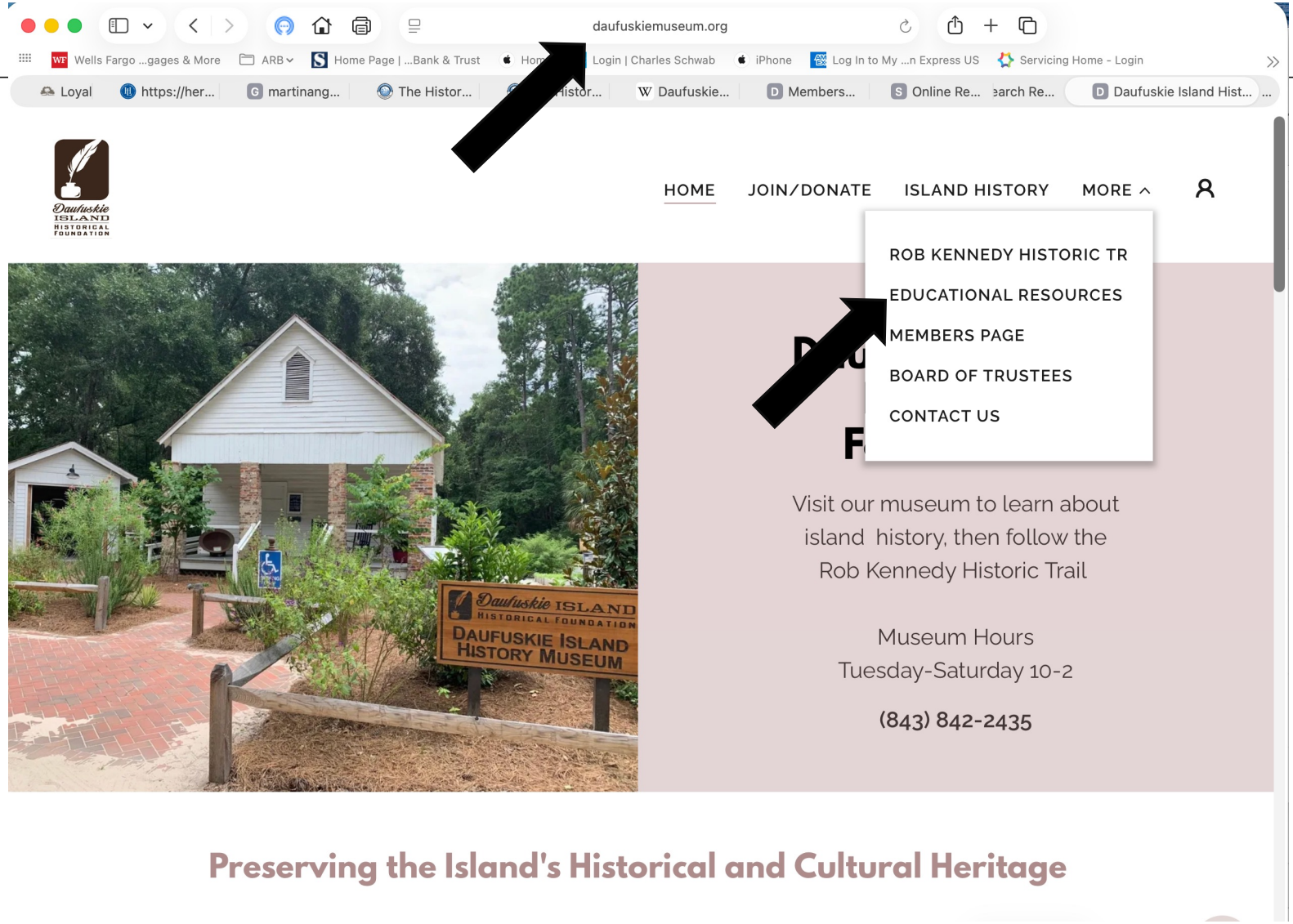
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A little bit of history and a little bit of how I learned it …….

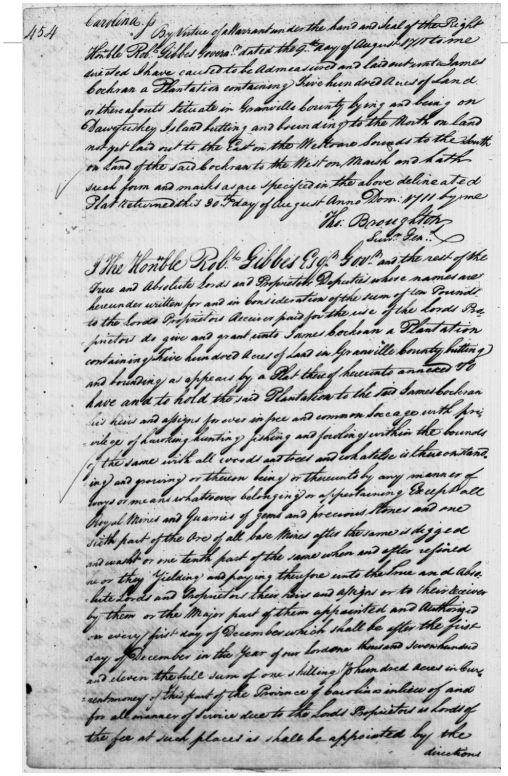
- Daufuskie history up to the mid-1700's, early explorers and settlers
- Primary sources of information
- Warrants, land grants, indentures and memorials
- Learning to read calligraphy
- Learning 17th century words and measurements
- The jigsaw puzzle of land grants on Daufuskie

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- Spanish explorers arrive on the South Carolina coast in 1521. First colony established somewhere between Port Royal and Savannah by 1526, but it failed.
- French Huguenots settled in Port Royal 1563 (Charlsfort), but failed and left in 1564
- Santa Elena (located on Parris Island) established by the Spanish as second capital of “La Florida” along with St. Augustine 1566-1587.
- William Hilton explores the area of today’s Hilton Head Island 1663.
- Robert Sandford sails the Calibogue Sound in 1666
- The Scots arrive at Port Royal in 1684 (Stuarts Town). Settlement destroyed by the Spanish in 1686.
- English settlers arrive on Daufuskie around 1684.
- Yemassee Indians established ten towns in the Port Royal, St. Helena region around 1687, with considerable trade with the English
- Colonial Assembly establishes a lookout post at what became Bloody Point in 1701.
- Thomas Cowte acquires a warrant for 500 acres on Daufuskie Island in 1707.

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The earliest provincial land grants on Daufuskie were made to Indian traders.

- Thomas Cowte received one of the earliest known warrants in 1707
- In less than a decade, over half the island was in the hands of traders.

This was during the Proprietary Rule period (1670-1719)

The Proprietary Period was so called because the Carolinas were granted to and under the rule of 8 Lord Proprietors appointed by King Charles of England as a reward for helping him regain the throne.

None of the Lord Proprietors ever visited the Carolinas.

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Colonists became disenchanted with the Proprietors for a number of reasons.

- Abuses by the Indian traders led to the Yemassee War of 1715-1717.
- The threat of raids by Spanish and French forces was constant
- Piracy was accepted by the Lord Proprietors as a means of wealth generation.

The colonists revolted against the Proprietors rule in 1719 and pledged loyalty to the King. After 10 years of political instability, a royal governor was appointed and South Carolina became a royal colony in 1729.

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Primary Sources of Information

- An Island Named Daufuskie by Billie Burn
- The History of Beaufort County, South Carolina Vol. 1 by Rowland and Wise
- South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH)
- A Place Called Daufuskie by Rebecca Starr
- Charleston County Deeds Office
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Warrants, Plats, Land Grants, Memorials and Indentures

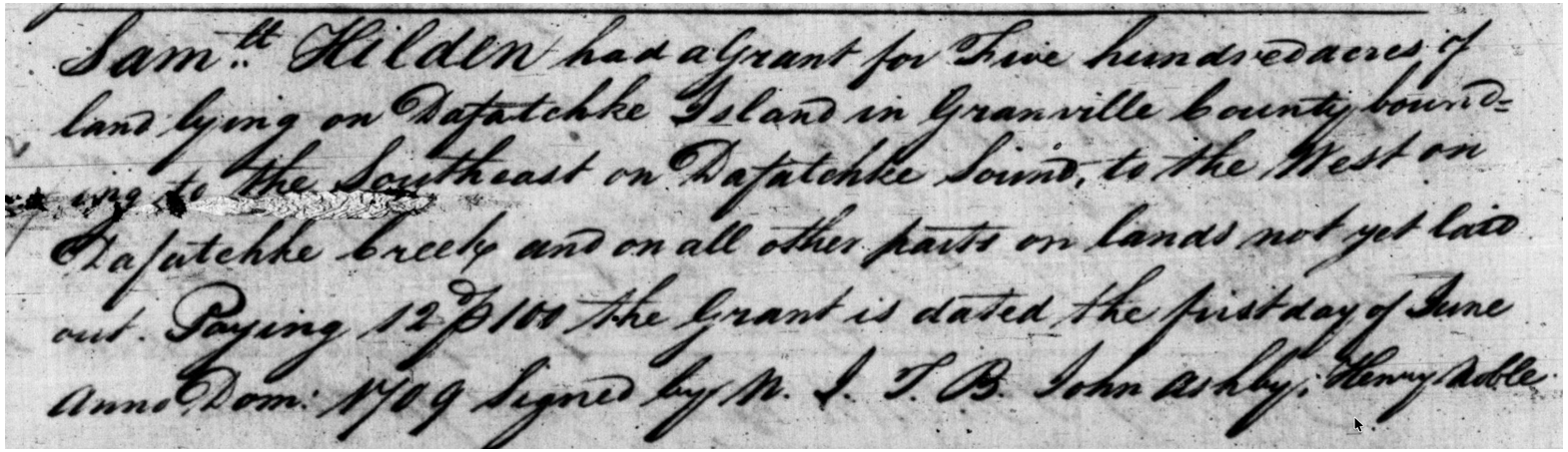
Warrant	A formal request to have a piece of property surveyed
Plat	A survey document showing boundaries and measurements
Land Grant	A formal document from the Governor (Proprietary Period) or the King (Royal Period) granting the identified land to an individual or individuals
Memorial	Authorized by the Quitrent Act of 1731, the memorial was a legal document officially validating land grants by Lord Proprietors, registered with the Royal Auditor
Indenture	A formal legal contract documenting a land transaction
Lease and Release	A two-part legal document transferring land ownership

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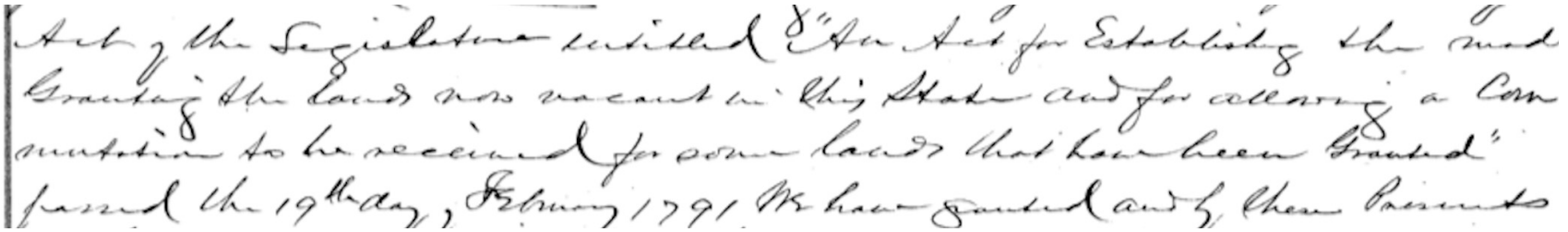

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An act of theLegislature entitled “An Act for establishing the mode of Granting the lands now vacant in this State, and for allowing a Commutation to be received for some lands that have been granted” passed the 19th day, February 1791 We have granted and by those Present

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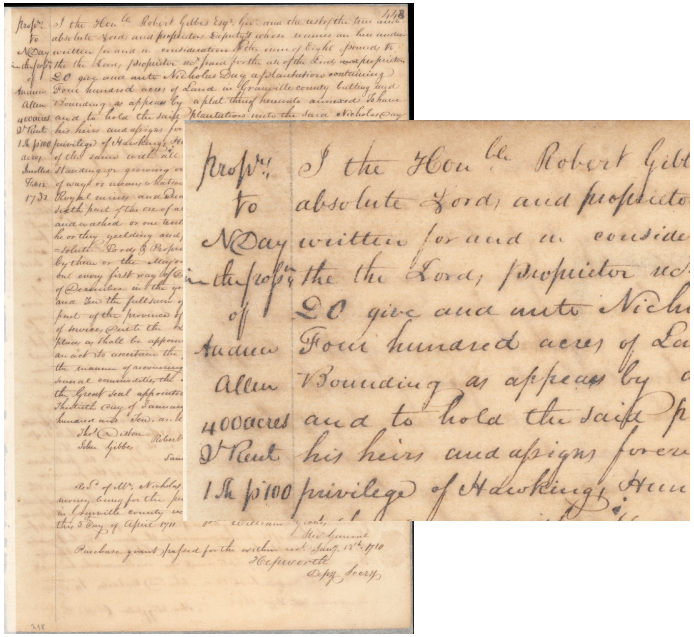
Demesne	An estate or part of an estate occupied and controlled by , and worked for, the exclusive use of the owner
Hereditaments	Any form of property, right or interest that can be inherited by an heir
Landgrave	A title, from German for a Prince or Count having jurisdiction over a large territory
Links and chains	Survey measurements (1 chain = 66 feet, 1 link =1/100th of a chain or 7.92 inches. 1 acre = 10 square chains, 1 mile = 80 chains)
Moiety	One half
Plantation	A new settlement, colony or planted tract of land.

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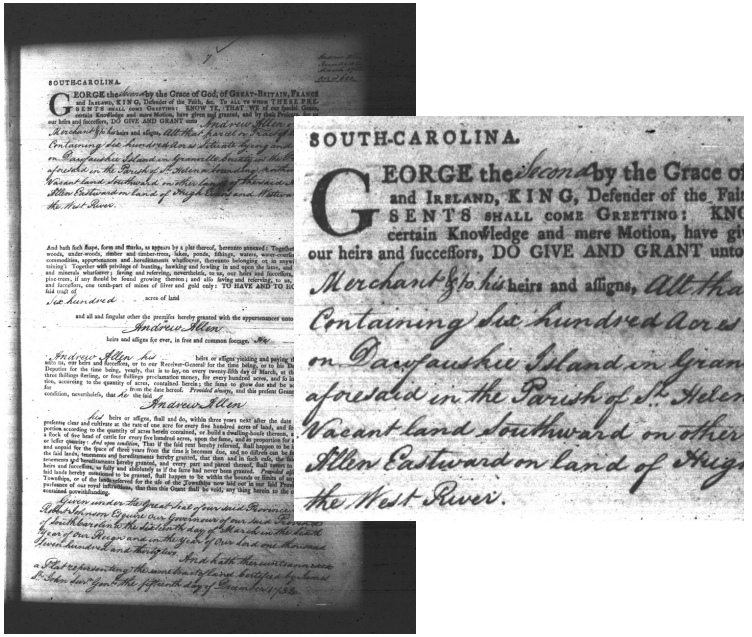
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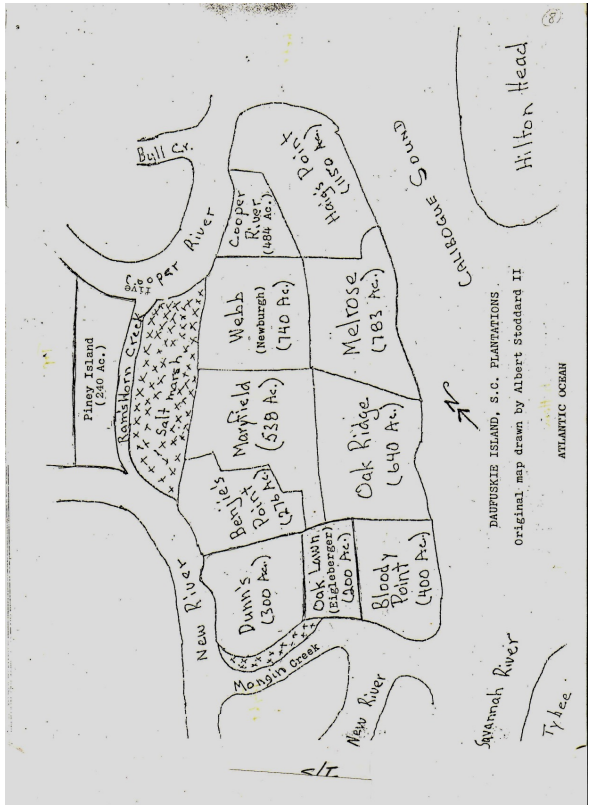
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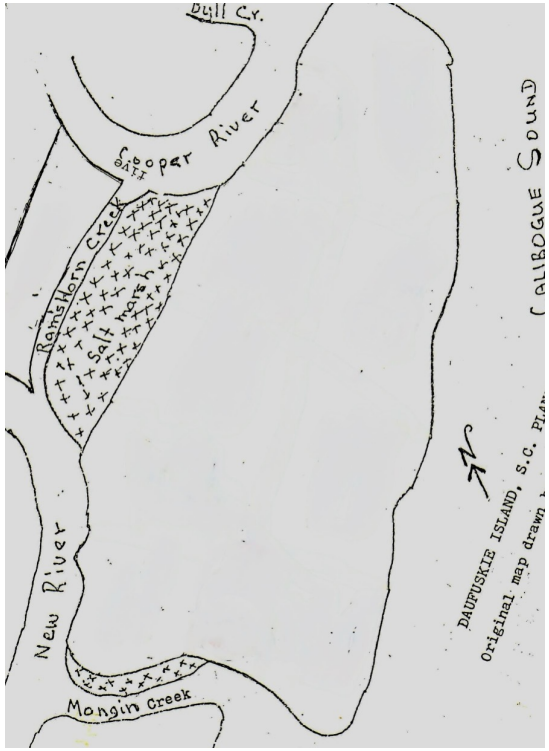
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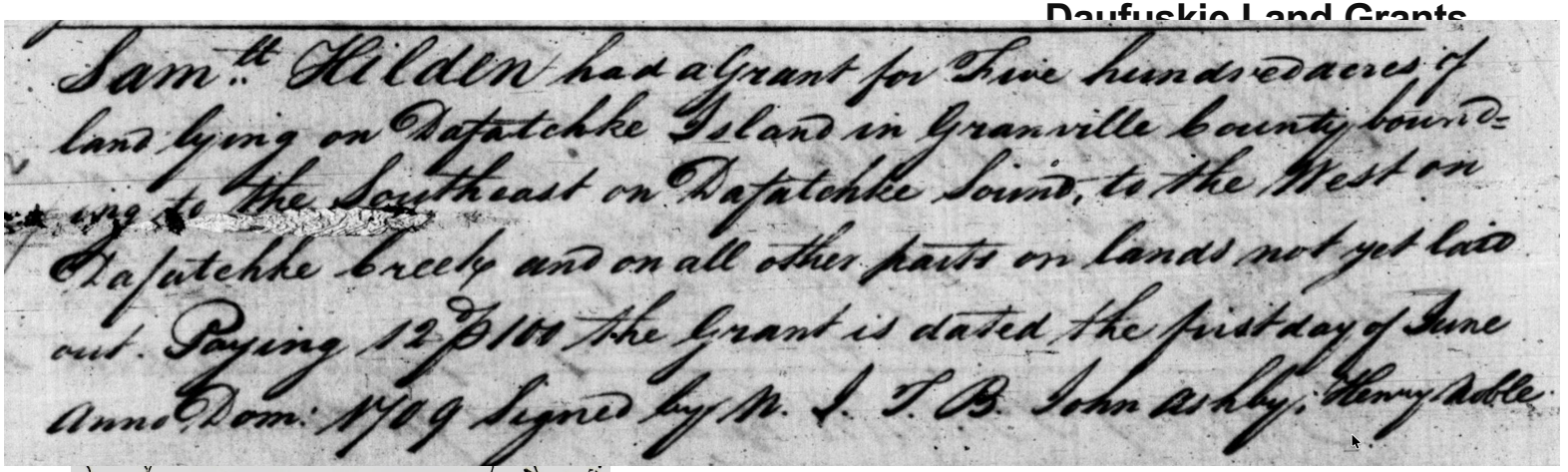


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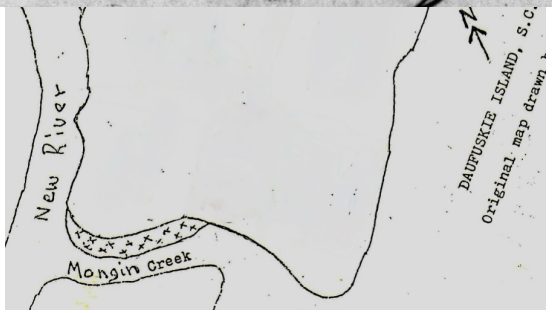
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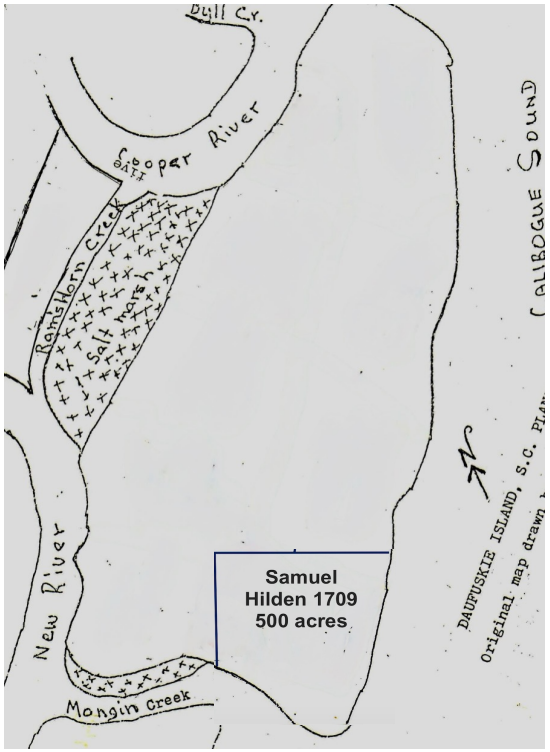
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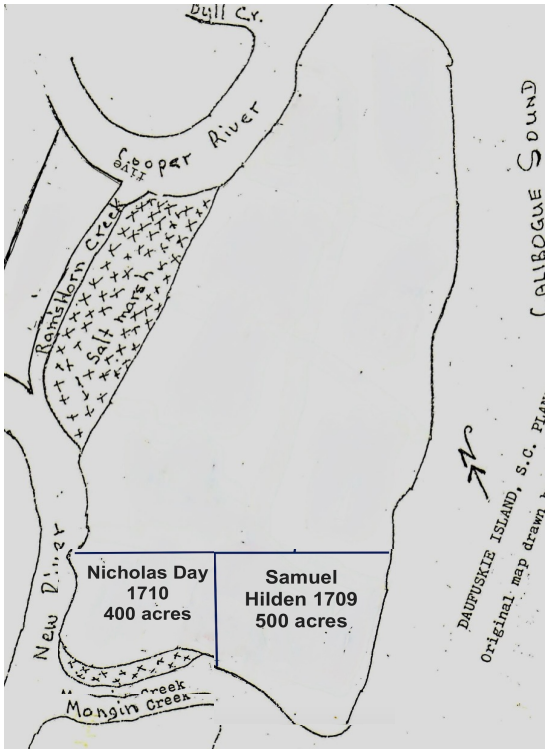
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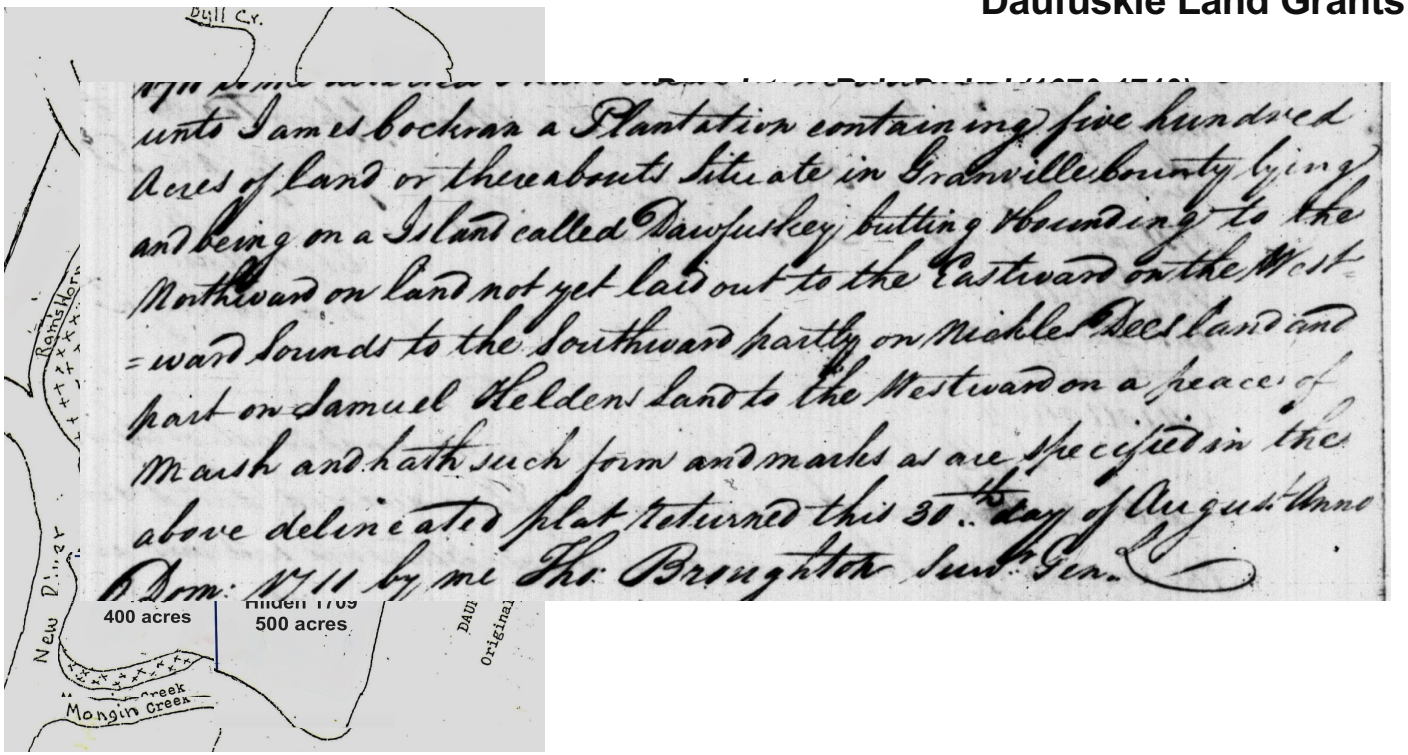
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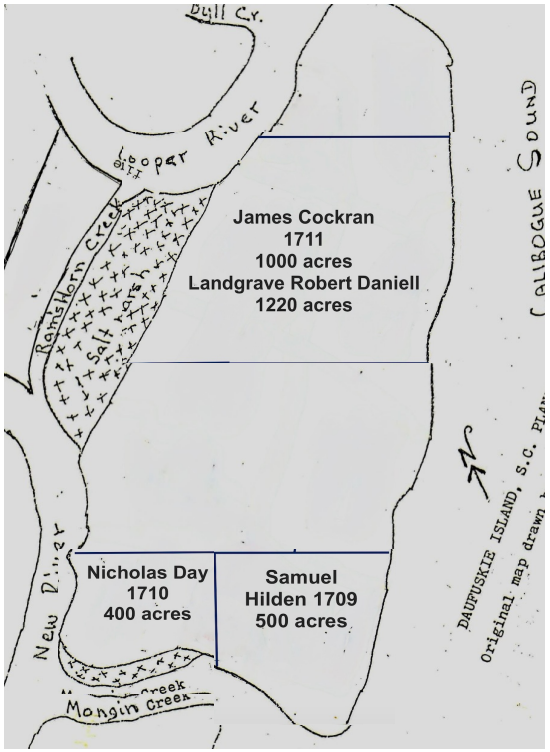


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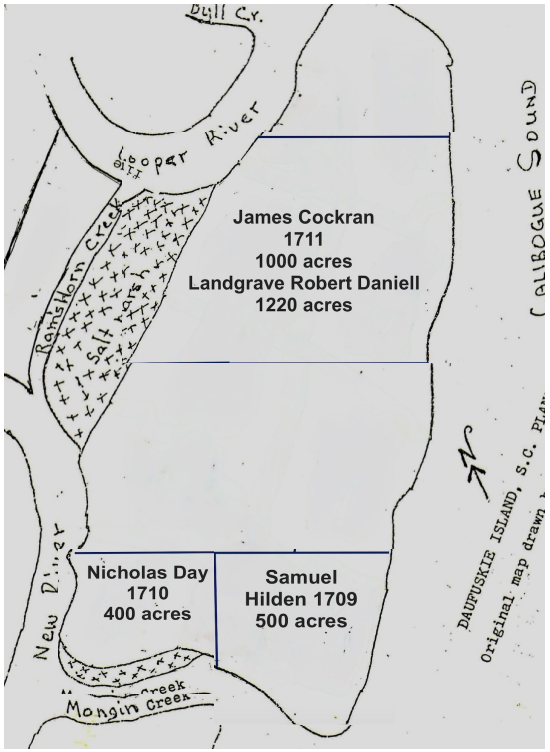
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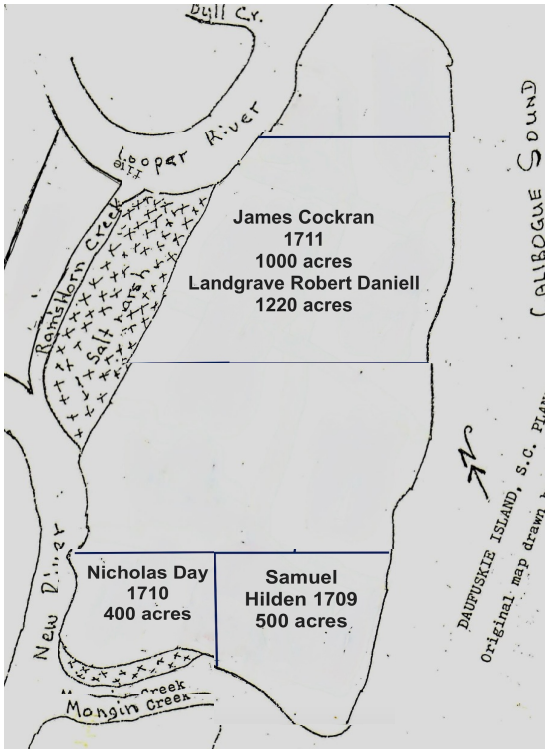
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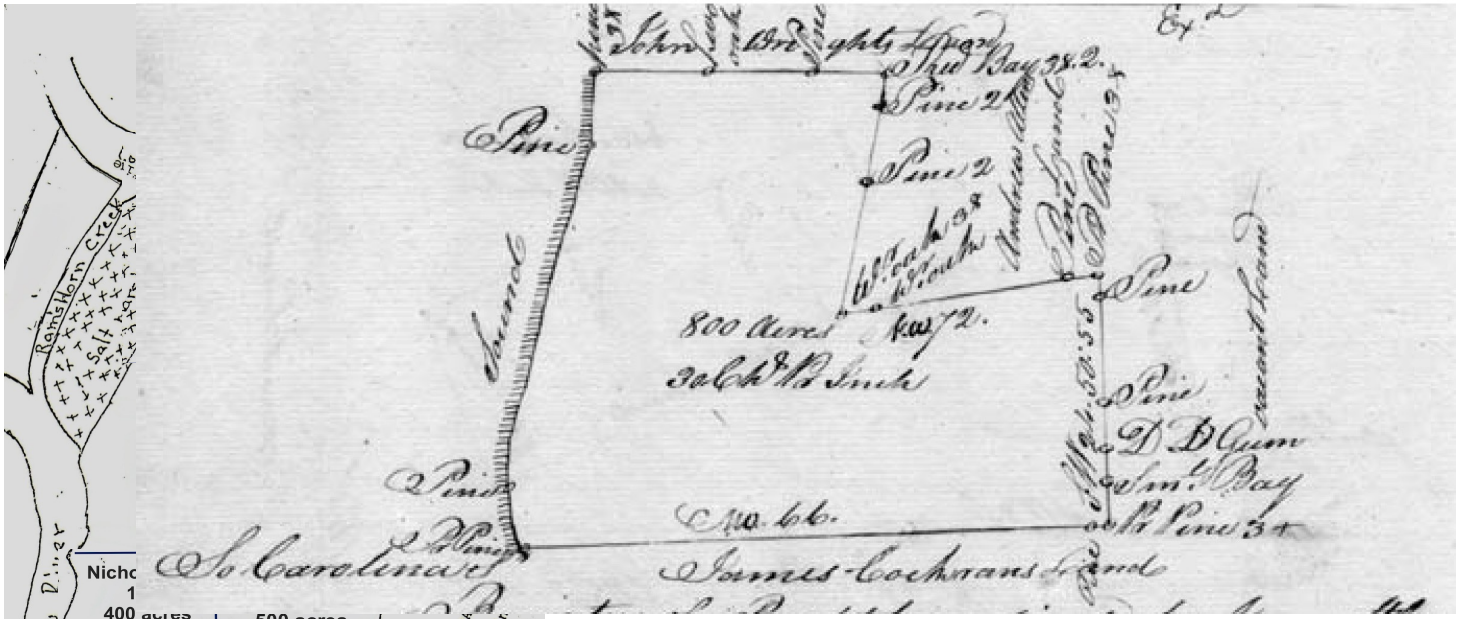
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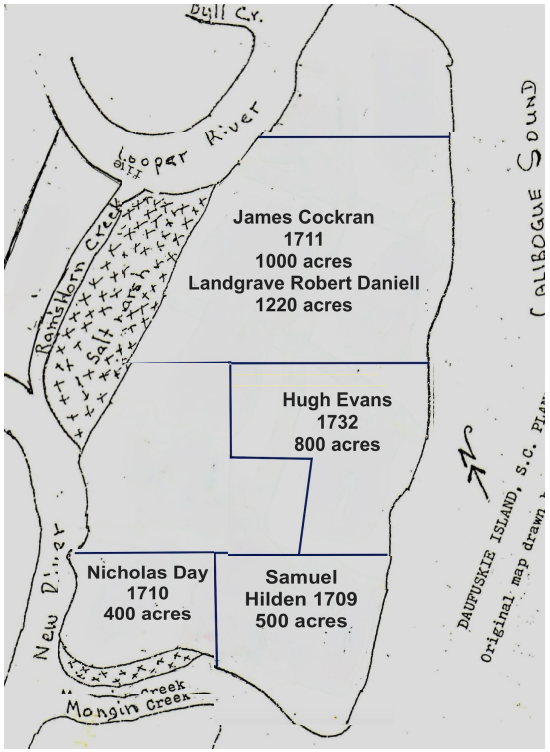
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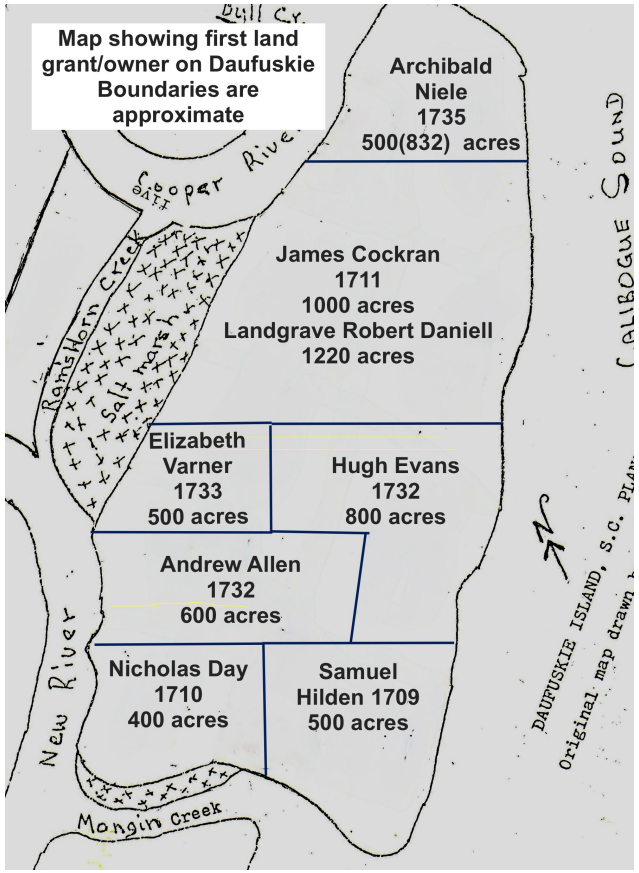
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