



In 1982, Richard Widman, founded Charming Inns® as a labor of love. He began the company with the mission to help guests create special memories by providing exceptional service and honoring the unique histories of each of the one-of-a-kind properties.

Today, with four boutique hotels and an award-winning fine dining establishment in the portfolio, we continue that mission by staying true to our core values: Family, Service, History, and Comfort.

We believe the loyalty and longevity of our staff are a testament to those values setting our brand apart in an everevolving hospitality landscape.



MICHELLE WIDMAN-WOODHULL **PRESIDENT**

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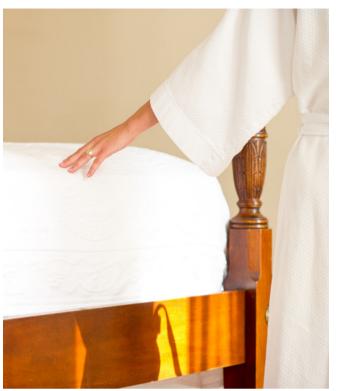
WENTWORTH MANSION® | JOHN RUTLEDGE HOUSE INN® FULTON LANE INN | KINGS COURTYARD INN | CIRCA 1886 RESTAURANT















Kings Courtyard Inn is a charming hotel located in a great location within walking distance to many shops and restaurants. From the moment we checked in to the moment we checked out, the staff went above and beyond to provide us with excellent service.

Welcome to Kings Courtyard Inn

Occupying one of the oldest buildings in Charleston, Kings Courtyard Inn is awash in decorative details, including original gas fireplaces, hardwood floors, and hand-carved plaster moldings.

Step out the door onto King Street, an iconic thoroughfare that's home to some of Charleston's most stylish boutiques and world-class restaurants.

Gracious hospitality, charming and intimate interior courtyards and thoughtful guest amenities await you at one of Charleston's most beloved and captivating historic hotels.

MORE THAN 160 YEARS OF HISTORY

192 – 198 King Street, the present address of Kings Courtyard Inn and several retail shops, is known to many Charleston historians as the Blum Building. It was built in 1853 by Colonel J. Charles Blum and designed in the Greek revival style with Egyptian detail by Francis D. Lee. Other noteworthy buildings designed by Mr. Lee include 141 East Bay Street and the Unitarian Church on Archdale Street. Horlbeck Alley, located a few paces south of the inn is named for the family of Mrs. Blum, Esther Horlbeck.

Ward records indicate the value of this location increased from \$1,000 to \$9,000 in 1853 with the erection of the building designed by Mr. Lee. In Lee's day, King Street was to visiting ladies a "narrow dirty street" but even so it was fashionable and contained the best shops. The construction of Colonel Blum's building in 1853 brought to this part of lower King Street a change from modest, separate residences to a more diversified usage which included retail trade, second and third story rental units, and hotels. Establishments in the Blum building mentioned in the City directories of 1855 and 1859 were Mrs. Evan's boarding house, F. Petit confectionery, and fancy goods, Mrs. Sarah Watts, Millinery and Bailey and Douglas, and retail groceries.

In the 1870s, after war had dissipated the wealth of the region and made conspicuous consumption vulgar, the shops changed in character. A portrait and picture frame manufacturer lasted only a year at 192 King Street, Singer Sewing Machine and "Installment" Furniture stayed for longer periods.

The Twentieth Century saw such occupants as a bicycle dealer, electrical supplies, dry cleaners, and Salvation Army lodging for women. These types of occupancy were continued in the 1930's – small offices, service businesses, and apartments. Since then, one or another of the properties at this address such as the Shade Shop #198, has enjoyed a few prosperous years. Overall, however, thoroughly inappropriate uses for such an architectural asset had persisted. In this same year at #194, the first floor was utilized for the Jet White Laundry and the second floor for the Sports Arena Skating Rink. This building sold for as little as \$5,000 as recently as 1962 after falling into a sad state of disrepair.

Kings Courtyard Inn was opened in November 1983 following an 8-month restoration by Managing General Partner Richard T. Widman. At the time the interior courtyards were created from original light wells and 34 guest rooms were appointed with 18th-century reproduction furniture preserving beautifully the antebellum Meticulous heritage. efforts by partnership are evident in the preservation of the stunning oversized windows favored by the original designer and Victorian accents of stylized columns and delicate ironwork added around the turn of the century. An elegant hostelry offering the conveniences expected by discerning inn travelers while historic integrity, Kings preserving Courtyard Inn is pleased to welcome guests once again to this remarkable address in Historic Charleston, South Carolina.









Events and Social Events

Charleston is one of the top wedding destinations in the country, and Kings

Courtyard Inn's venues are rich in charm and character that ensure beautiful backdrops and endless memories.

What a special experience! We celebrated our anniversary in Charleston and stayed here! They made us feel so special. They had a special note and champagne when we arrived! We had a light breakfast in bed almost every morning and really enjoyed the wine and cheese happy hour every evening. It was very walkable to many shops and restaurants, so the location was very convenient for us. Definitely would recommend!

JESSICA W.—YELP REVIEW









FAQ

LOCATION

198 King Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 723-7000

ARCHITECTURE

Greek Revival

ROOMS

Forty-one charming rooms and three inner courtyards.

AMENITIES

- Wi-Fi
- 24-hour concierge
- Morning newspaper
- Continental breakfast delivered to your room or the courtyard
- Access to nearby Athletic Club (fee)
- Evening wine & cheese reception
- Evening sherry
- In-room refrigerator, flat screen TV, and hairdryer
- In-room iron & ironing board
- Fireplaces in select rooms

DINING

While Kings Courtyard Inn does not have any formal dining options on site, guests are welcome to dine at Circa 1886 Restaurant at its sister property, Wentworth Mansion[®]. Guests may also take advantage of a three-course dinner for \$60.



MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

spaces available in two meeting rooms that accommodate groups of up to 50 people. Available for weddings, business gatherings, or special events.

RATES

Rooms from \$250

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Journey Through The Foodways







"Stunning place, delicious food, and a friendly staff. I highly recommend this restaurant! Since it's popular I would make a reservation as soon you you know you are heading to Charleston. An absolute gem!"

Circa 1886 Restaurant

Located in the original carriage house of the historic Wentworth Mansion® in downtown Charleston, Circa 1886 has long reigned as one of Charleston's finest restaurants - a romantic backdrop for birthday celebrations, a quiet setting to discuss business or entertain friends, a one-of-a-kind venue for rehearsal dinners and bridal events. For over a decade, Executive Chef Marc Collins has worked with a network of local farmers and fishermen creating a special kind of culinary magic, elevating even an ordinary night out to spectacular new heights.

In 2019, Chef Collins launched a unique menu concept that takes guests on a journey through the belly of South Carolina Foodways from its humble beginnings, multinational influences, and what that means for modern-day cuisine fused together from this rich history. From dishes like Broken Arrow Axis Venison with sunchoke hash and sunflower seed butter to Piedmontese Oxtail with conch fritter and mustard greens, the flavors come together to tell a beautiful story.











MARC COLLINS

EXECUTIVE CHEF

Although his childhood dreams of becoming an Air Force pilot were sidelined due to less-than-perfect vision, Marc Collins quickly found his focus and footing in the culinary world. At age 16, he worked as a chef apprentice aboard Paradise II, a private yacht with a presidential history, an experience that inspired him to pursue a culinary degree at the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts.

A series of cooking jobs included a post at the Erie Country Club in his hometown, where he served under Executive Chef David Spadafore, a Gold Medal Winner in the Culinary Olympics held in Frankfurt, Germany. In 1991, Collins moved to San Antonio, where he worked at La Mansion Del Rio under French chef Guy Collinet and, later, at La Louisiane, a restaurant specializing in fine French cuisine and Cajun Creole cooking. At 23, he took his first chef position at the Fairmount Hotel, an AAA Four Diamond hotel restaurant. In 2001, he was recruited to helm Circa 1886 in Charleston.

In 2005, Marc had a budding idea for a food and wine festival to be hosted in Charleston, spotlighting the city's amazing array of talent and ingredients. Thanks to his dedication and countless hours of preliminary planning meetings, that vision became reality in 2006, when the first annual Charleston Wine + Food launched. Today, the festival is a prominent annual event, featuring more than 160 chefs and authors from Charleston and across the country, and comprising dozens of food and wine events. To honor his critical work in founding the festival, he was the namesake and first recipient of the 2010 Charleston Wine + Food Marc Collins Chef Award.







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LOCATION

149 Wentworth Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 853-7828

ESTABLISHED

2002

HOURS

Dinner: Monday - Tuesday and Thursday - Saturday 5 - 9:00 pm

EXECUTIVE CHEF

Marc Collins

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MORE THAN 1160 YEARS OF HISTORY

1853 -

Built by Colonel J. Charles Blum, the inn occupies one of the oldest buildings on King Street. Designed by Francis D. Lee, a noted Charleston architect, its Greek revival style was accented by Egyptian architectural detailing. In the 19th century, the first floor of the Blum building housed shops while the second and third floors were used as a hotel.

Following the Civil war, King Street fell into a long decline. The war's devastating effect on the Southern economy changed the character of the building's shops. Over the next century, its uses varied considerably, including Singer Sewing Machine, a Salvation Army for lodging women, a dry cleaner, and even a skating rink.

1983

A complete renovation of the building included the creation of two courtyards with surrounding rooms, simply by uncovering and enlarging two light wells of the original building. Floors were reinished, windows were replaced, and modern buildings were added.

1989

The Kings Courtyard Inn became a charter member of Historic Hotels of America.