

54 HASELL STREET

"George Anson, who reportedly won the property in 1725 from Thomas Gadsenin a card game. The property was developed as a suburb in 1746, divided from the rest of the old city by a creek that is now the market area. By 1768, the borough was built up with fine Georgian-style residences, the homes of planters and merchants."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

"On the night of April 28, 1838, a fire broke out in a building at King and Beresford streets."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

"The blaze spread quickly and by morning nearly every house in Ansonborough was gone. Reconstruction began immediately and continued until the Civil War (1861-65)."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

"One of the homes that did survive the blaze was the William Rhett House, built about 1712 and believed to be the oldest residence in Charleston."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

"The house at 54 Hasell St., is the residence of Broad St. Realtor Andrew S. Drury."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

"54 Hasell St., built in 1712, survived 1838 fire."(DYKYC 6/11/84)

RMC Numbers:

Oct. 28, 1720

Isaac Mazick

I-3-63

Thomas Gadsden (paid 15 shillings

March 23, 1726 for the transference of his land
 title to Anson) F-89
 George Anson (Commander
 of his Majesty's ship, the Scarborough)

-Land was split up to two buyers-

May 25, 1745 George Anson
 Noah Sere (250 pounds)

Dec. 18, 1761 Lord George Anson
 (was knighted sometime before this) B-3-66
 Jermyn Wright

Inventory of Colonel William Rhett
"... shown by Sarah Trott, wife of Doctor Nicholas Trott, executrix of last Will & Testament of the said Wm. Rhett..."

Dated 26 February 1728

Book 76B, pg. 831 of the Wills and Inventories at the Charleston County Library

Slaves: Mingo(250)/ Harry(200)/ Daffey(250)/ Old John(100)/ London(100)/ Carolina(80)/ Old Nelly & Child(300)/ Clarinda & Child(250)/ Jacincls(150)

Miscellaneous: 3 gold rings/ 2 pairs gold buttons/ 1 pair gold shoe buckles/ 1 Bodkin gold qt. 4 oz. 12p./ 1 gold thimble at 20pr. oz./ 1 gold girdle buckle 1 Germain piece of gold/ a childs trinket gold- total of above: 92 pounds

2 diamond rings(80)/ 1 hair locket(2)/ 1 pair topaz earrings(.15)

12 silver handle knives/ 12 silver forks/ 12 spoons- total 150 pounds

1 silver watch & seal(35)/ 2 broken snuff boxes(5)/ 1 sword & belt silver hilt(30)/ 1 Do. old(15)/ 2 Old Do. 1 Mourning & brass heir(3)/ 1 gold head cane(5)- total: 93 pounds

1 case container: 1 large silver tankerd/ 2 large cups/ 1 porringer/ 3 castors/ 2 salvers/ 1 Barbers bason/ 3 salts/ 1 soop ladle/ 7 spoons/ 1 silver canister/ 15 tea spoons/ 3 skimmers/ 1 pr. tongs/ 1 tea pot & lamp/ 1 pr. silver spurs/ 1 Tweser case/ a pr. cell of silver coin/ 1 broken instrument- total: 343 pounds

In the Great Room above Stairs: 1 large cedar table(10)/ 1 small card table(5)/ 1 pr. cell of fish and counters(4)/ 1 old broken small table(1)/ 1 tea table(5)/ 3 large peer glasses & 3 pr. sconces(50)/ 1 doz. cane chairs(30)/ 1 Japan cistern & pan(3)- total: 108 pounds

In the Front Bed Chamber: A large bed and furniture(75)/ 1 easy chair(10)/ 2 dressing glasses/ 1 chest of drawers(6)/ 1 small dressing table(2)/ 1 corner cupboard(7)/ 4 black cane chairs & 1 elbow(5)/ 1 chimney glass & 1 pr. brass branches(10)/ 1 fires shovel tongs and bellows(3)/ window curtains and 6 cushions(2)/ **In the closet:** 1 cedar chest(5)- total: 106 pounds

In the bed Chamber Backward to Northward viz.: 1 Calico bed & furniture(30)/ 1 large looking glass(6)/ 1 scruture(4)/ 1 corner cupboard & pr. brass branches(2.10)/ 1 pr. dogs & 3 guinea matts(3)- total 45 pounds 10

In the back chamber to S.Ward: 1 Calico bed & furniture(30)/ 1 large cedar cloth press(20)/ 1 looking glass(5)/ 4 old chairs black(2)/ 1 small table(2)/ 1 cedar chest(2)/ 2 branches brass(1)/ **In a closet:** 1 old desk(5)- total: 67 pounds

Unspecified location: 1 large Turkey carpet(5)/ 5 China bowles(25)/ 1 doz. China plates(7)/ 11 Do.(5)/ 1 large China sugar pott(3)/ 6 China dishes(12)/ 1 China & glass Dissert(12)/ 1 doz. soop plates pewter(5)/ 3 doz. other plates(15)/ 6 dishes of several

sizes(12)/ 1 plate and dish(2.10)- total: 103 pounds 10

In the Garret: 1 small bed stead & 3 pavillions & 1 hammock(40)/ 2 gross bottles(18)/ a Perriaugo(100)- total: 158 pounds

In the Lower Parlor: 1 screen(30)/ 1 clock(40)/ 2 peer glasses(20)/ 2 cedar tables(15)/ 1 card table(5)/ 1 couch 6 chairs & 2 elbows(8)/ 1 brass tea kettle & stand(10)/ 1 brass plate warmer(6)/ 1 pr. brass branches(1)/ 1 fire shovel & tongs(10)- total: 135 pounds 10

In Back Parlour: 1 cedar table(8)/ 1 old Dutch table(1)/ 1 couch & 1 elbow chair & 5 other chairs(8)/ 1 pr. iron dogs(1)/ 1 fowling piece and pistols(30)/ 1 double barrell gun(10)/ 1 Dutch gun(15)/ 1 brass compass & 2 wooden seamens(6)/ 1 small pocket brass compass(5)/ 120 prints of several kinds(15)/ 1 pr. back gamon tables & boxes(8)/ 1 doz. N.E. axes(15)/ 19 muskets & 2 blunder busses(60)/ 12lb. powder(3)/ 2 speaking trumpets(4)/ 2 coils spun yarn(10)/ 1 pr. cell of plain irons, chizells and other carpenters tools(30)- total: 229 pounds

In the Counting House: 1 scruture(20)/ 1 doz. of paints of sea pieces & prospects(12)/ 150 sheathing nails(18)/ 1 fire shovel & dogs & bellows(3)/ 4 old chairs 1 joint stool(2)/ 1 small chagrin case for draws(3)/ 3 pr. b. candlesticks & 1 pr. snuffers(2)/ a writing desk(5)- total: 65 pounds

In the Kitchen: 1 pr. racks & 1pr. large dogs, a crain & iron hooks for the chimney(20)/ a copper(20)/ 4 iron potts(10)/ 2 skilletts & 2 sauce pans(6)/ 1 frying pan 1 stew pan 1 gridiron & 1 flesh fork(7)/ 2 copper tea kettles(7)- total: 70 pounds

In the Upper back store: 1 poop lanthorne(3)/ 1 pr. cell of old iron(50)/ 1 pr. brass scales(10)/ a cross cut saw(5)/ 3 ledger bills(5)/ a parcell of old riggin(40)/ a pr. cell os blocks & other old stuff(10)/ a old wreck Perriaugo & an old wreck ship lying at the point(50)/ 1 anchor(20)/ a triangle with large scales beam boards &c on the wharf(30)/ 17 iron 56lb. wt. & some small wts.(40)/ a dray &c(30)/ a cow & heifer(12)/ 4 horses & mares(30)/ a pr. cell books as pr. catalogue(111)/ 1 ps. Yallow Damask(40)/ 2 Large diaper table cloths(5)/ 12 do. lesser(10)/ 1 Damk. table cloth & 12 napkins(10)/ 3 table cloths old & 24 napkins very old(12)/ 6 diaper towells(2)/ 14 very old sheets(6)/ 12 Holland pillow bars very much worn(3)/ 1 sadle bridle & housing(6)- total: 540 pounds

54 HASSELL ST. - THE WILLIAM RHETT HOUSE - CONSTRUCTED 1712

Mary M.B. DRURY - from Huger Sinkler ^{as executor of the will of Mary C. Howard} N 122 pg. 108
30 May 1930 - included 56 & 58 Hassell st.

Bushrod C. Howard - from Carola deP. Kittredge - J-91 pg. 305
30 Oct 1908

→ Bushrod willed it to his wife, Margaret C. → admitted
to probate court file 70-474
- Margaret died 14 April 1979

Carola deP. Kittredge - from Alma R. Stander - K42 pg. 436
Plat book F " Phoebe Chadsden Gordon K42 pg. 203
pg. 77

Henry Stitz (w/ Caspar Bant, Henry Bayer) from Elizabeth P. P. - 3
8 April 1873 I 16 pg. 289

Elizabeth P. F. F. - from Ann Beckman et al V-10 pg. 350
6 Nov. 1838

also - from C. Bant & Co. E-16 pg. 211
14 May, 1873 → Mortgage

William Rhett - Book E - pg. 148
SE Book Y - pg. 484
SW Book V - pg. 495

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YPG. 484 - William Rhett SR → William Rhett, JR. 1716

"All that part of Mayety or half part of a town Lot in
the said Charlestown districtly known in model of the
said town by the No. 15 Butting and bounded to the East
by the Cooper River - north by land of Mary Gross Widdow,
(now owned by her heirs) - south by the Mayety or half part of
the town Lot . . ."

One large Brick messuage or tenement fronting the bank
of the Cooper River