An Historical Maps Collection
1592 – 1865
as they relate to
Lexington County, South Carolina

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This collection is not all inclusive, more maps may be added as they become available or as we become aware of them.

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Slides # 3, 4: Three Part Map of The Province of Carolina, 1711
A complete description of the province of Carolina in 3 parts: 1st, the improved part from the surveys of Maurice Mathews & Mr. John Love; 2ly, the west part by Capt. Tho. Nairn; 3ly, a chart of the coast from Virginia to Cape Florida; published by Edw. Crisp; engraved by John Harris.
CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London]: Edw. Crisp, [1711?]
URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3870.ct001123

Slides # 5, 6: Four Part Map by Homann Erben of Eastern Provinces, 1759
Dominia Anglorum in America Septentrionali. Specialibus mappis Londini primum a Mollio edita, nunc recusa ab Homannianis Heredit.
CREATED/PUBLISHED: [Norimbergæ, 1759]
URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3300.ar008300
Slates 9, 10: A Map of the Province of South Carolina, James Cook, 1773

The maker of this map, James Cook, surveyor of South Carolina and former marine surveyor, is not to be confused with the Pacific explorer, Captain James Cook. In 1770, James Cook was commissioned by the South Carolina provincial government to make a new survey of the entire province and publish a map, which he completed in 1773. Cummings refers to the map as “the most detailed and accurate printed map of South Carolina, especially for the interior, yet to appear” and further states that “very few copies of this fine map are extant.” It provided much of the detail for the later maps by Henry Mouzon and John Stuart. Sellers and Van Ee call it “one of the most important maps in the cartography of the state until the early nineteenth century.” It is excessively rare, with only five copies identified in United States institutions, and one in the British Museum. There are two states of this first and only issue, distinguished by the presence in the second state of an additional imprint “Publish’d according to Act of Parliament July 7th. 1773 and Sold by H. Parker in Cornhill” under the neat line. This copy is the first state, with two of the other six copies being first state as well. There are six inset maps: Beaufort, Camden, Georgetown, Port Royal, Charles Town, and Harbour of Charles Town. The main map is very detailed, showing land owners in profusion. Along the coast are many navigation notes, indicative of Cook’s maritime background. This appears to have been Cook’s only major map production; his other work is limited to three harbor charts published in 1766 (illustrated by Black): A Draught of Port Royal Harbour (similar to the Port Royal inset map on the South Carolina 1773), A Draught of the Harbour of Halifax, and A Draught of West Florida.

Reference: Cummings 443 (illustrated plate 67) and p 59; Sellers and Van Ee 1521; J.D. Black, Map Collector 34, p. 10-15; Cumming, British Maps of Colonial America p.47-48; Tooley Dictionary p. 130 (South Carolina map misdated 1770).

Full Title: A Map of the Province of South Carolina with all the Rivers, Creeks, Bays, Inletts, Islands, Inland Navigation, Soundings, Time of High Water on the Sea Coast, Roads, Marshes, Ferrys, Bridges, Swamps, Parishes Churches, Towns, Townshipes; Country Parish District and Provincial Lines. Humbly inscribed to the Hon.ble Lawlins Lownds Esqr. Speaker & the rest of the Members of the Hon.ble the Commons House of Assembly of the Province by their most Obedt. & faithfull Servt Jams Cook. Thos. Bowen, sculpt. 1773. (with 6 inset maps).

URL: http://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/zc26n4

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Slides 7, 8: Homann Map Of Virginia, Maryland, & Carolina


Homann, Johann Baptist, 1663-1724.

CREATED/PUBLISHED: Norimbergæ [1759?]

NOTES: Scale ca. 1:2,000,000. Hand colored. Relief shown pictorially. Depths shown by soundings. From Homann Erben's Atlas geographicvs maior exhibens tellurem. 1753-1759 [i.e. 1781; v. 1, 1759]

Described in William P. Cumming's The southeast in early maps as first appearing in J. B. Homann's Atlas novus, 1714. Also covers New Jersey, Southern Pennsylvania, and New York City region. Includes illus.

URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3700.ct000577
Slides 11, 12, 13: Henry Mouzan’s Map of North & South Carolina, 1775

Author: Jefferys, Thomas, Date: 1776

Short Title: Composite: North & South Carolina.

Publisher: Sayer and Bennett

Pub Title: The American Atlas: Or, A Geographical Description Of The Whole Continent Of America ... Engraved On Forty-Eight Copper Plates, By The Late Mr. Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King, and Others. London, Printed and Sold by R. Sayer and J. Bennett, Map and Print Sellers, No. 53, Fleet-Street. MDCCLXXVI.

Pub_Date: 1776

Pub_Title: The American Atlas: Or, A Geographical Description Of The Whole Continent Of America ... Engraved On Forty-Eight Copper Plates, By The Late Mr. Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King, and Others. London, Printed and Sold by R. Sayer and J. Bennett, Map and Print Sellers, No. 53, Fleet-Street. MDCCLXXVI.

Pub_Reference: NMM 361; cf P1165, 1166.

Pub_Note: One of the most important atlases of the American Revolutionary War period. There are 22 maps on 29 sheets. The majority of the important large scale maps of the colonies are here, appearing together for the first time after having been issued as separates by Jefferys in the 1750’s and 60's. This copy is the 1st 1776 edition, with the Quebec map, without the Lake Champlain map, as issued. This copy is the same as NMM 361, except the title page says 48 copper plates rather then the 49 on NMM 361, and on the NY/NJ map it is Major Holland rather than Capt. Holland (our NY/NJ map says Major-the reproduction atlas map copy says Major, and Carver is eliminated (why?); probably indicates that this was slightly before the NMM 361, as the 1775 title page is identical to this one (although we have not seen it yet-relying on P1165), except for the date. Summary of editions: 1775 (actually issued in 1776, has Evans Middle Colonies map, P1165); 1776 1st issue (our copy with 48 on TP, Quebec replaces Evans, N.Y- & N.J. is dated 1776, rather than 1775 and adds Pownall corrections and improvements); 1776 2nd issue (NMM 361, 49 on TP); 1777 (1776 on TP, N. Amer changes from Bowen/Gibson to Pownall version with 1777 on map, adds L. Champlain, P1166 -our reproduction copy); 1778 (P3659a, NMM 362, no changes from 1777); 1782 (P1169, no changes except Phillips says this copy has 1783 ed of N. Amer., inserted-later?) Our TP is a transition from 1775 to NMM361; NMM361 anticipates the Lake Champlain map in saying 49 plates. Covers are half leather brown cloth covered boards with "Jeffery's American Atlas. London MDCCCLXXVI" stamped in gilt on the spine.

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Notes: North west sheet of four. Shows counties by tinted outline. Features include boundaries, meeting houses, post offices, taverns, private houses, mills, battle grounds, streams, roads, canals, marshes, and swamps. Exquisite engraving.

Reference: P-Maps 822; Ristow 127-128.

State/Province: South Carolina

Full Title: (Composite of) A Map Of South Carolina, Constructed and Drawn from the District Surveys, ordered by the Legislature: by John Wilson, late Civil & Military Engineer of So: Cara. The Astronomical Observations by Professor Geo: Blackburn & I.M. Elford. Engraved by H.S. Tanner Philadelphia. Entered according to Act of Congress, the 10th day of April 1822, by John Wilson, Agent of the Board of Public Works of the State of South Carolina.

List No: 4996.005 Series No: 5, Engraver or Printer: Tanner, Henry S.

Publication Author: Tanner, Henry S.; Wilson, John, Pub Date: 1822, Pub Title: A Map Of South Carolina, Constructed and Drawn from the District Surveys, ordered by the Legislature: by John Wilson, late Civil & Military Engineer of So: Cara. The Astronomical Observations by Professor Geo: Blackburn & I.M. Elford. Engraved by H.S. Tanner Philadelphia.

Pub Reference: P-Maps 822; Ristow 127-128.

Pub Note: The first large scale map of South Carolina made after independence. With an inset map of Charleston Harbor. Wilson was the State Civil and Military Engineer and the creation of an accurate state map reflecting all the new internal improvements was one his responsibilities. Tanner refers to the resulting map as "one of our best and most scientific maps..." It was made using district surveys commissioned by the state, which later became the source of the district maps in Mills’ Atlas of South Carolina of 1825. This copy is one of twenty discovered by the University of South Carolina, in the four original sheets, in superb condition.

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Slide # 16: Robert Mills Map of Lexington District, 1825

Author: Mills, Robert,  Date: 1825
Short Title: Lexington District, South Carolina.
Publisher: Tanner/Lucas, Philadelphia/Baltimore
Type: Atlas Map
Scale 1: 126,720
Reference: P2570; Sabin 49113; Ristow pp207-219.
State/Province: South Carolina, County: Lexington
List No: 2792.016, Series No: 18
Engraver or Printer: Coate, M.; Tanner, Henry S.
Publication Author: Mills, Robert, Pub Date: 1825
Notes: 1st edition. 28 District maps, 1 State map. The District maps are derived from surveys done for John Wilson's 1822 Map of South Carolina, also engraved by Tanner. Mills' Atlas is the first State Atlas; it was reissued with slight revisions in 1838. This copy has the signature of Thomas Carr of Georgetown, one of the original subscribers who are listed in the accompanying volume of Statistics of South Carolina, published in 1826. Carr's residence is shown on the map of Georgetown District (which map shows the most signs of use) as well as some ms notations probably by Carr showing new roads, churches, etc. Tanner engraved the District maps and Lucas engraved the State map on the title page. The District maps are very detailed showing land owners, taverns, Churches, mills, roads and some distances along the roads, swamps, mountains - all in the finest Tanner style of engraving. Several of the maps are large - Charleston District is 89x86 cm. Compared to David Burr's Atlas of New York State 1829, Mills' maps are far more detailed. State map has full color; other maps without color. Bound in half leather gray paper covered boards with "Mills Atlas S. Carolin(a)" stamped in gold on the spine.
URL: http://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/uc03yp

Slides 17, 18: David Burr's Map of North and South Carolina, 1839

Map exhibiting the post offices post roads, canals, rail roads &c. By David H. Burr; (Late topographer to the Post Office.) Geographer to the House of Representatives of the U.S.  
CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London, 1839]
SUMMARY: Detailed map showing relief by hachures, drainage, township and county boundaries, cities and towns, canals, roads, and railroads.
Description derived from published bibliography.
URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3900.rr002730
Slides 24, 25, 26: A Map of Property Owners, South Carolina and Part of Georgia, 1865
A map containing the whole sea-coast; all the islands, inlets, rivers, creeks, parishes, townships, boroughs, roads, and bridges: As also, several plantations, with their proper boundary-lines, their names, and the names of their proprietors. Composed from surveys taken by the Hon. William Bull ... and William De Brahm ... republished with considerable additions, from the surveys made & collected by John Stuart ... by William Faden. Faden, William, 1749-1836.
NOTES: Scale ca. 1:322,000. Hand colored. "West longitude from London. " Relief shown by hachures. Depths shown by soundings. Includes indexes for "The names of the proprietors of land in South Carolina" and "The names of the proprietors of land in Georgia."
Two copies. Copy 1, only boundaries colored. Copy 2, colored in.
URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3910.ct001281