

Houmans Gas & Oil Co., Inc.

SMITH

DISTRIBUTORS OF

ALL ESSO & ATLAS PRODUCTS

MEGETT, S. C. 29460

PHONE: 889-2220

8/9/74

Dear Robert,

Attached are ^{the} grants and warrants we discussed on the phone yesterday. Note the acreage on the warrants and the grants, 640 acres and 660 acres, and see how it matches.

Also, note that on page 380 in 1684 it appears that it is the same "Arrival Rights" as on page 509. It even lists the same people ^{but} and is for 650 acres rather than 640 on page 509. Of course, we do not know if the First Landgrave Smith ever got his grant for his warrant on page 380. This is what I was trying to remember yesterday when I may have used the word "fishy" perhaps loosely.

You know, since rehashing the whole thing, it could be that the First Landgrave never received his warrant for "arrival rights" on page 380 and it was redone in 1694 adding some additional fourteen names for separate grant of 660 acres for this separate arrival group. Then it all got caught up in that transaction where he willed his patent for Landgrave to Joseph Blake.

This could have been the First Lundgrane because the warrants have 1694 dates and could have been issued ^{or were in process} prior to his death, with the actual grants coming afterwards.

On a 1697 plat and grant, from the Lords Proprietors to Joseph Morton, the name of the adjoining property owner was "Proprietor Blake". The original, in beautiful condition on parchment, is in the S.C. Historical Society. I have a photostat of it. It shows Morton's house almost across the little creek, now called Swinton Creek (on early plats called a branch of the Toohedoo) from my house at Summit. The property line between Blake and Morton was this creek and then a straight line when the creek more or less plays out. This proves that it was considered Blake's in 1697 even though the regrant, for the same 640 x 660 acreage, was not made until 1700. I think I have already sent you a copy of these transactions which read just like Capt. Thomas Smith's of 1695.

Please let me know your interpretation of the whole thing. Give "Miss Cora" my love.

With fondest wishes,

Joel