

TRADD STREET

Tradition says Tradd Street was named for Robert Tradd, who supposedly was the first child of European descent born in the Province. It is more likely that it was named for his father, Richard Tradd, who by 1679 was living at the northeast corner of present-day Tradd and East Bay. Early deeds refer to "the little street that runs from Cooper River past Mr. Tradd's house."

(Stockton, unpub. notes.)

1 Tradd St. -- This rather elegant three story stuccoed brick single house is believed to date from c. 1785. It has restrained woodwork typical of that period in the interior. In 1927, when the house was occupied by an auto shop, it was purchased and renovated by Mrs. T.W. Punnett, a cousin of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The wrought iron balcony on the East Bay side was a present to Mrs. Punnett from her daughter. Previously on the site was a building owned and occupied by Robert Wells, bookseller and editor of the Loyalist newspapers, South Carolina and American General Gazette, and Royal Gazette. After the Revolution, he and his son published a newspaper in Nassau, The Bahamas.

(Ravenel, DYKYC, n.d.; SCHS. Stoney, This is Charleston, 100.)

5 & 7 Tradd St. -- A double tenement belonging to Andrew Allen was built on this site before 1727. The building was destroyed by fire in 1740 and again in 1778, and each time apparently was rebuilt along the same lines. David Hext, who rebuilt the double tenement after the 1740 fire, separated the ownership of the two halves in 1743. Rebuilding of 5 Tradd after the