

Borough House (Hill Crest)  
Dependency (Hooper Tombs)  
W. side of State Rt. 261, about .1 mi. S. of  
Junction with old Garners Ferry Road  
Stateburg  
Sumter County  
South Carolina

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
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Arlington, Virginia

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Location: On the grounds of the Borough House plantation complex on west side of State Route 261, 0.8 mile north of intersection of Route 261 and State Route 76-378; Stateburg, Sumter County, South Carolina

U.S.G.S. Wedgefield, SC 7.5 Minute Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Coordinates:  
17.542850.3757120

Present Owner: Mrs. Richard K. Anderson  
The Borough House  
RFD 3 Box 276  
Sumter, South Carolina 29154

Present Use: cemetery

Significance: The Hooper Tombs contain the remains of Thomas Hooper and his wife, Mary Heron Hooper, who were the first occupants of the Borough House to begin to develop the house and its grounds. The tombs are located in the northwest corner of the present formal gardens whose outlines were first planned by Mrs. Hooper.

The Borough House complex was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Stateburg Historic District in 1971 and as an individual site in 1972.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

NOTE: Background material and site history for the Hooper Tombs and the Borough House may be found in data pages for the Borough House, Stateburg, Sumter County, South Carolina, HABS No. SC-362. Data specific to the tombs follows below.

According to Mrs. Anderson, the original tomb structure was wooden and succumbed to the hungry attentions of "an old billy goat" early in the 20th century. It was rebuilt in masonry by Mrs. Walter C. White, Mrs. Anderson's mother.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The present tombs consist of a single, ivy-covered semi-cylindrical structure built of brick with two marble headstones on the eastern end. The structure measures about 11'-8" by 7'-8" in plan and is oriented on an approximate east-west axis. It lies next to the western allee bounding the west side of the northwestern quadrant of the gardens. The headstones appear to date to the early 1800s, judging from their wording, carving style, and weathering--hence they may survive from the earlier wooden structure, about whose appearance no information is available.

The headstone inscriptions read, first (at left):

IN this tomb are deposited  
the remains of  
Thomas Hooper Esq.  
Who died August the 1st, 1798  
The many virtues he possessed  
Endeared him to all who knew him  
and as a good Citizen, an excellent  
Friend and kind Relation  
His loss is sincerely regretted  
His afflicted widow has caused  
This stone to be erected  
In memory of his virtues  
and of her affection

Ah what avails it now dear shade  
That grief with rending sighs the heart invade  
Upon the silent tomb in vain I call  
The spirit fled to God, the God of all

and second (at right):

SACRED  
To the memory of  
Mrs. Mary Hooper  
who died the 15th of September  
1820  
in the 63rd year of her age  
Her remains are deposited in  
this tomb, which many  
Years before She had Erected  
over those of her husband

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Please see data pages for the Borough House for a complete bibliography (pp. 50-53).

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

These data pages for the Hooper Tombs were completed as part of the Borough House recording project. Please see data pages for the Borough House for the project description (pp. 53-54).