

John Rutledge House Inn®

HISTORY

- 1763** John Rutledge builds a beautiful home for his bride, Elizabeth Grimke. The chairman of the drafting committee, Rutledge goes on to write several iterations of the United States Constitution in the second floor drawing room, now the Signer's Ballroom. He later signs the document with the other founding fathers.
- 1791** George Washington visits John Rutledge House and shares breakfast with Mrs. Rutledge during his Presidential trip to Charleston.
- 1853** The house is renovated, and many distinctive architectural features are added, including Italian marble fireplaces, ornate parquet floors, and elaborate ironwork depicting the Federal Eagle and SC Palmetto tree as a tribute to Rutledge's service in federal and state governments.
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1865 and elaborate ironwork depicting the Federal Eagle and SC Palmetto tree as a tribute to Rutledge's service in federal and state governments.
- 1920** In the 1920s, Charleston's mayor, Robert Goodwyn Rhett, was expecting a visit from President William Taft during his tour of Charleston. Wanting to do something special for the president, Mayor Rhett asked his butler, William Deas, to "dress up" their typical crab soup. His presidential variation featured orange crab eggs, giving the soup bright color and great taste. Thus began the legacy of She Crab Soup.
- 1989** The family home returns to its former glory when a major restoration is undertaken to restore the inlaid floors, plaster work, and staircase. An array of modern conveniences are added, transforming the historic structure into the elegant and beloved John Rutledge House Inn®.

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