

Elias Vanderhorst House

28 Chapel St.

Constructed c. 1832; rehabilitated 1983, partially restored 1990s

Residence of Robin and Ben Grambling

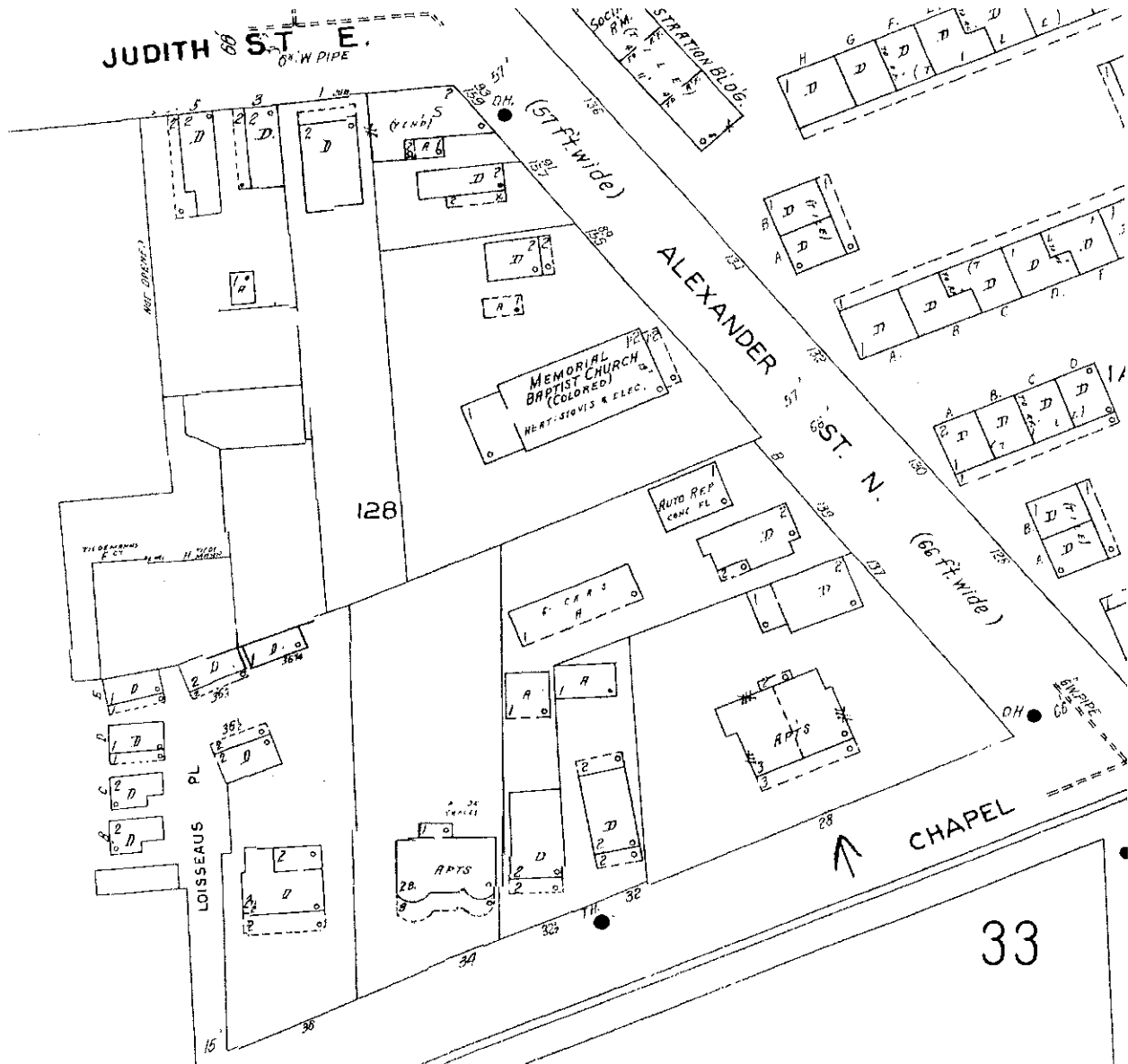
The house was built in c.1832 by Elias Vanderhorst (pronounced Van-DROSS), son of General Arnoldus Vanderhorst, former mayor of Charleston and governor of South Carolina. The Vanderhorst family were prominent rice planters owning over 2,000 acres of land on Kiawah Island where the family plantation still stands. This two-story Greek Revival house sits atop a ground-level, or English, basement. It features a piazza on the main floor with a double, semicircular, brownstone staircase with a wrought-iron balustrade. Inside, the ceilings gain their greatest height, doors and windows reach almost to the ceiling, and minimum decorative plasterwork was used. The brick-and-stucco exterior is unadorned except for a dog-tooth cornice in the pediment and roof gables. At the time it was built, this area was just north of the city limits and could be termed a suburban villa.

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28 Chapel Research Notes, HCF 2018

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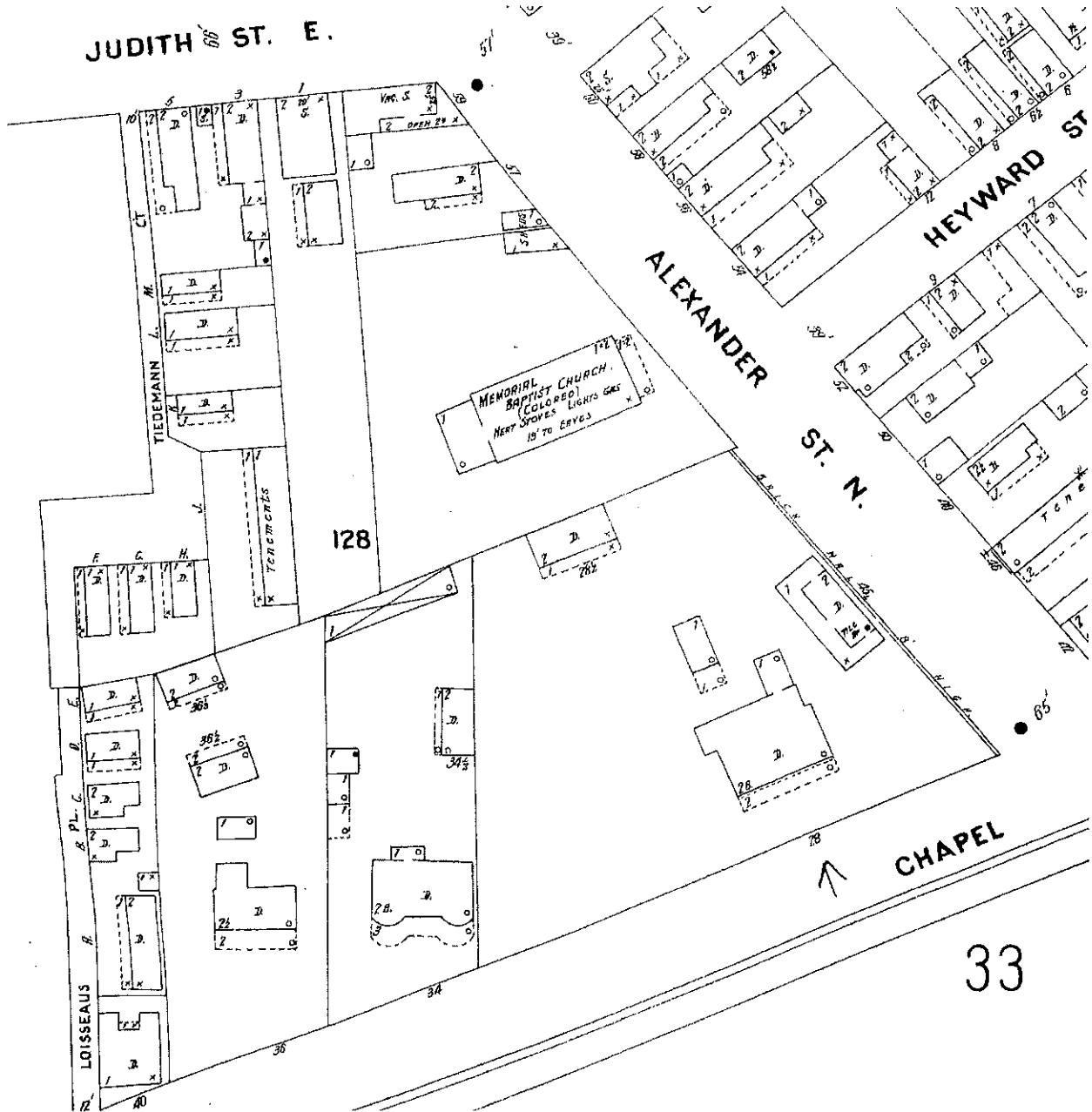
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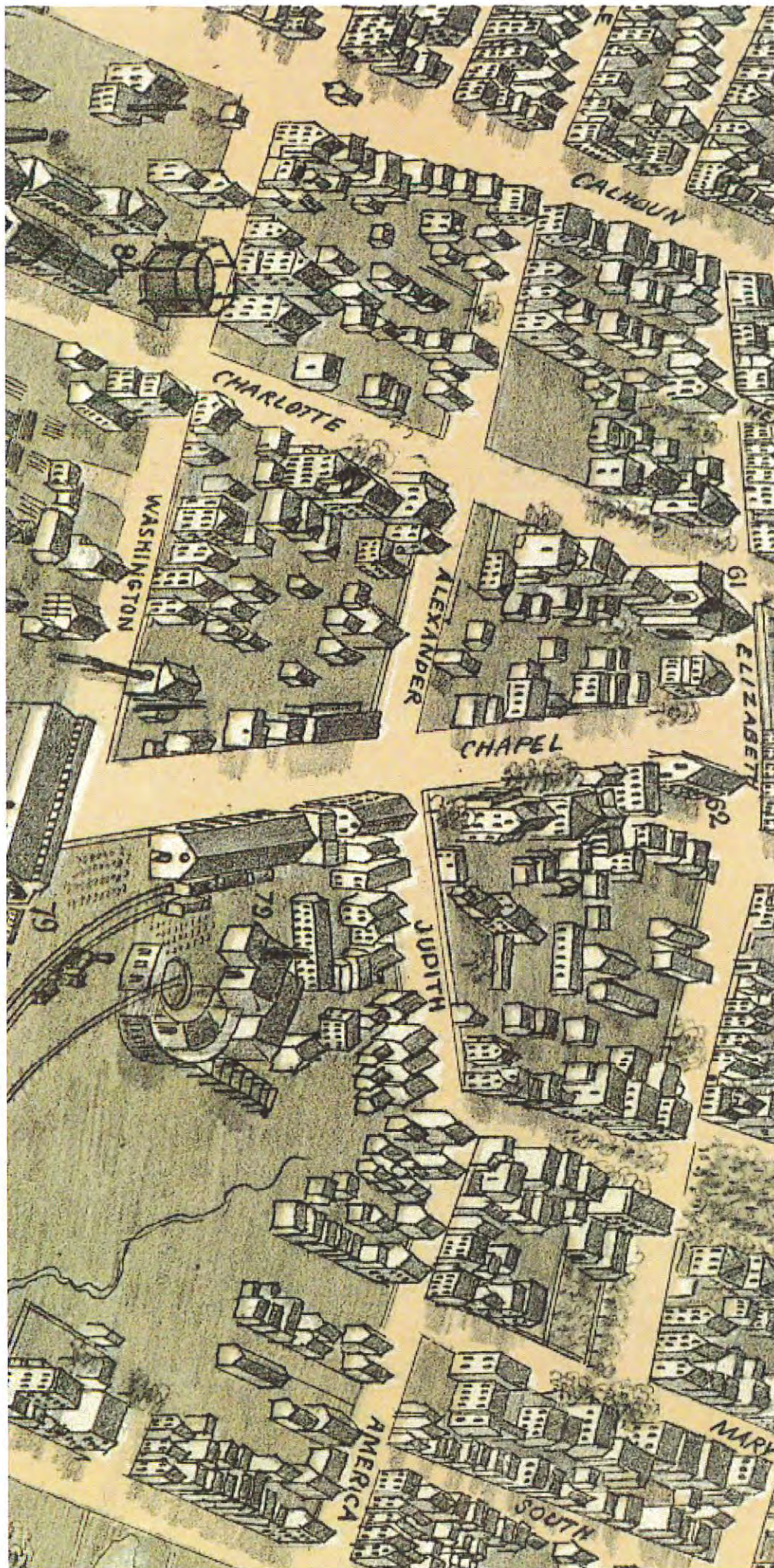
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