

Waties Island & Little River Neck area - Chronological List of Events

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1	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
2	0-700	Surface collections from fields on Little River Neck & campsites & mounds on Waties Island (Wilmington Complex).
3	700-1200	Campsites, mounds & shell midden on Waties Island (Savannah I Phase).
4	1526	Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon with 500 Spanish settlers travel through this area heading south.
5	1629	King Charles I grants to Sir Robert Heath the land between Virginia and Spanish Florida, sea to sea. He called it Carolana.
6	1663	King Charles II of England issues the Carolina Charter, granting this area to eight noblemen, the Lord Proprietors.
7	1665	Carolina was enlarged to include all the land between latitudes 29 degrees north and 36 degrees/30' south.
8	1670	Charleston was founded. Organized by Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper.
9	1691, May 13	Little River area (called "Mineola" by the indians) included in a grant of 48,000 acres to Landgrave Thomas Smith.
10	?	Landgrave Thomas Smith conveys hundreds of acres in the area to William Waties.
11	1710 abt.	Thomas Ash runs a "Half Way" house at Little River. So called because it was Halfway bet. Winyah Bay and Cape Fear.
12	1716, Jul 11	William Waties, Sr. appointed as a factor for trading with the Indians north of the Santee River.
13	1720	War between the Waccamaw Indians and the European settlers. Waccamaws suffered heavy losses.
14	1721, Mar 10	Prince George Parish, Winyah, was created in Craven County. Little River Neck was in this area.
15	1729	King George II of England purchases the rights of the Lords Proprietors and offers King's Grants to settlers.
16	1730	Waccamaw Indians disappear from public records.
17	1733	Jonathan Calkins comes from Norwich, Conn. and acquires about 1,000 acres in Little River Neck.
18	1733, Jan 18	300 acres granted to Boriah Grant in Cedar Creek area and Meetinghouse Bay. Vicinity of Cedar Creek Cemetery.
19	1733, May 8	1,150 acres in Little River Neck listed in a Memorial as being land of William Waties.
20	1734	Nicholas Frink comes from Conn. and receives a land grant in L.R. Neck and it becomes known as Frink's Neck.
21	1734, Mar 9	William, Jr. and Dorothy Waties sell 300 acre "Boundary House" tract purchased from Charles Hart to George Pawley.
22	1734, Apr 8	James Minor receives a grant for 375 acres bounded on W. by Boriah Grant, on S. by Little River and E. by Cedar Creek.
23	1734, May 19	SC Royal Gov. Robert Johnson recommends Col. W. Waties, Jr. as the proper person for running the state boundary line.
24	1735	Current state line established.
25	1735	John Bessent, Jr. obtains a grant for 150 acres in the Brooksville area of Little River.
26	1735, Dec 4	Land Grant to John Morrall for 453 acres for Cherry Grove.
27	1735, Dec 9	King's Grant of 600 acres recorded to William Pool, a Georgetown merchant. Located west of Ocean Drive section.
28	1740, Jan 1	Rev. George Whitefield visited Little River area (see diary).
29	1742, Oct 13	James Minor sells 375 acres to John Eshfield bounded on W. by Boriah Grant, S. by Little River and E. by Cedar Creek.
30	1750s	Rev. Charles Woodmason, Anglican who served as vestryman near Plantersville, records in diary an incident in Little River.
31	1754, Feb 4	A deed shows the Boundary House in existance. It is located on 300 acres granted to Charles Hart on 9 Feb 1732.
32	1755, Oct 7	William Allston obtains title to Waties Island and Little River Neck.
33	1762, May 7	William Ward Crossthwaite receives a royal grant for 300 acres which is now Ocean Drive Beach area.
34	1762, May 9	Rev. John McDowell preaches at the Boundary (see diary).
35	1764	A map shows William Allston's house on the point of Little River Neck.
36	1767	Rev. John Barnett reported that he was preaching nine times a year at the Boundary House (see diary).

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37	1767	Cherry Grove Beach area is granted to John Alston by King George III.
38	1767, Feb 26	490 acres (Vereen Memorial Gardens area) granted to Joseph Allston. Later conveys it to his cousin Josias Allston.
39	1773, Feb 23	Joseph Pilmoor, an English preacher, gets stuck in Singleton Swash and later stays at the Boundary House (see diary).
40	1775, May 9	Courier reaches the Boundary House, residence of Isaac Marion, with news of the Battle of Lexington (19 Apr 1775).
41	1775, Sep 13	Committee of Safety in Little River sends letter to Committee of Intelligence in Charles Town.
42	1776	Watch for French Fleet off of the coast of Little River area.
43	1776	Boundary survey of state line shows Allston House located on the point of Little River Neck.
44	1776, Dec	Gen. Francis Nash with 9,400 (more likely 7,000) troops camped at Allston Plantation on L.R. Neck for about a month.
45	1777, Mar 3	Josias Allston's (1731-1776) personal estate at Little River is recorded. Included is 134 slaves plus some children.
46	1784, Apr 7	William Allston sells George Starrat the eastern end of Little River Neck.
47	1785, Jan 19	Plat for Daniel Morrall shows 20 acres of salt marsh on what is now Tilghman Estates. State Grants Vol. 8-Q Page 409.
48	1785, Nov 5	Plat for Daniel Morrall shows 60 acres of salt marsh on what is now Tilghman Estates. State Grants Vol. 8-Q Page 410.
49	1790 abt.	In a letter to George Washington, Major Jackson refers to the Boundary House as a "pretty good one".
50	1791, Apr 17	George Washington dines in Little River at the home of Rev. War vet. James G. Cochran while on his Southern Tour.
51	1802, Nov 27	Deed from George Starrat to John Belleme reserves 50 sq. ft. for Starrat cemetery near Graveyard Swash on L.R. Neck.
52	1804/5, Jun 28	Moore-Smith Duel at Boundary House. Capt. Maurice Moore and his cousin, Gen. Benjamin Smith. The Gen. lost.
53	1808	The Morrall heirs sell their holdings in Little River Neck area to John Bellamee and move south to Georgetown County.
54	1808, Feb 15	Map by Thomas Hemingway for John Morrall, Esq. shows L. R. Bridge in existence. It was replaced in the 1930s.
55	1814	Boundary House is shown on a plat granted to Joseph Alston.
56	1815 abt.	Thomas Randall of Mass, settles in Little River area and purchases 717 acre tract in Little River Neck.
57	1820	The Mills Atlas Map shows a mill pond and gristmill, known as Bryan's Mill, operating on Cedar Creek.
58	1823, Aug 20	A post office was established in Little River with John B. Bruard as the first postmaster.
59	1826	Robert Mills reports population of village of Little River at about 25 persons.
60	1828, Jan 14	William A. D. Bryan appointed as the second postmaster for Little River.
61	1830	The Thomas Randall House was built around this time in the village of Little River. It was destroyed by fire in 1988.
62	1840, Mar 16	2 acres granted to trustees of a Methodist Church at Cedar Creek. Cedar Creek Cemetery is located there.
63	1848	Col. Daniel William Jordan arrives and accumulates 9,940 acres in Little River area.
64	1856	Thomas Randall grants to Baptist trustees a site for a church. Later it becomes the site of the Little River Meth. Church.
65	1860, Jan 5	Col. Daniel W. Jordan sells his Little River area holdings to Nicholas Foy Nixon and moves to Laurel Hill Plantation.
66	1861 abt.	Confederate military map shows "Boundary House chimney". Apparently only the chimney was still extant.
67	1861, Dec 14	Commander of US Bark Fernandina, off Wilmington, reports that on the 13th at Little River Inlet there were 40 signal fires.
68	1862, Nov 24	Lt. Commander of USS Monticello reports destroying two extensive salt works near Little River Inlet.
69	1863, Jan 5	Confederate Battery Randall captured by Union naval forces under Lt. W. B. Cushing, then recaptured by Confederates.
70	1865, Feb 4	Union naval forces capture the village of Little River, destroying \$15,000 of cotton and taking off 15 bales.
71	1868	Newspaper reports that Little River is a flourishing commercial place, vessels make regular trips to north & West Indies.

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73	1893	Hurricane causes Futch Beach, now east Cherry Grove Beach, to be covered with water.
74	1902, Oct	Wilmington, Southport & Little River Steamboat Co. builds/launches a steamboat in Little River and names it <i>Sanders</i> .
75	1906	Carl Bishop Bessent brings the first motor boat to Little River, named the "Legonia", a tender from a Vanderbilt yacht.
76	1906	Hammer Lumber Co. begins operation on 8 acre tract on Little River Neck leased from Louis Randall. It closes in 1926.
77	1907, abt.	First telephone installed in the area and connected Stone's General Store with a house near the Battery.
78	1910, Nov 4	The Bank of Little River was chartered.
79	1918, May 27	Explosion of steam boiler at Hammer Lumber Co. Mill kills 5 and injures others. One man rides the "rocket" and lives.
80	1920s	Horace Tilghman acquires a large portion of the Little River Neck property from heir of Thomas Randall (1790-1872).
81	1924	Nixon family prepares for subdivision of Cherry Grove and the beach at Cherry Grove.
82	1926	Hammer Lumber Co., located on Little River Neck, closes.
83	1928	Old chimney foundation of Boundary House used as a point of reference by surveyors reestablishing the state line.
84	1930	The U.S. Corps of Engineers begin to acquire rights of way in the area for an Intracoastal Waterway.
85	1936, Apr 11	Ceremonial opening of Intracoastal Waterway at Socastee Bridge marked completion of waterway.
86	1950	C.D. Nixon closes Cherry Gove Inlet to join Cherry Grove Beach to Futch Beach.
87	1954, Oct 15	Hurricane Hazel comes ashore at state line and cuts a new inlet at Cherry Grove which was quickly repaired.
88	1959, Mar 26	Cherry Grove Beach is incorporated. First mayor is C.D. Nixon.
89	1968	North Myrtle Beach was formed from Cherry Grove Beach, Ocean Drive, Cresent Beach and Windy Hill.
90	1972	Vereen Memorial Gardens, part of Big Landing Plantation, was deeded to the Horry County Historic Preservation Comm.
91	1973, Jun 9	Dr. Reinhold J. Engelmayer and students from Coastal Carolina begin archeology field school at sites on Waties Island.
92	1981, Apr 22	Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for construction of stone jetties at Little River entrance. To be completed in 1984.
93	1992	Coastal Education Foundation receives 1,049 acres on Waties Island and Little River Neck from Anne Tilghman Boyce.
94	2005, Feb 17	Waccamaw Indian People receive official recognition from the State of South Carolina.

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2	IRQ 13-1-16 to 22
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4	Encarta; IRQ 24-4-6
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9	IRQ 4-4-10, 10-2-25; SN 6-3-04
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11	SN 8-10-00
12	IRQ 2-3-5, 27-3-5 to15; SN 11-16-91, 5-18-00
13	SN 11-23-96
14	SN 4-17-03
15	IRQ 5-3-13
16	SN 11-23-96
17	SN 11-15-01
18	IRQ 1-3-4, 8-2-16 & 17, 12-1-13; SN 4-6-96, 3-15-97, 2-27-03
19	IRQ 2-3-5 & 6
20	IRQ 4-4-12; SN 4-6-96
21	IRQ 4-4-12, 9-3-4 & 5;SN 4-15-04
22	IRQ 4-4-12; SN 4-6-96, 3-15-97
23	IRQ 2-3-5
24	SN 7-28-90, 5-14-94
25	SN 7-6-96
26	SN 1-6-05
27	SN 6-27-02
28	IRQ 1-3-4, 4-4-12, 8-2-16, 9-3-4, 14-1-23 to 25; SN 1-7-95, 11-25-95, 12-27-97, 2-27-03, 6-10-04
29	IRQ 4-4-11
30	SN 7-29-95
31	IRQ 4-4-12
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41	IRQ 5-2-13 to 16; SN 1-8-94
42	IRQ 9-1-15
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44	IRQ 3-1-35, 9-3-5, 10-2-26; SN 12-28-91, 1-30-99, 12-2-04
45	SN 5-15-99, 8-10-00
46	SN 3-7-92
47	SN 8-8-02
48	SN 8-8-02
49	IRQ 1-3-6
50	IRQ 24-4-9; SN 11-25-95, 3-7-98, 2-1-01
51	SN 3-7-92
52	IRQ 5-3-17, 9-3-5, 10-2-25; SN 11-27-93, 6-15-00
53	IRQ 4-4-10; SN 2-19-94, 1-6-05
54	SN 8-7-03
55	IRQ 24-4-8
56	SN 9-2-95
57	IRQ 9-3-4, 12-1-13; SN 2-12-00
58	SN 6-6-02, 2-13-03
59	IRQ 24-4-10
60	SN 2-12-00, 5-11-00
61	SN 6-3-04, 9-2-95, 9-23-04
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63	IRQ 8-2-9, 24-4-11; SN 6-2-90, 7-10-03, 1-6-05
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75	IRQ 10-1-7 to 9
76	SN 8-17-91, 2-12-04, 11-11-04
77	IRQ 10-1-7 to 9
78	SN 7-24-03
79	SN 8-17-91, 11/11/2004,
80	SN 3-7-92, 2-27-99, 4-3-99
81	IRQ 24-4-16; SN 1-22-00, 1-16-03, 1-6-05
82	SN 11-11-04
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86	24-4-16; SN 6-15-96, 1-22-00
87	IRQ 24-4-16 & 17; SN 1-22-00, 1-6-05
88	IRQ 24-4-16
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93	CCU/CMWS web site
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