

Miles Brewton House
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Historical Data:

The fine house built by Miles Brewton about 1765 is known today as the Pringle House on King Street. It is a square "double house", has fine iron fence, double gateway, portico very handsome, two tiers of stone pillars are impressive. Paneling, ceilings, cornices, mantel-pieces and other details are noticeably fine examples of their period.

It was doubted by some that Ezra Waite did the architecture and conducted the execution thereof. Therefore, Mr. Waite made a public announcement to the effect that he did the work and offered "One Hundred Guineas" to anyone who could prove to the contrary. It was never known whether the "One Hundred Guineas" were ever claimed.

The Gardens originally extended through to Legaré Street.

Mr. Brewton did not long enjoy his new home for he, his wife and children were all lost at sea in 1775 on their way to Philadelphia and the property passed to his sisters, Mrs. Pinckney and Mrs. Motte.

After the capture of Charleston, this house was used as the British headquarters and occupied by Sir Henry Clinton, afterwards Lord Rawdon.

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