

Chapel and Tomb of General Sumter
(Near) Sumter, Sumter County, South Carolina
["Stateburg Section"]

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TOMB AND CHAPEL

OF

GENERAL THOMAS SUMTER
Stateburg, Sumter County
South Carolina

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: About 1800.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Three. 1

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

See also Leiding, H.K., Historic Houses of South Carolina, 166, 167.

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GENERAL THOMAS SUMTER
STATEBURG, SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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The site of the Sumter Tomb and Chapel is near the site of the old General Thomas Sumter home, which was burned a few years after his death.

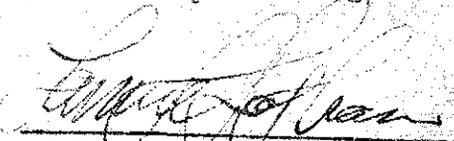
The chapel was built for Mrs. Sumter to attend mass in, as she was a devout Roman Catholic. She was buried beneath the floor of the chapel and her remains still lie there. The door of the Chapel has since been sealed, and there is no present entrance. Mr. John Sumter, a descendant of General Thomas Sumter, says that there was formerly a 3-inch oak door.

The chapel was built about 1800 of handmade brick of varying sizes, with varying mortar joints. Its walls are of solid brick laid on a foundation of rough granite and field stone. The roof is of black glazed tile, supported on wood rafters.

The tomb is merely included in these drawings on account of its connection with the chapel, as it is modern, having been erected in 1907 by the General Assembly of South Carolina, to mark the grave of this General of Revolutionary fame. It is of grey granite with incised lettering and lead joints, having a bronze memorial plate on the west front.

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