Hopewell Plantation

*Home of General Andrew Pickens*

The plantation home originally built for Pickens (circa 1785) was a small log home representative of a frontier pioneer home. Hopewell was substantially enlarged over time.

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Buried at nearby Old Stone Church, General Andrew Pickens’ contributions to South Carolina’s Upstate heritage are abundant, as demonstrated through his namesakes: the neighboring town of Pickens and Pickens County, the county in which you are currently located.

Clemson University architectural drawings show the front and back elevation of the house.

This plat shows the Hopewell Plantation property owned by General Andrew Pickens. Lt. Gov. Ezekiel Pickens (and later his widow Eliza) lived on an adjacent farm in their home, “The Cottage.”