

lived past the age of 2, more acreage could be secured. These grants, from King George III, were drawn up and signed by the Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of South Carolina. A reproduction of one of these grants can be found at the end of this chapter...a standard printed form with spaces filled by hand.

According to the contract, the person receiving the grant had to file a letter of patent with the Auditor in General within 6 months time after the date on his grant. He was also required each year to clear and cultivate 3 acres of land for each 100 acres. He was also required to pay yearly rent at the rate of three shilling sterling or four shillings proclamation money for each 100 acres. This rent, in each of the four grants in my possession, was due on the twenty-fifth day of March of each year. Failure to fulfill any of these regulations resulted in the land reverting back to the King.

Accompanying Richard, Jr. (III), or following closely in his footsteps, was the whole Tidwell flock, with the exception of brother John who had stopped off in North Carolina for a while. Most of these Tidwells, including the grown sons of Richard, Jr. (III), his brothers William and Francis and their grown sons, all secured land grants in the same general area. A map at the end of this chapter pinpoints the homesteads of a few of them.