

32 Bee May Be Demolished

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A two-story dwelling at 32 Bee St., designated as "valuable" in "This Is Charleston", is the subject of an application for demolition now pending before the Board of Architectural Review. Action was deferred until the April meeting today.

The application specified that demolition was being sought to create a parking area, with possible later development of the lot as a medical office complex. The lot at 32 Bee measures 100 feet along front and rear lines and 200 feet on east and west lines. It is adjacent to the Medical University of South Carolina.

This property has been owned for more than 40 years by members of the Rughheimer

family. It probably dates from about 1850, having been built when the property was owned by Eliza C. Cochran.

Mrs. Cochran had received the property in 1842 as part of a marriage settlement from Thomas C. Pinckney. At this transaction may be found the first reference to the existence of the present dwelling, with its small semi-octagonal rooms and semi-circular porches.

Within a few months, in order to settle the Cochran estate, the house and lot were sold for Susan Pinckney to George R. Richards for \$6,500. This conveyance took place Oct. 21, 1856. Richards was a shipsmith. He lived here into the Civil War period.

On May 21, 1863, Richards sold the property to Charles V. Chamberlain, listed in city

directories of the period as a mechanic, for \$18,000 in what would be inflated Confederate money.

Chamberlain bought the house with the "money of George W. Miller" and held it for Miller. After Chamberlain's death, the house reverted to the Miller family. On Dec. 6, 1893, it was sold by William Starr Miller, George Norton Miller and Horatio Ray Miller to George A. Norwood Jr., a cotton merchant, for \$3,000.

In 1896, Norwood sold the house to Jennie W. Adger. For the next nine years it was the home of the family of John B. Adger, owner of a shipping company and president of the Charleston Basket and Veneer Manufacturing Co.

Mrs. Laura W. Waring, wife of Thomas R. Waring, then

editor of the Charleston Evening Post, purchased the dwelling July 17, 1905, for \$6,000. On Sept. 30, 1909, Mrs. Waring sold it to J. C. Boesch for \$7,600.

On Sept. 21, 1928, Boesch transferred the property to his daughter, Annie B. Rughheimer.

The two-story residence is in stucco on the first story. The second story is covered with a narrow clapboard frequently found here in houses of the middle and late 19th century. Elongated dentils trim both the upper story and the two levels of the front piazza.

The windows and doors of the house run full length from floor to ceiling, as with many buildings of the late classical period. The general design follows many of the treatments common in homes of a semi-tropical region where warm weather living dictated the architectural forms.

In a city that has witnessed many efforts in pioneering "adaptive use", it has been suggested that the dwelling at 32 Bee, with its good proportions, might serve as an unusual and attractive entrance or reception area for the medical complex contemplated for this site.

World's White Tiger Population Hits 37

NEW DELHI (AP) — The world's white tiger population has reached 37 with the birth of two cubs in the Delhi zoo to Rani, mother of most of the living white tigers. There are 11 in the Delhi zoo. Officials said others are in Rewa, central India; Calcutta; Bristol, England; Washington, D.C. and Miami, Fla., and at Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan.



BEE STREET HOUSE BUILT BEFORE 1856

Demolition permit requested for dwelling.

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