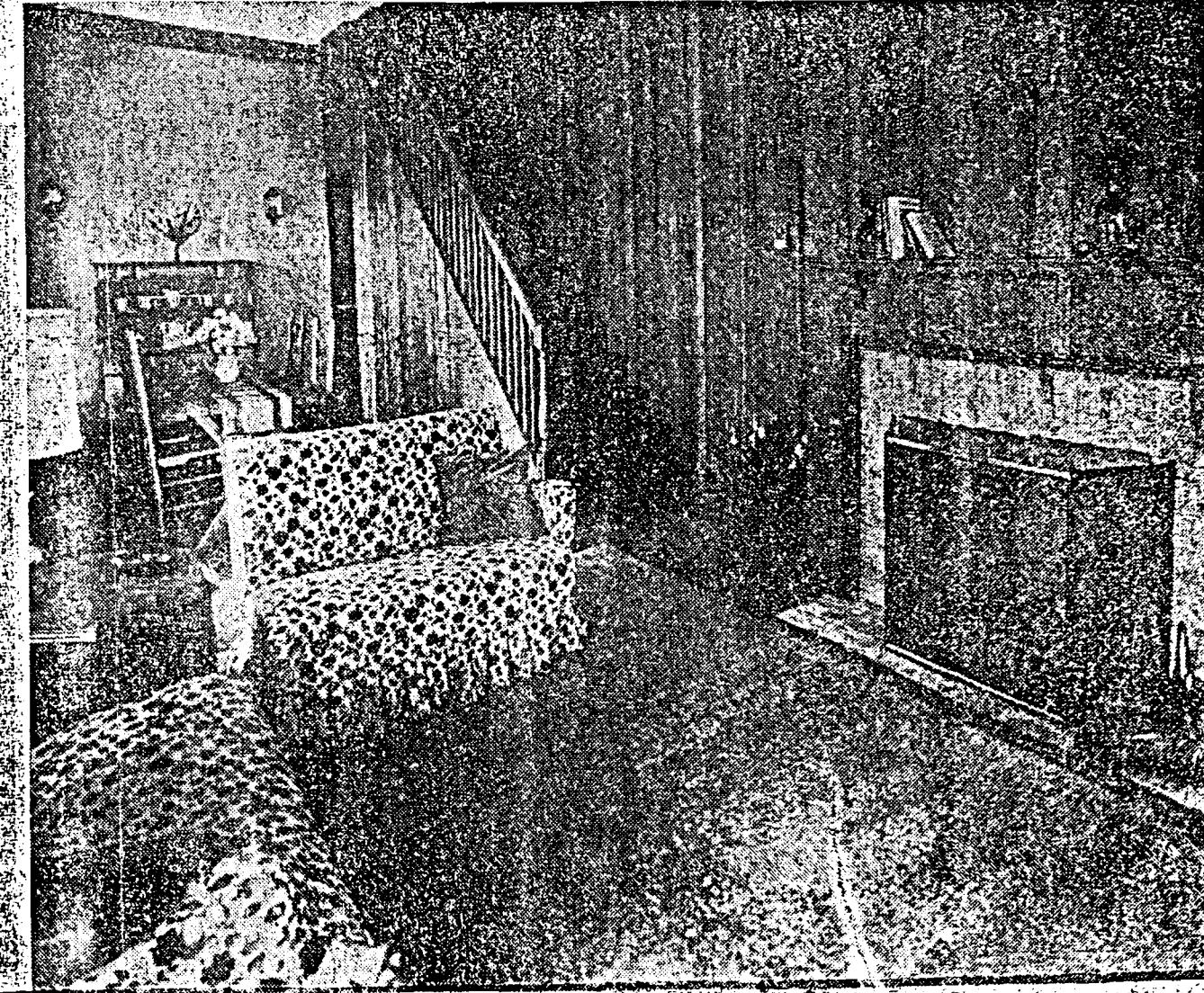
between the first and second story.

The Historic Charleston Foundation also has restored several other homes in the

immediate vicinity, including the Gadsden House at 328 East Bay St. and the Prirose House, next door to Moffatt House.



INTERIOR OF APARTMENT IN THE MOFFATT HOUSE
A two-story apartment has high ceilings with detailed cornice and ceiling
treatment. (Staff Photo by Bob Nettles)



APARTMENT PANELED IN OLD BROAD-PLANKING FLOORING
This attractive Early American apartment is located in the section of the Moffatt House that served as the original kitchen. (Staff Photo by Bill Jordan)