

"It has always been an island legend that the home of Captain Francis Watlington, built in 1832, was the first home erected on the island, but gleaned from Hunt's Merchant Magazine dated January 1852, is the following: 'From a small beginning Key West has grown to be an important and prosperous place. From the solitary home erected by John W. Simonton in 1823 has sprung a flourishing and well-ordered city of about 3,000 inhabitants.' From 'Aunt' Lilly, last of the Watlington daughters to occupy the old home it is learned that the home was originally located on Whitehead Street, later being moved to its present location on Duval Street and its proximity to the street is due to the non-existence of street lines at the time. . . ." Cappick, Marie, The Coral Tribune, Ch XV, p 4, 1957. ✓