

A Sampler of Land Grants in the Darien Area to 1755⁵

- Daniel Demetre: 500 acres on the South Newport River, May 1750.
John McIntosh (B): 500 acres on the south side of the Sapelo River.
Roderick McIntosh: 500 acres on a north branch of the Sapelo River, 1754.
George McDonald: 150 acres at the head of a creek on the north side of Sapelo River.
Donald Kennedy: 150 acres on the north side of Sapelo River.
James Steward (Stuart): 50 acres on the north branch of Sapelo River in 1749.
George Kidd: 50 acres on Cat Head Creek.
Donald McDonald: Town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
William Mackay: Town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
John Mackay: Town lot in Darien of 5 acres.
William Munro: Town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
Ranald McDonald: Town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
John Grant: Town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
Peter Grant: 50 acres on the south side of Sapelo River.
Gilbert Grant: unspecified amount of acreage on Sapelo River.
Patrick Sutherland: 500 acres on the north side of Sapelo River.
Ann Demetre (as guardian to William Thomas Harris): 350 acres on a creek north of Sapelo River.
Hugh Morrison: 150 acres on the head of Sapelo River.
Hugh Clark: 500 acres on the head of Sapelo River and a town lot in Darien of 50 acres.
Donald Clarke: 500 acres on a branch of the Buffalo Swamp known by the name of Cat Head, 1750. Also, three town lots in Darien of 50 acres.
Lachlan McIntosh: 500 acres on the Newport River, 1750.
Angus Clarke: 500 acres on the north of Sapelo River, 1750.
George McIntosh: 500 acres at the head of Sapelo River, 1753.
William Clarke: 500 acres on the south side of Sapelo River known by the name of Cedar Bluff, 1750.
Henry Calwell: 500 acres on the northeast side of Sapelo River, 1753.
Alexander Mackdonald: 150 acres on the north side of Sapelo River, 1744.
John Perkins: 500-acre tract and two tracts of 50 acres each, all being situated on the Darien Salts and bounded on the east by a river flowing from Doboy.
William Buchanan: 500 acres, claims on the Main opposite to the Island Doboy in the neighborhood of Darien (sic).
Donald Mackay, Sr.: 150 acres at Turkey Camp Swamp, 1754.
John McIntosh (B): 500 acres situated on the northeast side of Sapelo River. Also, three town lots in Darien of 50 acres each.
John McIntosh (M): 500 acres on Black Island which said island not containing the full quantity, the remainder granted in a place known by the name of Turkey Camp Swamp, 1750. Also, two town lots in Darien of 50 acres each.
William Low: 500 acres on the south side of the south branch of Newport River, 1754.
John Gray, by James Mackay: 500 acres on the north side of Sapelo River.

⁵. This material is extracted from Pat Bryant, comp., *Entry of Claims for Georgia Landholders, 1733-1755* (Atlanta: Georgia Surveyor General Dept., 1975).

Crown Grants in the Darien Area, 1755-1775⁶

George McIntosh: 500 acres bounded on the south and southeast by the Altamaha River, west by Herds Island Creek and north by Herds Island, marshes of said island, 1774.

Lachlan McIntosh: 350 acres situated on Cat Head Creek, 1774.

Lachlan McIntosh: 250 acres bounded on the southwest by William McIntosh ... northwest by Governor James Wright and Darien Common ..., 1774.

William McIntosh: 500 acres on Black Island and bounded on all sides by the Altamaha River and branches and creeks of the same. Black Island contains 700 acres and 200 acres have already been granted, 1774.

Robert Baillie: 1,000 acres bounded on the northwest by Burgon Bird, John Mackay and the Sapelo River, 1767.

Robert Baillie: 150 acres bounded on the southeast by Anne McIntosh, 1768.

Robert Baillie: 150 acres bounded on the west by John McDonald and John Ponshare and on the northwest by Anne McIntosh, 1772.

Sir Patrick Houstoun: 1,000 acres bounded on the south by Cat Head Creek and on the west by Daniel Clark, 1757.

Thomas Camber: 450 acres being part of an island bounded on the south by Crooked Creek, west by land vacant and on every other side by the River Altamaha, 1762.

Donald McDonald: 300 acres bounded on the southeast by Sapelo River, 1774.

Lachlan McGillivray: 392 acres bounded on the northeast and southeast by Nathaniel McCollough, Cat Head Creek, and Lachlan McIntosh, on the west by Robert Baillie and William Mackay, 1764.

Anne McIntosh: 450 acres in the Fifth Swamp in the district of Darien, 1759.

George McIntosh: 500 acres bounded on the north by Roderick McLeod, east by John McIntosh, south by the Sapelo River, 1767.

John McIntosh: 500 acres bounded on the south and east by Sapelo River and the marshes thereof, 1760.

Lachlan McIntosh: 500 acres bounded on the south by Isaac Lyons and on the east by John Grant and Peter Nephew, 1768.

Lachlan McIntosh: 432 acres bounded on the northeast by Cat Head Creek and on the southeast by the Altamaha River, 1761.

Roderick McIntosh: 100 acres bounded on the northeast by land of the said guarantee. The plat of survey shows this to be bounded on the northeast by John McIntosh, 1771.

George McIntosh: 1,000 acres bounded on all sides by lands run out for the said guarantee, 1774.

Mark Carr: 220 acres ... being on an island bounded on the northeast by the River Altamaha called South River opposite Governor Wright's Great Island, northwest ... by Back River opposite Governor Wright's Little Island and on the south by Fishing Creek, 1762.

David Delegal: 300 acres bounded on the west by South Newport River, south by Roderick McIntosh, east by salt marsh, north by Barber and lands said to belong to Roderick McIntosh, 1771.

Daniel Demetre: 500 acres bounded on the north by said Daniel Demetre and on all other sides by creeks and marshes of Sapelo River, 1756.

Daniel Demetre: 400 acres on an island in the Sapelo River bounded on the northeast by the Sapelo River, south by lands formerly belonging to John Smith and on all other sides by marsh, 1756. [Land now known as Creighton Island].

Daniel Demetre: 200 acres bounded on the east by William Harris, southwest by marshes of South Newport River, 1758.

William Harris: 350 acres bounded on the north by John Rutledge, and east by creeks

6. This material is extracted from Pat Bryant, comp., *English Crown Grants in St. Andrew's Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775* (Atlanta: Georgia Surveyor General Dept., 1972).

and marshes of the Sapelo River, 1758.

John Jones: 200 acres bounded on the north by William Harris, east by marshes of Sapelo River, west by marshes of South Newport River.

William LeConte: 500 acres bounded on all sides by vacant land, 1770.

Samuel Lewis: 400 acres bounded on the north by Lewis' Creek and south by the Altamaha River, 1760.

Roderick Mackay: 500 acres bounded on the southwest by land formerly surveyed for John McIntosh, northwest by land granted Hugh Clark and northwest by the Sapelo River, 1767.

Moses Way: 150 acres bounded on all sides by vacant land, 1761.

Robert Stewart: 300 acres bounded on the north by the South Newport River, 1757.

Captain Patrick Sutherland: 500 acres on Sapelo River bounded on the west by Lieut. John Gray, north by vacant lands, 1756.

Crown Grants for Islands in St. Andrews Parish, 1755-1775⁷

Barbers (Barbour) Island: Grant to John Barber on May 5, 1767 of 111 acres being small islands in the Sapelo River and bounded on every side by the marshes and creeks of the said river. Plat shows that this tract includes Richard Oldnors Island, John Barbers island, and Wahoo Island. Original warrant states that this includes "sundry hammocks between South Newport and Sapelo Rivers at the head of Sapelo Sound."

Black Island: Granted to William McIntosh on September 6, 1774; 500 acres bounded on all sides by the Altamaha River and branches and creeks of the same.

Broughton Island: Grant to Jonathan Bryan⁸ on July 4, 1758 of 900 acres being all of Broughton Island, part of which is 760 acres of marsh land and 140 acres are river swamp and situate in the Altamaha River.

Doboy Island: Grant to Jonathan Bryan on August 7, 1759 of 83 acres including an island called Doboy and bounded on the north by the 5-acre lots of Darien and south by the Altamaha River.

Lewis Island: Grant to Thomas Young on January 3, 1775 of 267 acres in St. Andrews Parish on Lewis Island in the Altamaha River.

Richard Oldnors Island: Grant to John Barber of May 5, 1767 of 111 acres (see Barbers Island).

Sapelo Island: Grey Elliott purchased from the Crown on October 31, 1760 the total of 9,520 acres on Sapelo Island being all those islands called Sapelo [including Little Sapelo, Blackbeard and Cabretta] and being on the sea coast and bounded on the east and southeast by the ocean, southwest by a north branch of the Altamaha River [Doboy Sound] and west by a creek called Tea Kettle and the marshes thereof.

Wahoo Island: Grant to John Barber on May 5, 1767 of 111 acres (See Barbers Island).

7. This material is extracted from Pat Bryant, comp., *English Crown Grants for Islands in Georgia, 1755-1775* (Atlanta: Georgia Surveyor General Dept., 1972).

8. Jonathan Bryan (1708-1788) was one of the leading planters of coastal Georgia during the colonial period. He was born in South Carolina, the son of an Indian trader. In 1734, Bryan began aiding Oglethorpe in his dealings with the coastal Creeks. Bryan had the trust and respect of the local Indians. He eventually became one of the wealthiest planters in the British colonial south, as he accumulated thousands of acres of land and hundreds of slaves in South Carolina and Georgia, much of the acreage being in what would become McIntosh County. Bryan owned large tracts in the Ogeechee and Altamaha river region. He purchased over 25,000 acres in the 1750s and 1760s, then sold much of the acreage at great profit. Jonathan Bryan was one of the first really successful coastal planters with his excellent knowledge and utilization of local soils and his effective methods of marketing his crops. Bryan was also the first planter in the lowcountry region to educate and evangelize his slaves. He later acquired considerable land in East Florida after it was ceded to England by treaty in 1763. On the eve of the American Revolution, he tried unsuccessfully to assist the Creeks in their effort to establish a large settlement in Florida. Bryan died in 1788.

Wolf Island: Grant to Christopher DeBrake on March 7, 1769 of 150 acres on Wolf Island bounded on the west by a creek and salt marsh and on the east by the sea beach.

Unnamed Islands:

Thomas Bates: Grant of 200 acres on May 15, 1756 being an island near the river of Sapelo bounded on the northeast by lands of John Jagger.

Hugh Clark: 500 acres bounded on the northeast by Sapelo River, February 11, 1757.

Nathaniel Clark: 200 acres on Sapelo River, February 7, 1758.

Daniel Demetre: 250 acres situated on Dickenson's Neck and bounded on the east by marsh of Sapelo River, February 7, 1758.

Daniel Demetre: 500 acres on May 15, 1756 on an island in the Sapelo River bounded on the north by the said Daniel Demetre and on all other sides by the creeks and marshes of the Sapelo River. [Creighton Island].

Francis Goffe: 470 acres on May 21, 1762 on an island bounded on the east by land of Thomas Camber, south by Crooked Creek and every other side by the River Altamaha.

John Jagger: 400 acres on October 4, 1757 bounded on the southwest by David Miller and on all other sides by the Sapelo River and marshes and creeks of the same.

Lachlan McIntosh: 500 acres on July 4, 1758 being an island opposite to Darien in the Altamaha River.

Lachlan McIntosh: 500 acres on August 7, 1759 on an island in the Altamaha River, bounded on the south by the said river, northeast by Cat Head Creek and northwest by lands vacant.

Lachlan McIntosh 1,200 acres on October 6, 1772 ... bounded on all sides by the Altamaha River and the branches thereof. The plat shows this bounded by Governor Wright's Island, Black Island, John Jamison's Island and Henry Laurens' Island.

James Woodland: 200 acres on June 5, 1759 including an island situate on Cedar Point between Darien and Sapelo River. [Present-day Valona].

James Wright: 2,075 acres on November 3, 1761 being all those two islands situate and being in the Altamaha River and bounded on the south by islands granted Captain Raymond Demere and Colonel Mark Carr and land known by the name of New Hanover, on the north by an island and land granted Francis Goffe, Thomas Camber and Lachlan McIntosh.