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Bloody Point

Why is Bloody Point called Bloody Point?

We need to start with some background information. Spanish explorers were the first Europeans to discover Daufuskie, but they did not settle on the island. English settlers began to arrive in the 17th century and the first land grants from the English king were awarded in the early 18th century. The Spanish became concerned about the proximity of English settlers to their settlements in Florida, and allied themselves with the Yemassee Indians, attacking Scottish settlements around Port Royal as early as 1684.

In 1715, tired of Yemassee incursions, the British, having received information about planned raids, sent three small gunboats and a contingent of militia to Daufuskie. When the Yemassee war canoes appeared on the Mongen (or Mungen) Creek, they were overwhelmed by British firepower. As the story goes, the water was red with the blood of the wounded and killed, giving Bloody Point its name. A name which remains to this day.

