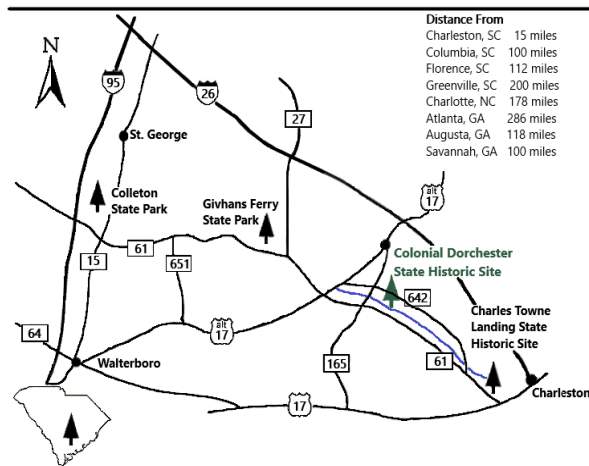




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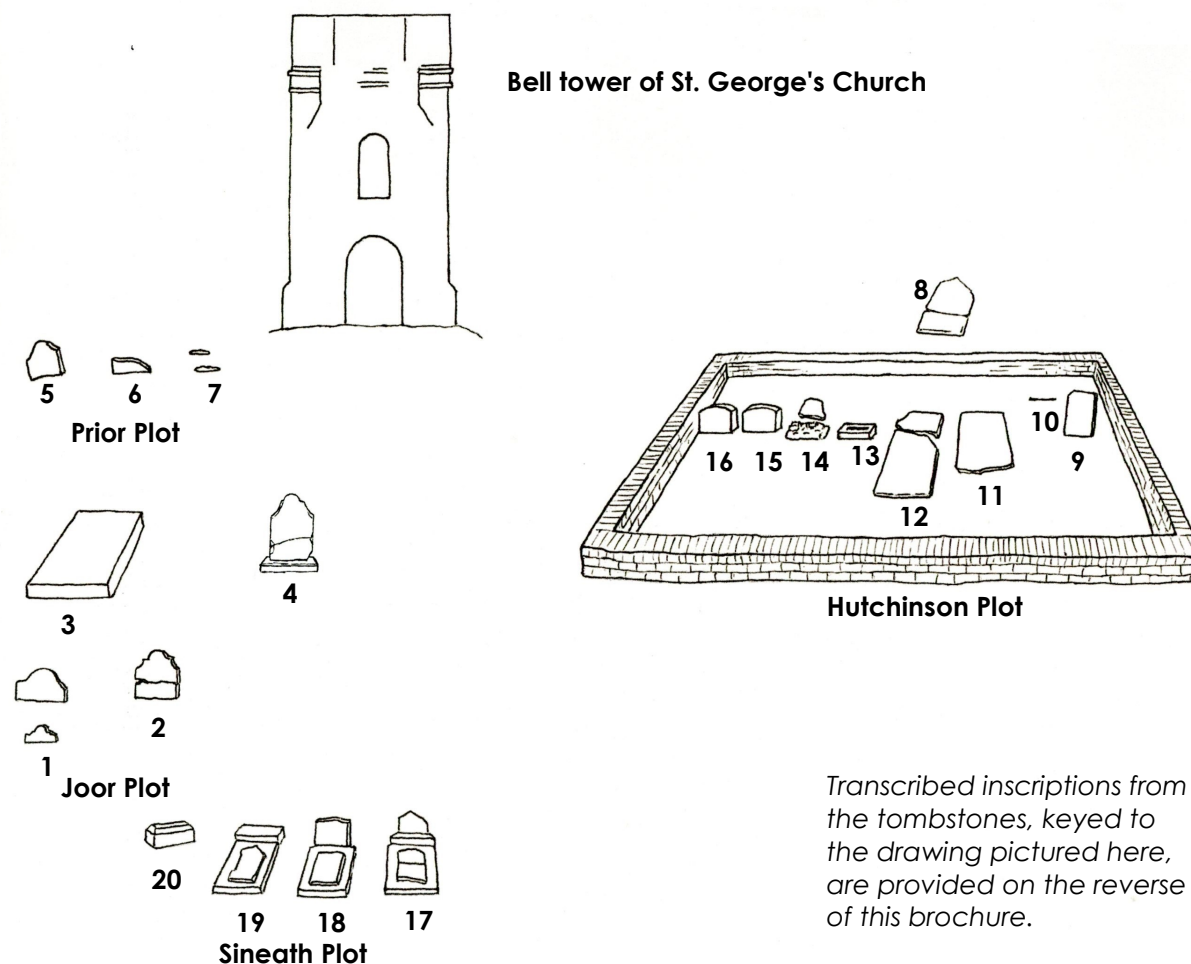
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St. George's Church Cemetery

St. George's parish was created in 1717 and the parish church was completed in 1720. The sanctuary measured fifty feet long by thirty feet wide. As the congregation grew, they enlarged the church and in 1751, added a bell tower. The cemetery began as a burying ground for the church. Long after the town and church ceased to exist, local families continued to use the cemetery to bury their loved ones. Because of the continued local attachment to the site, the remaining tombstones date from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.



Transcribed inscriptions from
the tombstones, keyed to
the drawing pictured here,
are provided on the reverse
of this brochure.

St. George's Church Cemetery—Tombstone Transcriptions

Inscriptions from the gravestones in St. George's Church cemetery are provided below. The numbers are keyed to the map on the other side of this brochure. The end of a line in each inscription is marked by a slash (/). Inscriptions of some stones that are now broken or illegible were prepared using tombstone transcriptions recorded in 1940.

1. John Joor, Sr. (Planter and merchant. His marker is the oldest in the cemetery and the only one with a footstone.)

Here lies the body of/ JOHN JOOR Esqr./ who died
Sepr. 15th 1772/ Aged 56 Years &/ 2 Months

2. John Joor, Jr. (Son of John Joor. His will requested that a brick wall enclose the family plot; the remnants of the wall are still visible.) REPAIRED 2001

Sacred/ To the Memory,/ of Mr. John Joor junr./ who
Departed this life/ Decemr, 19th 1790/ Aged 50 years
& 8 months

3. James Postell (During the Revolution, British soldiers supposedly scarred the tombstone of this wealthy planter by using it as a butcher block.)

In Memory of James Postell Esquire/ A Sincere
Christian/ an affectionate Husband/ an indulgent
Parent/ and a faithful Friend/ He died 8th: April 1773/
Aged 51 Years/ Much lamented by all his Friends &
Relations/ but his better part yet lives.

4. Charles B. Ladson (A planter who acquired the site of Dorchester after the town was abandoned.) REPAIRED and RESET 2020

THIS STONE/ marks the spot/ where are deposited/
the remains of/ CHARLES B. LADSON, Esq./ who died
1st April 1833/ aged 47 yrs. 4 mo: 4 days./ His private
charities & public/ usefulness will cause his death/ to
be long lamented in this vicinity/ His friends will find his
place/ not readily filled in their hearts/ and will fondly
cherish the/ recollection of his many virtues/ by
which/ he was justly endeared to them.

5. Seth Prior (A local planter and merchant.)

Sacred to the memory/ of/ Seth Prior/ who departed
this life on the/ 16th day of June 1789 Aged/ 63 Years
8 Months & 16 days./ Also by him lieth/ His Wife and
Two small Children.

**6. Seth Thornton Prior (Eldest son of Seth Prior, he operated a tavern on Dorchester Road.)
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Sacred/ to the/ memory of/ Major SETH THORNTON/
PRIOR,/ who departed this life/ on the 1st of
December 1830/ After a long and painful illness/ in
the 49th year of his age;/ leaving a Widow and two
Sons to lament their irreparable loss./ By his side lie the
remains/ of five of his children./ How happy are the
souls above/ From sin & sorrow free!/ With Jesus they
are now at rest/ And all his glory see.

7. Two tombstone fragments - unknown.

8. Margaret Autrobus Young (Widow of a planter from nearby Goose Creek.)

Sacred/ To the Memory/ of/ Mrs. Margaret Autrobus
Young/ Wife of Mr. Thomas Young./ She was born in
Great Britain A.D. 1727./ At Six years of age she came
to America./ And upwards of Sixty years./ Resided in
Charleston, S.C./ During nearly fifty of those years/
She was a steady and ornamental member/ of the
Indept. or Congegl. Church./ With exemplary
resignation,/ And good hope in Christ,/ She died April
6th. 1808:/ Aged/ Eighty years & eleven months./ Like
Martha careful, & like Mary wise.

9. Cornelius Dupont (Son-in-law of Louisa Hutchinson. His will requested that the family plot here be enclosed with the brick wall.)

TO/ the memory of/ Dr. CORNELIUS DUPONT/ who
departed this life on the/ 21st of July 1843,/ in the 58th
year of his age.

10. Mary H. Whitaker (Daughter of Louisa Hutchinson, she was married to Dr. Stubbins Ffirth and later to Rev. Daniel K. Whitaker.) BROKEN, IN STORAGE AWAITING REPAIR

SACRED/ to the Memory of/ Mrs Mary H. Whitaker,

who departed this life/ on the 19th October 1847/
aged 57 years./ A devoted wife, a fond/ mother, a
kind mistress,/ a faithful friend,/ an enlightened and
practical/ Christian, she adorned every/ relation of life
with grace,/ dignity and goodness,/ and has left
behind her, fond/ and endearing recollections,/ which
neither time nor death/ will ever obliterate from/ the
heart or the memory.

11. Louisa Houseal (Possibly the daughter of Louisa Hutchinson.)

Sacred to the Memory/ of/ Mrs. LOUISA C. HOUSEAL/
the amiable partner of/ Dr. JOHN G. HOUSEAL/ who
departed this Life/ on the 7th January 1814/ aged 39
years 2 months/ & 16 days.

12. Louisa Hutchinson (The first of four generations of Hutchinsons buried here. She died in 1797 shortly after giving birth to a son.)

Sacred to the Memory/ of/ Louisa Hutchinson,/ Consort
of Mathias Hutchinson Esqr/ Who Died on the 14th.
May./ In the 43d. Year of Her Age/ She was an amiable
and affectionate Wife/ a tender Parent, and a sincere
friend:/ a humane and indulgent mistress./ Her last
moments were sweetened/ with consolatory reflections/
on this well spent Life.

13. Tombstone fragment - unknown

14. Stubbins Ffirth (First husband of Mary Hutchinson Whitaker. A physician, Dr. Ffirth experimented on himself to prove that yellow fever was not contagious. The broken slab lying on the ground is Ffirth's stone; the repaired base in front of it is all that remains of another, unidentified tombstone.)

Sacred/ To the Memory of/ Stubbins Ffirth, M.D./ Who
departed this life at Ffirthville, St. Paul's Parish, S.C./ On
the 4th of July 1820/ In the Thirty-Ninth year of his age/
As a Husband and Father, he was/ Kind and affectionate,
as a/ Master, he was just and indulgent/ As a friend, he
was Sincere/ And true; as a Physician/ He was eminent
in his profession/ Had an extensive practice/ Was prompt
and ready at every call/ Whether proceeding from the poor/
Or the rich, as Thousands/ Can testify:/ As a Christian he
was devout/ And at the same time liberal/ In his opinions/
NEXT, to him lies his Second Son/ Caspar Wistar./ This

monument is erected by his/ Only surviving Son, who
revives/ His Memory.

15. Joseph Hall Waring Hutchinson & Mary Freer Hutchinson (A third-generation Hutchinson and his wife.)

JOSEPH HALL WARING/ HUTCHINSON/ 1833. - 1877./
HIS WIFE/ MARY FREER/ 1841. - 1883.

16. Edward H. Freer & Esther Rivers Freer (The parents of Mary Freer Hutchinson.)

EDWARD H. FREER/ 1815. - 1880./ HIS WIFE/ ESTHER
RIVERS/ 1817. - 1894.

17. W. J. Sineath (Farmer, carpenter, and phosphate mining company manager.)

DEDICATED TO THE/ MEMORY OF/ W. J. Sineath/ WHO
DEPARTED THIS LIFE/ AUG. 16, 1907/ We shall meet
again at the resurection morn./ "Wife."

18. Effie Sineath (One of eleven children of W. J. and Georgiannna Moore Sineath.)

IN MEMORIAM/ EFFIE/ DAUGHTER OF/ W. J. & G. M./
SINEATH/ DIED MAY 12, 1905.

19. Georgianna More Sineath (Wife of W. J. Sineath. Hers is the most recent stone in the cemetery.)

Mrs. G. M. SINEATH/ WIFE OF/ W. J. Sineath/ DIED/ OCT.
13, 1920/ IN THE 88TH/ YEAR OF HER AGE/ MOTHER

20 Tombstone fragment - unknown

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

Old tombstones can be damaged easily. Do not stand on, sit on, or lean against the stones. Do not try to clean or brush off the stones to make them more legible. And do not attempt to take rubbings--take photographs instead. Contact park staff if you notice any damage to the cemetery. Thank you.

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