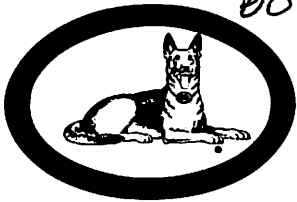


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Dear Robert,

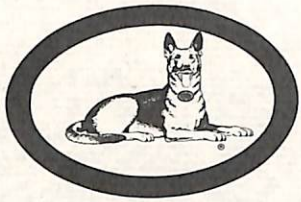
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Thanks for <sup>your</sup> letter of 10 March 1974. We did receive your Christmas letter, which I should have mentioned. We could not make the S.C. Hist. Soc. meeting last month, due to some conflict, I can not remember what. We seem to stay busy all of the time.

I appreciate the information on the various Benj. Burgh Smiths. It was quite helpful. Today I got a notice from the S.C. Dept of Archives saying that all of the grants, making up the subject property, are available. Some of the dates of the grants etc were so illegible, I had some doubts about the interpretation I placed on them. All were correct within a few days except one and it was 1761 instead of 1751. Names and everything matched exactly. So did acreages except one - it was 40 acres off. I will have fun putting this jigsaw puzzle together when I receive photostats describing the grants. Some of the grants join the Summit property and that will be interesting.

Until last Friday I had no information on the ownership of Summit, prior to the ownership of Capt. Daniel Jenkins at his death, I think, about 1805. The plat of 1816, dividing it into four parts for his heirs, was the earliest record I could find. It was in the McCady file of the Charleston County Courthouse but at the present is in the Archives for repairs etc. His daughter, Amaranthia, married William Wilkinson in 1813. Another daughter married Capt. Daniel Townsend F Edisto. In fact, Daniel Jenkins never lived at Summit! He lived on Edisto. It was a family tradition that he bought it from the State of S.C. after the Revolution. <sup>Eschewed property?</sup> <sup>for town?</sup> <sup>Christian got involved on Edisto?</sup> Anyway, last Friday, I played a longshot. I went by the Charleston County Courthouse and looked





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Pierce Butler & Mary  
and John Forain all  
listed as residing in Charles Town.

up all property indexed as being on the Zoogoodoo Creek. I was extremely lucky and found a plat drawn by John Fenwick, Surveyor in 1777 of the proper shape and size under the name of Pierce Butler and Mary, his wife accompanying a lease to John Gorsius in the same year, but recorded in 1795 or 1793? Book I-6 page 488. It is bounded by the property of William Ladson, Esq. to the north at that time (1777). This is where John Rutledge Smith and his son Benj. Burgh Smith got the property. This answered at least a part of that question. Who were William Ladson and John Ladson his son? What relation were they to yours and Patti's line? Also while on the subject, which Ben Burgh Smith was magistrate in Adams Run in 1859? 1814-1884

son b. 1835 too young The other boundaries of the property in 1777 was the Zoogoodoo creek and westwardly on the lands of Morton Wilkinson, Esq. All this is quite interesting because, as I see it, Pierce Butler being a young British Army officer in 1771, when he married Mary Middleton, daughter of Thomas Middleton 1719-1766 and Mary Bull 1723-1760, daur. of John Bull of Bulls Island, would not have been in a position to <sup>own</sup> or even desire to own a plantation on the Zoogoodoo Creek. He never lived there. He lived in Charleston and was quite active in the revolutionary cause. After the war he was a delegate to the constitutional convention and later one of the first two senators from S.C.

It is my theory, and I would like an opinion from you on the matter, that Thomas Middleton, son of Hon. Arthur Middleton b. 1681 d. 1737 or Arthur, above mentioned himself, owned Summit property and Mary, daughter of Thomas, inherited it. Arthur lived at the Oaks plantation near Goose Creek.





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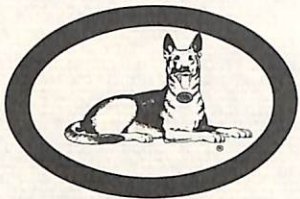
Thomas lived at Boochaw and Hove Hall, which of course were also near Goose Creek. He later went to St. Bartholomew's Parish and then to St. Helena via Charleston & Prince William's Parish.

My main reason for thinking "Middleton" ownership is two connections with the Wilkinson family of Fogoodoo. Arthur Middleton, mentioned above, married as his second wife Sarah Wilkinson Morton, widow of the second Landgrave Joseph Morton, in 1723. His second wife, Sarah Wilkinson, bore him no children. His oldest son, William Middleton, his heir, married Sarah Wilkinson, daughter of Francis Wilkinson and Margaret Arden. William and his family elected to return to England in 1754 and took over his father, Hon. Arthur Middleton's Estates in Suffolk. This left the middle son Henry as heir to his S.C. Estates. (Father of the Signer) Sarah Wilkinson<sup>Morton</sup> Middleton, the widow Landgrave Joseph Morton willed her Fogoodoo property to Morton Wilkinson, a brother to Sarah, that married William Middleton that went back to England.

The 1777<sup>plat</sup> shows the same property willed above as joining Summit on the West. This was originally granted to Joseph Morton, Landgrave and Gov., I think. Maybe the second Landgrave and not the governor? Anyway that is the property that joins the original Summit property on the North<sup>West</sup>. That property also joined William Ladson's property to the north.

All of the above, if it have made it clear, is quite interesting, but perhaps the most interesting thing of all is a note on John Fenwick's plat of 1777 which I quote exactly as follows: "The above delineated plat represents nine hundred and seventy five acres of





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High and Flat land and one hundred acres of marsh originally granted to Thomas Smith for six hundred and sixty acres on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1695 situated in the Fork of Fobadoo creek Colleton County and State aforesaid butting bounding and having such shapes and measurements as are above set forth. Certified this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1777. John Fenwick, Surv." Do you think this is the second Landgrave Smith? The governor was dead by this time, was he not? I have written the archives for a copy of this grant. It may give some clues. Wouldn't it be nice for Summit to have been granted to Pathy's forebear. I'll let you know what the grant says, if it is available.

Questions now arise as to when did Thomas Smith or his heir disposed of the property, and did one of the Middletons buy it. Also was there any ownership in between Smith and Middleton. Sarah Wilkinson Morton Middleton, Hon. Arthur's widow willed 6000 pounds to Thomas Middleton and 2000 pounds to Mary wife of Pierce Butler. Did some of this money purchase the property? This will was made June 8, 1765 and proven Oct 1, 1765. Another question arises also, as to how Major/Capt. Daniel Jenkins got it. Mary Middleton died in 1790 & Pierce Butler is listed in the first census of 1790 as living by himself in St. Andrews Parish with no family or slaves. There is still a lot to find out, but it will be intriguing to attempt to put the pieces together.

Let me know some of your thoughts and opinions, because I value them highly. After getting this squared away a little, let's try to solve the Mary Miles riddle.  
My best to you & min. love,  
Jack