

Tomb marker inscription

Beneath this stone consecrated by filial affection lie the remains of the Reverend Paul Trapier Gervais, who departed this life on the 28th July 1856 aged 71 years 3 months and 15 days. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. He was elected rector of St. Johns Church on Johns Island in 1817. The people of this Parish had been without a house of worship for many years, but by his kindly influence he induced them to erect the Church of St. Johns and became the instrument under God for gathering many of the scattered parishioners into the fold of Christ. In the Providence of God he was permitted to minister to this flock for only a short time, as an organic disease of the chest having compelled him to relinquish the preaching of the Gospel, but he still retained the warm affection of the parishioners and continued to be looked up to as their adviser and friend, both in spiritual and temporal affairs until the time of his final departure from the scene of his early labors and affection.