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REAL ESTATE

Some notes regarding #27 Lamboll Street, Charleston, S. C.

This writer is of the opinion that the present dwelling was built by Dr. Robert M. Allan sometime between 1837 and 1842. This opinion is based on the following.

Dr. Allan purchased the property, November 3, 1836 from Robert F. Henry who had purchased it October 28, 1836 from James Shoolbred, who had in turn owned it since 1807. The directory of 1840-1841 list him as being at 4 Legare Street while earlier directories do not list anyone at that address. Also the style and detail work of the building are that of this later period, although some details could be a few years earlier however these could have been copied as a result of personal taste from another building but in general are that of the period of around 1840. Allan's purchase was for \$3,000.00 and Henry's for \$2,500.00 both about land value at the time and no improvements are listed in either deed.

In a 1851 deed from Allan's heirs to Richard F. Reynolds in March 1851 there is a reference to a contract of sale to Thomas D. Conly dated December 22, 1842 which was never completed, thus again placing a time on the building of the building. The sale to Reynolds was for \$8,200.00.

As stated Allan's heirs sold the building in 1851 to Reynolds. He in turn sold it to Thomas Savage Heyward as trustee for his wife and children for \$11,000.00, July 15, 1857.

On November 2, 1869 Charles O. Witte purchased the property from Heyward for \$6,350.00. There is no record that Witte ever lived here and thus it is assumed that it was just an investment. After several transfers to trustee, Witte's daughter Carlotta W. vanBoskerck sold the property in February 1920 for \$17,000.00 to Mrs. Cecye Dodd Eastman. Mrs. Eastman sold the forty (40') southern feet of the property to Laura W. Waring in December of 1920.

Mrs. Eastman's estate sold the balance of the property in January 1933 to Maria T. Halsey for \$5,000.00. After a number of transfers within the Halsey family, Luolille Halsey Rounds sold the property through her daughter Ann G. Rounds to G. Mark and Karen J. Philips.

The above notes are a result of a search of the RWC Office records, City of Charleston directories from 1835 through 1881, comparison of details of design in and of the building that now stands of the property with other buildings in the city of known age. Some changes have been made in the building but these have been taken into account. Early plats show service buildings on the eastern side of the lot and on the area sold to Mrs. Waring in 1920 that no longer exist. It also thought that the iron fence is of the period of the house although maybe the sidewalk is higher than when it was installed.