

Robert

JONATHAN NORTON and MARY ANN (Chaplin), his wife,
gave Two Acres of their land on St. Helena for
building the Chapel of Ease, by Deed dated 20 Aug. 1756.

Deed in Register Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston.
Book WW, pages 558 through 567 - Recorded 17 May 1761.

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BUILDING A CHAPEL OF EASE ON ST. HELENA IS.

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COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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Vol. 1, page 379, December 1737

2 accounts of Jonathan Norton & Robert Bell read.....

Vol. 3, page 242 of the Commons Journal, Jan. 19, 1748-June 29, 1748

"Then the Petition of the Inhabitants of St. Helena's was read to the House, setting forth that, by Reason of the Great Distance and Inconveniency of water Passage to their Parish at Beaufort, they were greatly hindered from regularly attending on the Public Worship of God, and many amongst them could not attend at all.

"That they had contributed by Subscription to the utmost of their Abilities towards building of a Chappel of Ease on the said Island and had got a good Deal of Timber sawed and Shells for Lime toward it, but yet found that they could not raise a sufficient Sum to carry on and complete the Work so far as to cover them from the Inclemency of the Weather,.....as without which all that was done was useless. And that/it had been customary in such Case for the Inhabitants of other remote parts of the Province, upon representing their Hardships to the Legislature to have some Assistance allowed out of the Public Moneys towards erecting their Chapels or Churches, for which Reason they were the more encouraged to hope for his Excellency and their Honors favourable Indulgence in this their humble address, and prayed that they would consider the Premises and the ill Consequences that generally attended the Want of due Administration of Divine Ordinances amongst any Community or Neighborhood of People. And grant them such

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" and grant such Assistance as to his Excellency and Honors in their Wisdom and Clemency should think necessary.

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take the said Petitions into Consideration.

" And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen (that is to say) Mr. Broughton, Mr. John Cordes, Mr. Harleston, Mr. Ouldfield, Mr. Mazyck, Mr. Roper and Mr. Cattell."

"Ordered that the said Petitions be severally referred to the said Committee and they are to examine the Matters of the said Petitions, and to report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House."

Vol. 8, May 14, 1748 -
Page 253-

"That on considering the Petition of the Inhabitants of St. Helena Island, setting forth that they have contributed towards building a Chapel on the said Island to the utmost of their Ability and praying to be assisted in carrying on the said Building, the Committee take Leave to observe that the Parish of St. Helena hath been allowed the Sum of 500:00:00 lbs. for building a Parsonage House at Beaufort. Yet in regard to the great Distance the Petitioners are from their Parish Church, the Committee are of Opinion they ought to be allowed the Sum of 250:00:00 lbs. towards building their Chapel of Ease to be raised in the present Estimate.

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"Resolved that the Sum of 250:00:00 lbs. be inserted in the present Estimate for building a Chapel of Ease upon St. Helena Island."

June 29,
Vol. 8, page 389 -Commons Journal, Jan. 19, 1748 - ~~Jan~~ 29, 1748.

June 28, 1748.

" To Jonathan Norton, Isaac Waight and John Fendin Jr., for building a Chapel of Ease upon St. Helena Island, 250 lbs. "

Eleanor K. Shain

Beaufort Co.
#14 on the Plan

CHAPEL OF EASE

TO ST. HELENA'S CHURCH, BEAUFORT, S.C.
(EPISCOPAL)

This Chapel of Ease was built on land given by JONATHAN NORTON and his wife MARY ANN (CHAPLIN), by a Deed dated 20th Aug. 1756. This land was part of a Grant by the then Lords Proprietors of the Province unto John Norton, father of Jonathan Norton. The deed states that the "said Chapel and Vestry Room are now built and near finished".

Jonathan Norton was a Vestryman of St. Helena's Church.

e (at Charleston Register Mesne Conveyance Office
in Courthouse -
Book W W, Pages 558 through 567)

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Eleanor H. Strain