

To-Miss Carol Collyer,  
Low Country Regional Planning Council, Yemassee, S.C. 29945

Re: The Survey Plan  
Beaufort Co. Nos. 91, 87, 98

Sept. 8-1973

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#87 - FISH HALL the home of Samuel Green

#98 - COGGINS POINT (Colginse Point)  
home of Squire William Pope

#91 - the site of Fort Walker (#91 on plan)

The information shown on the Plan is incorrect. The wife of Capt. William Pope, Sarah (nee Green) Tucker Pope, owned FISH HALL, and on her death her husband doubtless inherited it - both of the sons of that marriage being young children when their Mother died. but Gen. Thomas F. Drayton never owned FISH HALL.

\* FISH HALL and COGGINS POINT, where Fort Walker was built, were both part of a pre-Revolutionary Royal Grant to SAMUEL GREEN & EDMUND ELLIS. Ellis got the FISH HALL part and Samuel Green got the COGGINS (COLGINSE) POINT Part.  
(See Royal Grant dated May 7, 1762, S.C. Archives Dept. Royal Land Grants, Vol. 10, pg. 220, May 7, 1762. Plat in Vol. 7, pg. 211).

\* In April 1763 Edmund Ellis and his wife Elizabeth, sold 321 acres of FISH HALL to SAMUEL GREEN.  
(See Register Mesne Conveyances, Charleston Co. Courthouse, Bk. A-5, pgs. 349, 350 through 354).

\* FISH HALL was the home of Samuel Green - proved by his Will dated 24 Feb. 1767, in the S.C. Archives Dept. at Columbia, SC - Wills, Vol. 13, pgs. 828 through 830. Will recorded in Will Book RR -1767-1771, pgs. 488, 489.

His Will says:

"To my beloved son Samuel Green all that part of the tract of land whereon I now live, which lieth on the West side of Fish Hall Creek....."etc.

"To my two daughters, Sarah and Susannah that Tract or part of my land which lieth on the East side of Fish Hall Creek and is known by the name of COLSINSE POINT..."etc.

I sent a copy of this will in 1964 to the Hilton Head Historical Society, through Mr. Larry Rodgers, then with the Chamber of Commerce on Hilton Head, and he said they had thought the name Coggins a fairly new name, but that 'now we know it is one of the oldest names of all'.

Susannah and Samuel Jr. having died, SARAH GREEN (widow of Thomas Tucker) was the sole heir to both FISH HALL and COGGINS POINT. She married, as his 1st wife, WILLIAM POPE SR.. They had two sons:

William Pope Jr. (later "Squire Pope" who inherited through his mother the COGGINS POINT PLANTATION. AND

John Edward Pope, who inherited through his mother, FISH HALL PLANTATION.

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On Plan - #91 and #98 Beaufort Co. Survey

COGGINS POINT - SITE OF FORT WALKER

William Pope Jr. (Later known as Squire Pope) married his cousin, Sarah Lavinia Pope (as his second wife), and COGGINS POINT remained in his family up to the time of the Civil War in 1861.

COGGINS POINT PLANTATION was the home of Squire William Pope, although he also maintained homes at COTTON HOPE on Skull Creek, and on May River at Bluffton, and CRESCENT PLANTATION near Bluffton, and doubtless spent much time at these also.

Some think that COTTON HOPE on Skull Creek was his principal home on Hilton Head, but I feel - from my studies - that COGGINS POINT was his main residence on the Island..

FORT WALKER was built on William Pope's land at Coggins Point, and although his heirs, years later, redeemed all the other plantations, including POINT COMFORT, they were never permitted to redeem the Coggins Point site of Fort Walker because the United States Government wanted to keep that land for a military reservation, and so they did, up until about 1927. The name Fort Walker was changed to Fort Wells after the Union forces took possession of Hilton Head.

The Pope Home at Coggins Point served as Union Headquarters during the War and by 1864 had been expanded to house the Chief Quartermaster Corps - and a signal tower had been built on top.

\* The book "Department of the South" by Robert Carver, shows "before" and "after" pictures of the Coggins Point Home. It was still standing in 1874 (deposition of his grandson, John E. Woodward) in the claim file. I do not know when or how it was destroyed.

See pg. 3 next - re FISH HALL

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#87, Beaufort Co.  
on the Plan

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FISH HALL - ( FISH HAUL )

FISH HALL -(FISH HALL), was the home of John Edward Pope. He married Mary Baynard Eddings. She received FISH HALL at her husband's death. They had only one child, Emma Catherine Pope, who married Gen. Thomas F. Drayton.

Emma Catherine (Pope) Drayton, having predeceased her Mother, Mrs. Pope, who died in 1857, left FISH HALL PLANTATION to her two grandchildren - the children of her daughter- Emma Catherine(Pope) Drayton ---viz:

To John Edward Drayton,(her grandson),she left her home "FISH HALL".

To Mary Eddings Drayton (her granddaughter), she left part of the acreage of FISH HALL PLANTATION.

The above information given me (EKS) by Mrs. John Goss Stone of Atlanta, she being a great, great granddaughter of John Edward Pope and Mary Baynard Eddings Pope.

Mrs. Stone has in her possession of the papers of administration of the estate of Mary Baynard Eddings Pope - Administrator Thomas F. Drayton - which shows positively that FISH HALL was the property of Mary Baynard(Eddings)Pope, says Mrs. Stone.

All of this can be verified by Mrs. Stone.

Gen. Drayton doubtless lived part of the time at FISH HALL, but he never owned it. His children got it through their Pope Grandmother, widow of John Edward Pope.

FISH HALL descended thusly:

From Samuel Green - to his daughter Sarah  
to - Sarah Green who married William Pope Sr.)  
to John Edward Pope (their son)  
to Mary Baynard Eddings Pope, widow of John  
Edward Pope.  
to John Edward Drayton (her Grandson)  
and to Mary Eddings Drayton (her granddaughter)

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