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The Boundary House

One of the oldest documented buildings in the area which makes up Horry County was the Boundary House. It was built in the early 1700s on the boundary line of SC & NC. It was located on a tract of 300 acres granted to Charles Hart on February 9, 1732. Hart sold the property to William Waties, Jr. who sold it on March 9, 1734 to George Pawley.

When George Pawley sold the property on February 4, 1754 to Christopher Guinn the tract was described as being commonly known as the Boundary House. It served as a meeting place for the people of the area and often times traveling ministers would stop there to preach to the local people. In 1775, it was the home of Isaac Marion, older brother of General Francis Marion, *The Swamp Fox*. Isaac Marion served the area as Justice of the Peace.

It was here that SC received official word of the Battle of Lexington, which marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Couriers rushed the news of the battle southward and Isaac Marion wrote the following message and sent it on to Little River along with the packet sent down from the northern colonies:

“Boundary, May 9, 1775, Little River: Gentlemen of the Committee, I have just now received express from the Committees of the Northward Provinces desiring I would forward the enclosed Packet to the Southward Committees. As yours is the nearest, I request for the good of our Country and the welfare of our lives, liberties and fortunes, you will not lose a moment’s time but dispatch the same to the Committee of Georgetown to be forwarded to Charleston.”

The site of the Boundary House is now (2006) marked by a 600 pound granite monument that also marks the state line and is located on the former Marsh Harbor Golf Course.

Reference: C. B. Berry