

Heyward-Washington House
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HEYWARD-WASHINGTON HOUSE
Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina

Owner: Board of Trustees, Charleston Museum
83 Church Street

Date of erection: 1750

Builder: Thomas Heyward

Present condition: Very good

Description:

Brick; two and a half stories and basement. Several out-
buildings in fair condition.

Additional data:

Now a museum. Has original furniture. Old kitchen re-
stored. Washington entertained here in 1791.

Other existing records:

Records of Museum.

Prepared by Junior Architect James L. Burnett, Jr.

Approved: _____

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Historical Data:

Judge Thomas Heyward's house on the west side of Church Street just north of Tradd was at one time considered one of the most splendid houses in Charleston. Although not so large, this house has many features in common with the Brewton House. Formerly double verandas adorned the three-story brick structure.

The Heyward House was selected to house President Washington during his visit to Charleston May 2, 1791. He spent a week in Charleston and many entertainments were given in his honor.

The Heyward family was one of the first to give much attention to the cultivation of rice, owning large bodies of land adapted to the cultivation of this grain, by the success of which they amassed a considerable fortune.

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