

Did You Know?

Dataw changes hands....the early years (Part 1)

1680: Caleb **Westbrook** received a warrant from the Lord Proprietors for what we now call Dataw Island. Westbrook named the island "Westbrook's Island" and established an Indian trading post here. Westbrook was eventually killed by a Savannah Indian after he discovered that Westbrook was capturing Indians and selling them as slaves to pay off his bad debts.

1698: Charles **Odingsell** received a warrant for Westbrook Island. There is no documentation that Odingsell did anything here during his four years of ownership.

1702: Odingsell transferred the "island called Westbrook or Datha Island" to Joseph **Boone**, a Charleston merchant. This document is the first document to reference the name Datha.

1755: The Boone descendants sold the island to Anne Wigg, whose maiden name was Barnwell. This transaction described the property as being 1,170 acres. Today Dataw is 866 acres. The loss of acreage is due primarily to erosion caused by the 1893 hurricane.

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