Inscriptions from the gravestones in St. George's Church cemetery are provided below. The numbers are keyed to the map on the back 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 Sept. 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

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.) THIS STONE/ marks the spot/ where are deposited/ the remains of CHARLES B. LADSON, Esqr., who died 1st April 1833/ Aged 74 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.) BROKEN BY HURRICANE HUGO, 1989

7. Two tombstone fragments - unknown.

8. Margaret Autobius Young (Widow of a planter from nearby Goose Creek.) Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Margaret Autobius 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 Congreg. 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 Firth and later to Rev. Daniel K. Whitaker.) BROKEN BY HURRICANE HUGO, 1989 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.) BROKEN BY HURRICANE HUGO, 1989 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 59 years 2 months/ & 16 days.

12. Louisa Hutchinson (The first of four generations of Hutchisons buried here. She died in 1797 shortly after giving birth to a son.) Sacred to the Memory of LOUISA Hutchinson/ Consort of Matthias 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 Firth (First husband of Mary Hutchinson Whitaker. A physician, Dr. Firth experimented on himself to prove that yellow fever was not contagious. The broken slab lying on the ground is Firth's stone; the repaired base in front of it is all that remains of another, unidentified tombstone.) Sacred to the Memory of Stubbins Firth, M.D./ Who departed this life at Firthville, 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.


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. Thank you.

To learn more about what you can do to help preserve old cemeteries and tombstones, contact the South Carolina Department of Archives and History at (803) 896-6100.
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Bell tower of St. George’s Church (built 1751)

Hutchinson Plot

Joor Plot

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