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A history of 21 Lamboll Street - tax no. 457-16-1-41

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The house and lot now at 21 Lamboll Street came out of a larger parcel owned by Robert McKenzie. McKenzie's executor, Charles Johnston, sold the current size lot out of the larger lot to James Legge, bricklayer. (C-7,252; 26 Nov. 1799; 411 pounds sterling) The city directory of 1803 places a James Legge, Bricklayer at 4 Lamboll St. Legge made his will on 23 Feb. 1805(it was probated 22 March 1805) and left his house and lot on Lamboll St. to his wife Catherine. (This is almost without a doubt not the house that is currently standing.) By 1806 (according to the directory) the widow Catherine had moved to St. Philp Street. The property somehow passed (no deed is indexed for it) to a Jane Walker who was probably the wife of William Walker, cabinetmaker, who was named in James Legge's will as executor. (We know that by 1811, William Walker's own estate was being managed by Jane Walker - cf. Milby Burton's Charleston Furniture). So the property somehow passed from Legge's wife to her husband's executor's widow; there could have even been a family connection. In 1811, this Jane Walker sold to Peter Porter (\$1,600; D-8,427; 8 Oct. 1811). He was a blacksmith, listed at 8 Lamboll St in the 1813 directory. In that year, he sold to Joseph Yates (12 July, 1813; G-8,224; \$1,700). He and his wife Elizabeth Ann sold to Jeremiah Denison Yates, a trustee for their daughter, Isabel Sarah Yates, not yet 18. (M-8,319; 1 Sept. 1815) No Yates lived here according to the directories; and one wonders if that early building on the premises was still standing; if so, it was used for rental. Later, David S. Yates and William E. Snowden, trustees for the marriage settlement between Isabel S. Yates and Joshua L. Snowden sold the property to William L. Hughes for \$1500. (N_10,351; 11 August 1836.) It appears that this Hughes, a planter, may have built the present house

between 1836 and 1838, 2 years later, when he sold the same lot for \$5,000 more. (And the house would later be appraised for \$5,000 in the 1853 ward book). No Hughes lived here, according to the directories; it was Mrs. Catherine Jenkins, widow who bought it (U-10. 351; 11 August 1836: '\$6,500); Mrs. Jenkins is listed here, at Lamboll St. or at 7 Lamboll in these directories: 1840-41; (not 1849 for some reason), 1851, 1855; 1859; and in the 1864 ward book, with her children. The Bridge and Allen plat of ca. 1852 is indecisive; it shows only one dwelling on this part of the street where there are now three; this house with its neighbor of brick to the west look to be contemporaries. But we know Mrs. Jenkins lived here in 1849 - directory - to 1851 to 1853 (ward book) - so it would appear that she lived here without interruption. The Bridge and Allen may be in error or maybe these two houses are not contemporaries. At any rate, Mrs. Jenkins appears to have refugeeed to the Chesterfield District at the end of the war; her will, dated 6 June 1865 and probated 29 Sept., calls her a temporary resident of the district. She gave her house to her daughter Maria C. Prentiss, wife of Rev. Wm. O. Prentiss; it was still 7 Lamboll St. T. Prentiss, student, is listed here in 1867; in 1869, it is Rev. O. Prentiss, reverand of the colored Calvary Church. The house stayed in the Prentiss (often misspelled Prentice) family throught the earthquake. The damage book lists a house here at 9 Lamboll, of frame and tin, 50 by 25 by 25 feet; with all the walls in good condition; the chimnies had been rebuilt; and it was recommended that the whole foundation be rebuilt as the house did not sit plumb. The house became heirs property; there were about 30 people involved; it was divided into 855ths (Clerk of Court office Metal Box 129 case 15; this was ca. 1897) It was sold by the master to Robert. W. Tucker (F-23, 182; 26 Jan 1899; \$1,200); by this time the street number had shifted to 21. He was a real estate agent and broker and he lived here; maybe it was Tucker who remodled it and gave the house

Its present appearance.. He sold to his wife Cornelia (N-28; 121; \$10 OVC; 2 Dec. 1916); he obviously improved it by then for it had a mortgage with a balance of \$7,500 on it then. Mrs. Tukcer lived here with her daughter until she sold it to Robert A. King (A-92, 82; \$40,000; 7 Feb. 1969) who sold it to the present lowners William Breher and Christine Lloyd (\$290,000; A-155,673; 20 June 1986).