

## The Site of British Victories during Revolutionary War



### Kershaw-Cornwallis House

The Kershaw-Cornwallis house was originally the home of the founder of Camden, South Carolina, Joseph Kershaw who was a casualty of the Union occupation of Camden in 1865. The village of Camden, so well situated at the head of navigation on the Wateree River, developed as a trading community. Joseph Kershaw was a native of Yorkshire and was named in honor of Lord Camden. It was the setting of two important Revolutionary War battles.

One, the Battle of Camden which occurred during August of 1780 when Lord Cornwallis assumed possession of the newly built mansion of Kershaw. His excoriating defeat of General Horatio Gates was his crowning moment. Also, a German nobleman, Major-General Baron Johann de Kalb was

mortally wounded in that battle. The British were later victorious at the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill in April of 1781.

General Nathaniel Greene had hoped to take the town but his forces were routed in a surprise attack by the enemy under Lord Francis Rawdon-Hastings. Later, George Washington visited Camden in a tour of the country during 1791.