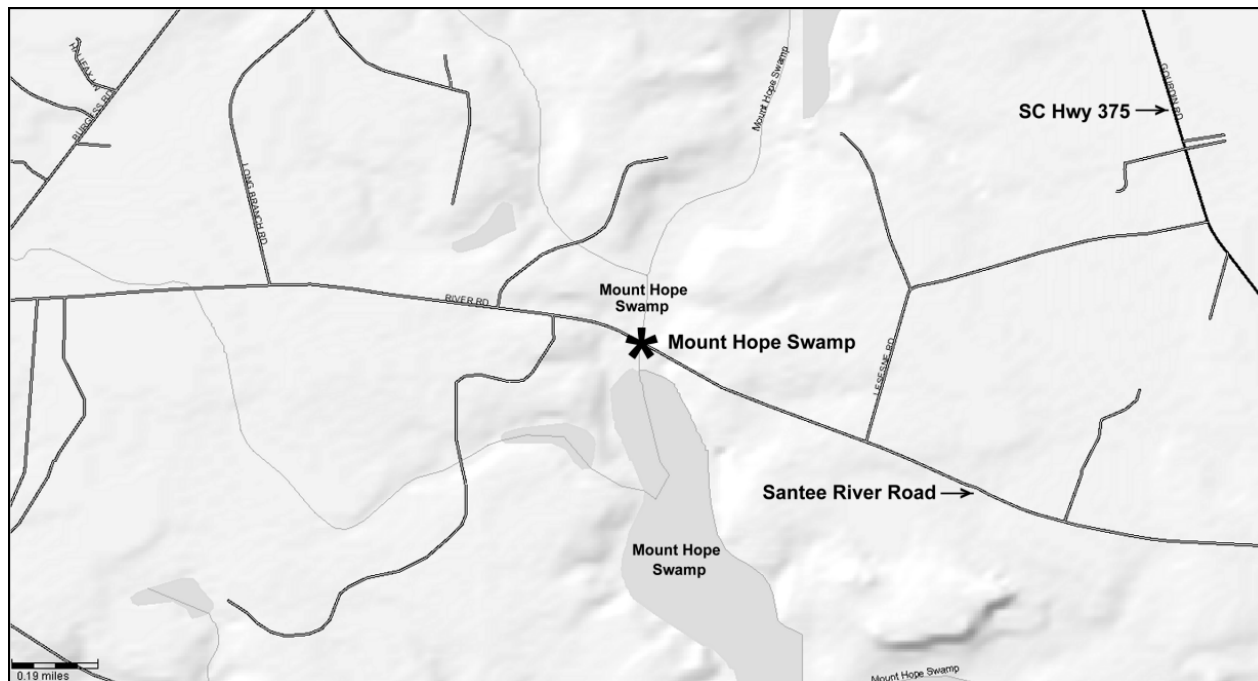


## Mount Hope Swamp Bridge



**Mount Hope Swamp Bridge** ca.3/9/1781 GPS: 33.53720°N 80.00613°W Confidence 4

**Directions:** From the junction of US 521 (Society Street) and SC Highway 375 in Greeleyville, go south on SC Highway 375 about 3.4 miles, then turn right onto Santee River Road and go about 2 miles to the bridge over Mount Hope Swamp.

**Action:** British Lt. Col. John Watson Tadwell-Watson, after skirmishing with South Carolina Patriot militia Brig. Gen. Francis Marion at Wyboo Swamp, continued his march to catch South Carolina Patriot militia Gen. Francis Marion as Marion retreated toward Kingstree. They met again at Mount Hope Swamp Bridge. Marion destroyed the bridge over the swamp and left Lt. Col. Hugh Horry and Capt. William McCottry's Riflemen there to prevent Watson from crossing.

Watson engaged his cannon to dislodge the Patriots by using grapeshot. The grapeshot did its job and Watson was able to cross the swamp and continue his march toward Kingstree. The battle at the Kingstree Lower Bridge on the previous page was Watson's next encounter with Marion.



Santee River Road looking east from the bridge gives the feeling of how remote most places were during the War.



Mount Hope Swamp viewed from the bridge