Peachtree Plantation

Located in the St. James Parish along the Southantee River, Peachtree Plantation stands as a relic. Peachtree Plantation was once a two-story dwelling owned by the Lynch family, prominent rice planters and politicians in colonial South Carolina. Constructed between 1740 and 1745, Peachtree Plantation is in a gable-roofed style, reflecting English influence. Despite its current physical state, the house would have been one of the finest plantation homes in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The Peachtree tract was initially used as an indigo plantation area converted to rice when the demand for indigo waned.

The tract is particularly significant as the site where rice production was revolutionized with the invention of the wind-powered rice mill. The house was built for Thomas Lynch Sr., a prominent wealthy planter and politician. The Lynch family was rewarded a tract of land in the Carolina Colony by King George II when they converted to the Church of England from Roman Catholicism. Lynch gifted the house to his son, Thomas Lynch Jr., as a wedding gift in 1771. Both of the Lynch men played an active role in the events preceding the American Revolution. Thomas Lynch Jr. was the second younger signer of the Declaration of Independence at twenty-six years of age. Although the house lies in ruins, a result of a fire in 1846 and weathering multiple storms and neglect, substantial physical evidence remains that sheds light on the appearance of the structure.

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