

The 460 acre tract of Captain William Lawton adjacent
to his 200 acre home plantation on
Edisto

1. JAMES CUTHBERT made a memorial for 460 acres in Colleton County summarizing a chain of title to a grant of 900 acres to HENRY BOWER on February 1, 1707. This is from the index only and needs to be more completely abstracted. See #0030-00 2-0007 00404 02 in South Carolina Archives Microfilm. It is strange that WILLIAM LAWTON's memorial refers to King's Grant to Cuthbert.
2. WILLIAM LAWTON memorializes 460 acre tract on March 3, 1757 in Memorial Book 7, pp. 141-142, South Carolina Archives. The memorial was exhibited in the Office of the Auditor General for South Carolina... the lands had been conveyed to WILLIAM LAWTON by JAMES CUTHBERT by an indenture dated the 22nd and 23rd of January 1756... that JAMES CUTHBERT had originally received the lands by grant from his MAJESTY KING GEORGE II on 22 March 1742 at the quit rent of 1 page Proclamation Money per hundred acres:

460 acres bounded:

South: JAMES PALMENTER'S (PARMENTER'S) LANDS,
Now Heirs of JAMES CLARKE, WILLIAM LAWTON'S
Lands, formerly WILLIAM TILLY'S Lands.

North: On a creek out of Edisto River

North and East: Mr. DANIEL TOWNSEND'S lands

3. WILLIAM LAWTON's will of October 9, 1757, recorded on December 9, 1757, Will Book 1767-71, p. 507, Charleston County Probate Court, leaves the CUTHBERT trust to his son, JOSIAH LAWTON.

Josiah Lawton's will of 15 October 1757 and proved on December 9, 1757 (the same day his father's was probated) left this land to his brother JEREMIAH LAWTON.

The third son of this first marriage was William Lawton, Jr. who died about January 1, 1759. (date his intestate estate was appraised)

Jeremiah Lawton who had inherited this land through his brother Josiah Lawton died young and unmarried in 1762. His estate was appraised on May 20, 1762. So Jeremiah Lawton's only heir to the whole blood was his sister, Sarah Lawton Seabrook, who would have inherited the land.

4. No abstract has been done of this property since it would have been inherited by Sarah Lawton Seabrook but there are some letters from her in the Edisto Island Collection at Furman University concerning land rents. These may have to do with the 100 acre creece tract left to the Baptist Church that was the subject of a law suit between the Baptist and Presbyterian church. These papers are supposed to be at Furman, according to Leah Townsend.