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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built by Colonel John Stuart about 1772, the Stuart House is a three-story frame structure with hipped roof, captain's walk, and one interior chimney. The house is 34 feet or three-bays wide and 50 feet or five-bays deep. The narrow south facade is flush boarded and the other elevations are clapboarded. First and second story windows in the narrow facade are flanked with dog-ear trim and crowned with bracketed triangular pediments. All first-story windows have exterior paneled shutters and second-story openings are decorated with louvered shutters. The fanlighted entrance is located on the left bay of the front elevation. Its frontispiece is high-lighted by corinthian pilasters and a denticulated pediment. The two-story plazza along the west side was added in the 19th century. Bedroom and service additions of two stories were also added at a later period.

The entrance in the main house opens into a long side hall that runs along the west wall to the rear door. Divided at midpoint, the rear portion of the hall serves as a stairhall, with the stair located against the west wall. To the right of the hall are two rooms: the reception room in front and, behind this, the original dining room. The first floor plan is repeated on the second floor, except that the large front drawing room occupied all three bays. Behind the drawing room is a bedroom and the third floor contains additional In 1930 the Minneapolis Museum of Art purchased and chambers. removed the elaborate Georgian woodwork and mantels of the two most important rooms in the house, the first floor reception room and the second floor drawing room. About 1936 the residence was acquired by the New York City architect and historian John Mead Howells, who had the missing woodwork accurately reconstructed and restored the octagonal wing to eliminate Victorian features. The Colonel John Stuart House is used as a private residence and is not open to visitors.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Colonel John Stuart was appointed the King's Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District in 1762. By 1765 he obtained full imperial status for his department and was active in handling the Indian affairs of East and West Florida. In 1770 he was named "councillor extraordinary" to advise the governors of Virginia, the provinces and their boards on Indian affairs.

Stuart was arrested early in June 1775 on the charge of attempting to incite the Catawba and Cherokee in the British interest. He fled from Lady's Island, South Carolina, to Florida, where he remained until his death on March 25, 1779, at Pensacola.

John Stuart built the three-story frame structure about 1772. Used as a private residence, the house is not open to visitors.

History

John Stuart was born in Scotland around 1700 and came to America about 1748. In 1757 he was commissioned a captain in the South Carolina Provincials. In 1762 he was appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District, with a salary of 1,000 pounds and 3,000 pounds for Indian presents and other expenses. At first he was without definite powers and a staff, and he was subservient to the governors, who had largely handled Indian affairs Following the proclamation of 1763, he became responsithemselves. ble to the secretaries of state in England, though still cooperating with the governors and commander-in-chief. In 1765 he obtained full imperial status for his department and was active in handling the Indian affairs of East and West Florida. In April 1770 Stuart was named "councillor extraordinary" to advise the governors of Virginia, the provinces and their boards on Indian affairs. Thus he was able to extend his influence widely.

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- 8. Significance:
- Col. John Stuart House

He remained a refugee in Florida until his death on March 25, 1779, at Pensacola. In order to carry out Sir William Howe's directions about the management of the Indians, Stuart had moved to Pensacola in July 1776.