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The Mongin Family of Daufuskie

Today we continue our story of early Daufuskie families in our Daufuskie Island History Museum advent calendar post.

In yesterday's post, we talked mostly about the history of the Martinangele family thought he 1700's, noting that property can still be traced to the family on Daufuskie today.

One of the other prominent families on Daufuskie in its early settlement years was the Mongin family. As we pointed out yesterday, David and Frances Mongin fled France via England to avoid religious persecution, arriving in New Jersey November 10, 1747. It was in New Jersey that David met Reverend Jonathan Edwards, who was to become his father-in-law. (David's first wife, Persille, died in 1747 after they had 3 children.) His second wife was Elizabeth Edwards. Fun Fact: Elizabeth's older sister Sarah was Aaron Burr's mother.

After visiting New Jersey, David, with his 2 living children, one of whom was David John Mongin II, and David(I)'s younger brother Francis, came to South Carolina to claim their granted land in Purrysburgh (Grant dated 1737). The photo below shows the original plat of "Purysburg".

David John the elder was married to Elizabeth Edwards in 1749 (She was 17.) David's first wife, Persille, had died in 1747 after they had 3 children. Their first child, William Edwards Mongin, was born in 1750.

David John, the child who fled England with his father, married Sarah Grimkie in 1762. Their first child, John David Mongin, was born in 1763. John David grew up on his father's plantation, Walnut Grove, located along the May River. In 1783, John David's half uncle William Edwards Mongin (see above) married Margaret Martinangele Pendarvis (were you paying attention to the post yesterday about the Martinangeles?) and the couple moved to her plantation on Daufuskie.

Robert Watts, a shipbuilder at Bloody Point, had left his daughter, Sarah (Sally) Watts as a ward to William Edwards Mongin. Apparently, John David had become enamored with her during his visits to his uncle on Daufuskie, and they were married in 1790 at Walnut Grove Plantation, with their first and only child, David John II, born there in 1791.

Sarah Watts Mongin had inherited her father's property at Bloody Point. She and John David visited Oakley Hall, the mansion at Bloody Point, but did not live

