

From: [Kevin R. Eberle](#)
To: [Emmons, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: FAG #88170814
Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016 8:28:40 PM

A few months ago, I was asked to help research 139 Spring Street. When I did that, I pulled up an obituary on one of its early owners to flesh out the story. I took that obituary and posted it on a genealogy site devoted to such things that I have used to track down biographical information. Then, this week, a relative of that same early owner emailed me to ask for the actual date and page of the obituary since she couldn't access it from any newspaper database. It's not available through those, so I sent her back an email with the information, and she was thrilled to get it. As long as I had her attention, I had to ask if she had any photos of her family's houses around town. This evening, she wrote back with this email and included a nice photo of three unidentified houses on a street. (She suggested it might be 175 Queen Street, but I don't think that it is.) I have written back to ask if I could share it with you for the archives. I'll let you know when I hear back.

Also, I haven't checked about that other photo yet. It just slipped my mind, but I will send an email to Tom Hesse right now to find out if sharing it is okay.

From: Beth Ullman [mailto:beth.ullman@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 8:06 PM
To: Kevin R. Eberle
Subject: Re: FAG #88170814

Dear Kevin,

Thank you so very much for both the information on the newspaper AND the file on the house! The newspaper information in particular is wonderfully helpful.

Actually, my grandfather was born in Charleston (1902) and lived in one of the Rabb houses as a child, along with a cousin whose mother had died. I have a photo of it and have attached it and one other of just downtown Charleston for you. I apologize that I had 2 photos with different views of the Rabb house, but can't find the other, or the address, which I did have at one time. I do know it is on Queen St., probably #175 (where George W. Rabb lived, my grandfather's grandfather; whose (George's) son Gus lived at 172 Queen St.) and has been designated an historic landmark. SOMEPLACE I have even older, B&W photos of it. Maybe I just haven't scanned them yet. I'll dig into the photos in the old trunk I have of my grandfather's things and if I find more building photos I'll send them to you.

Are you only researching Charleston, or other areas of the south as well? Either way, you will find many old photos of buildings on genealogical websites such as Ancestry.com (which will charge for a membership that gives access to the photos of others; having just your own tree online is free) and FamilySearch.org.

Again, thank you!
Beth

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 5:22 AM, Kevin R. Eberle <keberle@charlestonlaw.edu> wrote:
The reason I located that obituary was some research I was doing on a house in downtown

Charleston. As part of the “genealogy” of the house itself, I like to pull up as much as I can about its earlier owners, and James Rabb was among them. I’m attaching a copy of the history.

If your family has any Charleston ties into the age of photography and might have any old photos showing Charleston’s built environment, I would sure love to check them out! I’m always helping friends and preservation groups by unearthing history of threatened buildings, and those tend to be in the Uptown wards which are otherwise not as well documented with postcard views and things like that. Instead, family photos are the best source I have found.

Kevin

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 5:15 AM, Kevin R. Eberle <keberle@charlestonlaw.edu> wrote:
That was in the Charleston Sunday News (which was the name of the Charleston News & Courier’s weekend edition). It ran on June 2, 1889 and appeared on page 8.

Kevin

From: Beth Ullman [mailto:beth.ullman@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:38 PM
To: Kevin R. Eberle
Subject: FAG #88170814

Dear Mr. Eberle,

You very kindly added an obituary for James Monroe Rabb to his FAG page this past July (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=88170814>); do you remember where you found that? I've been unable to find it or any other online, even at Newspapers.com and would very much like to cite it.

Many thanks,
Beth Ullman, a great niece of James

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