

Strangers & Negroe Burying Ground

Block bounded by Vanderhorst, Coming, Calhoun and Pitt streets

TMS: 4601603002, 4601603004, 4601603005, 4601603006, 4601603007, 4601603008, 4601603009, 4601603017, 4601603018, 4601603024, 4601603025, 4601603026, 4601603027, 4601603028, 4601603125, 4601603126, 4601603145, 4601603146, 4601603148, 4601603149, 4601603151, 4601603155, 4601603158, 4601603160, 4601603162, 4601603166, 4601603168, 4601603169, 4601603173, 4601603178, 4601603180, 4601603181, 4601603183, 4601603187, 4601603188, 4601603189, 4601603190, 4601603191, 4601603195, 4601603202, 4601603203

UTM (Zone 17, NAD 27): E599330 N3627820

An article in the August 24, 1799 *Charleston City Gazette* reported that this burial ground was acquired by the City from John Poaug in February 1792 “for a burying place for strangers and negroes, lying within Coming, Vanderhorst and Boundary Streets and the land of Mr. Joseph Manigault . . .” Several 1798 plats show the burial grounds extending eastward to St. Philips Street, while the 1799 Purcell survey shows the boundaries recounted by the news article. Additional research is necessary to verify the legal boundaries (the tax map numbers listed above reflect the entire block). By 1807 the Charleston City Council announced that all burials would cease in this burial ground by August 1808 and “all interments will take place at the Burial Ground in Cannonsborough.”

“The old Vardell house stood near the corner of Vanderhorst and Coming streets and was built for himself by my grandfather Vardell, being the first house erected on the square now bounded by Vanderhorst, St. Philip’s, Coming and Boundary (Calhoun) streets. . . . The house was built on the site of the old city Potter’s field and the bones of many British soldiers were buried there. I remember that one of my childish amusements was to dig for these bones . . .”

“The Committee on City Lands Submit the Following Report, on the Present State of the Lands,” *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, August 24, 1799, pg. 2.

“Council Chamber, July 28, 1807,” *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, August 1, 1807, pg. 3.

The State (Columbia, SC), September 3, 1922, pg. 11

