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Captain Harleston Becomes Patriarch of Prominent Family

121 Calhoun Street

After a dispute with the Mickey family, Edwin G. "Captain" Harleston built this three-story structure in 1913 to house the *Harleston Funeral Home*. The artist Edwin A. "Teddy" Harleston was one of the Captain's sons. Teddy—who trained at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine Arts—and his wife, photographer Elise Forrest, kept a studio in their home near Harleston Funeral Home, but their income came from the funeral business. Teddy was one of the founders of the Charleston branch of the NAACP; W. E. B. DuBois was a personal friend.

