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**To:** "'Fickling, Reed'" <EFickling@BBandT.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 21, 1999 11:01 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Botany Bay Island (Watch Island)

Reed,

Well, you are way ahead of me. I was still trying to figure out whether the property was in Charleston County, or Colleton County in order to call the Tax office to see who was paying the taxes. My wife, Shannon, recently rotated off the board of the Nature Conservancy here in Georgia, and so know a great deal about it. I don't know anything about the Heritage Trust, though. However, I'll be glad to help in any way possible, including making another trip there if needed. I'd like to return anyway to finish my research at the Huguenot Society.

I did a brief search on the Internet for maps from the era that you mentioned and here is what I found. The first one is in a library in Columbia. ;)

94. 87-102220: Holcomb, Brent. A guide to South Carolina genealogical research and records / Columbia, SC : B.H. Holcomb, c1986. 62 p. : ill., maps ; 28 cm.  
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Maps on the Internet: <http://www.scroots.org/places.html> This is a very good site, and has several links to good maps.

Looking forward to hearing what you find out,  
Thanks,  
Bill.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Fickling, Reed [mailto:EFickling@BBandT.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 21, 1999 6:19 PM  
**To:** 'bill@fickling.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Botany Bay Island (Watch Island)

Bill,

I contacted Mike Johnson, one of the former owners of Botany Bay Island. The 250 acre island, except for 2 acres, has been sold to the Nature Conservancy of S.C. (an organization that purchases property in S.C. to leave in its natural state). Mike and his partners retained ownership of two acres for their personal use where the main house and two smaller houses are located. Mike said there is no evidence of any gravesites on the island. Compared to the sale price of a 200 acre parcel of land on Edisto Island purchased by Jeremiah Fickling's son Joseph in the same time period, the Watch Island land was not considered particularly desirable property in 1763. The Ficklins owned the Watch Island property for only 8 years. If there is a Fickling family cemetery on Edisto Island, I think it was most likely on Joseph Fickling's land. He appeared to be the wealthiest of the Ficklins. Perhaps we will find a map of Edisto Island from the 1760-1800 time period that identifies the location the Fickling property.

Mike also mentioned that property just South of Botany Bay Island, known as Botany Bay Plantation, is separated by a small breach inlet. According to Mike, old land records indicate this breach inlet has been opened and closed by various storms over the years. Botany Bay Plantation is probably the 500 acre tract on Watch Island mentioned in the 1755 land grant to Jermiah Fickling I. The Pepper family recently sold Botany Bay Plantation to the Heritage Trust, a division of the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. I will contact the Heritage Trust to see if they have any information.

Reed

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bill Fickling, III [SMTP:bill@fickling.net]  
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> Subject: Edisto Island

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> Keith,

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> Hi. I visited Edisto Island this past weekend. I found the old Jenkins cemetery out in the woods on what must have been the old Jenkins plantation.

> I was looking for the old Fickling plantation, and found it, but did not visit it. It is now called Botany Bay Plantation. It was marked no trespassing, so we didn't, but I do want to find out who owns it and contact

> them and see if they know of any old Fickling graves. I took some pictures of the Jenkins graves with a digital camera which I would be glad to e-mail

> to you if you want them.

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Bill's  
EMAIL  
Family