

136 King St. -- Site of the Quaker Meeting House, now the Charleston County Parking Garage. Three Quaker meeting houses, the last one destroyed by the 1861 fire, stood on this site. The property was deeded to the Society of Friends by Gov. John Archdale, who was a Quaker. Mary Fisher, who tried to convert the "Great Turk" (Sultan Muhammed V or his vizier, Mohammed Kuiprili) in 1660, and suffered persecution as a Quaker missionary in Barbadoes and New England, arrived in Charlestown about 1680 with her husband John Crosse and her children. She remained here until her death 18 years later, living quietly, compared with her previous life, and was buried in the Quaker Churchyard here. Also buried here was Daniel Latham, who rode on horseback to take the news of the Patriot victory at Fort Moultrie to the Continental Congress. His remains were moved in 1975 to the park adjacent to the County Office Building on Court House Square. The property remained in the ownership of the Society of Friends until purchased by the County of Charleston. The parking garage was built in two stages, in 1970 and in 1975. The county has preserved the iron fence which enclosed the Quaker Churchyard.

(Smith, "Hog Island and Shute's Folly." Rogers, Charleston in the Age of the Pinckneys, 93. Bull, "Quaker Burying Ground." CEP, March 20, 1967. St. Julien R. Childs, DYKYC, Feb. 27, 1967.)

147-149 King St. -- Ernst J. Hesse (1841-1901), a prosperous merchant of German birth, built this three story brick double building between 1878 and 1880. Hesse immigrated to Walhalla, S.C., at the age of 13 and came to Charleston in 1860 to engage in the grocery business. During the Civil War he served in the German Hussars of Charleston. After the war he reentered business with J.N. Hesse at Beaufain and Pitt streets.