

Jonathan Lucas House  
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Historical Data:

Jonathan Lucas was an Englishman who sailed to America and landed near the mouth of the Santee River, when a storm wrecked the boat upon which he was a passenger. A local planter befriended him, and he, in turn, struck with the labor required to thresh the rice, produced a machine which brought fame and fortune to himself and his future family, and put the rice crop back on a paying basis.

In 1817, Mr. Lucas built a steam mill on the Ashley River at the foot of Mill Street, and Lucas and Norton built the second mill operated by steam near Gadsden's Wharf on the Cooper River.

Mr. Lucas' son, Jonathan Lucas, Jr. moved to England in 1822, having received flattering offers from English officials, and the third Jonathan Lucas was left in Carolina to carry on the work that had been started by his grandfather and father.

"Hopseewee" is the name of the Lucas' plantation on the Santee, but members of the family have built several fine houses in the city which they still call home.

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