

South Carolina Women Patriots Of The American Revolution



FERGUSON, ISABELLA BARBER (Mrs. Samuel Ferguson)

Isabella Barber married Samuel Ferguson just before the fall of Charleston. Ferguson's brothers were Loyalists, one of them being Col. James Ferguson.

Isabella's brothers, Joseph and James, were with Sumter's men. Col. James Ferguson came to their home to ask Samuel to join the British. Isabella told Col. Ferguson, "I'm a rebel, my brothers are rebels and our dog 'Trip' is a rebel, too!". Then she told her husband that he could join the British if he wished, but if he did, she would no longer be his wife. Samuel declined his brothers offer, but neither of them joined the Whigs.

Isabella suggested that they assist the families in the neighborhood. The Ferguson home served as a refuge where their storehouses and a nearby cave housed provisions. By their joint activities the distress of the neighborhood was greatly relieved.

Isabella had her full share of trial and suffering but she was a blessing to her family and her neighbors.

Mrs. Ferguson died in 1820 and is buried in the Catholic Burial grounds in Charleston.

