

Tribute to Laurens

AN AMERICAN SOLDIER:
The Life of John Laurens.
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SARA BERTHA TOWNSEND has paid tribute to one of the most brilliant young soldiers and diplomats of the Revolution in her biography. The only son of Henry Laurens, one-time president of the Continental Congress who was later imprisoned in London Tower while on a diplomatic mission, John was destined for an even more tragic fate. After securing a loan for the young Republic at the court of France, young Laurens took part in the siege of Yorktown. Then, with peace only a few months away, he was killed, the victim of a petty action of 1782 in the South Carolina woods.

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