

Dr. Joseph Glover House
81 Rutledge Avenue
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Charleston County
South Carolina

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Address: 81 Rutledge Avenue, Charleston, Charleston County,
South Carolina.

Present Owner
and Occupant: Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Thompson.

Present Use: Residence.

Statement of
Significance: An antebellum town house of interesting architectural
character.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Dr. Joseph Glover purchased a large lot at the corner of Wentworth Street and Rutledge Avenue, and in 1835 sold part of it at the corner, retaining the site of this house [Register Mesne Conveyance Office, p-7, page 7]. In 1838 he willed this house to his son; the will was proved in 1840.
2. Date of erection: c. 1835

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: A representative Charleston mid-19th Century town house of ample scale, with late-19th century modifications. It is in good condition.
- B. Description of Exterior: Three stories over high basement, two bays by six bays, rectangular, street front on east, piazza fronting garden on south. Walls are stucco on brick, the basement being rusticated. The floor and roof structures are timber. Along the south side is a triple-tiered Charleston piazza, the lower story having stucco piers, the upper two having slender solid wooden Doric columns and thin modillioned entablatures; the upper stories have ornamental cast-iron railings. The entrance from the street is at sidewalk level, through an arched doorway with rusticated architrave, crowned by a cornice, set in a curtain wall at the end of the piazza. The two front windows of the main story are pedimented, with foliated consoles, and semielliptical ornamental cast-iron balconies; those of the story above have straight cornices and architrave trim. A cornice separates the top story, which appears to be an addition, from the others. The

facade of the top story is treated with Doric pilasters.
The roof is hipped, without dormers.

- C. Description of Interior: The drawing room is on the main floor. Its openings have wooden architrave trim, paneled reveals and paneled soffits. There is a paneled wainscoting; above this the walls and ceiling are plastered, with plaster cornice. Walls, ceiling and trim are painted. The floor contains a marquetry pattern. There is a marble mantel with Ionic columns.
- D. Site: This house is located on the west side of Rutledge Avenue, now a busy street which forms a main north-south artery. There is a wide side yard at the south, forming a garden, overlooked by the piazza. An ornamental iron fence extends along the street side of this garden.

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