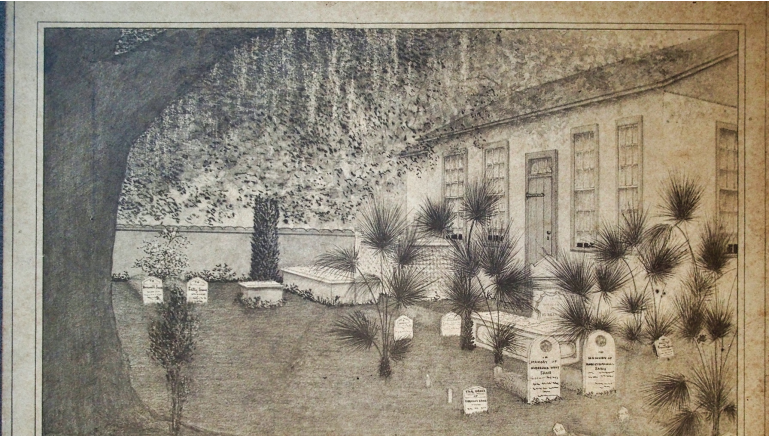


TALE OF TWO CEMETERIES

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DATAW ISLAND CEMETERIES

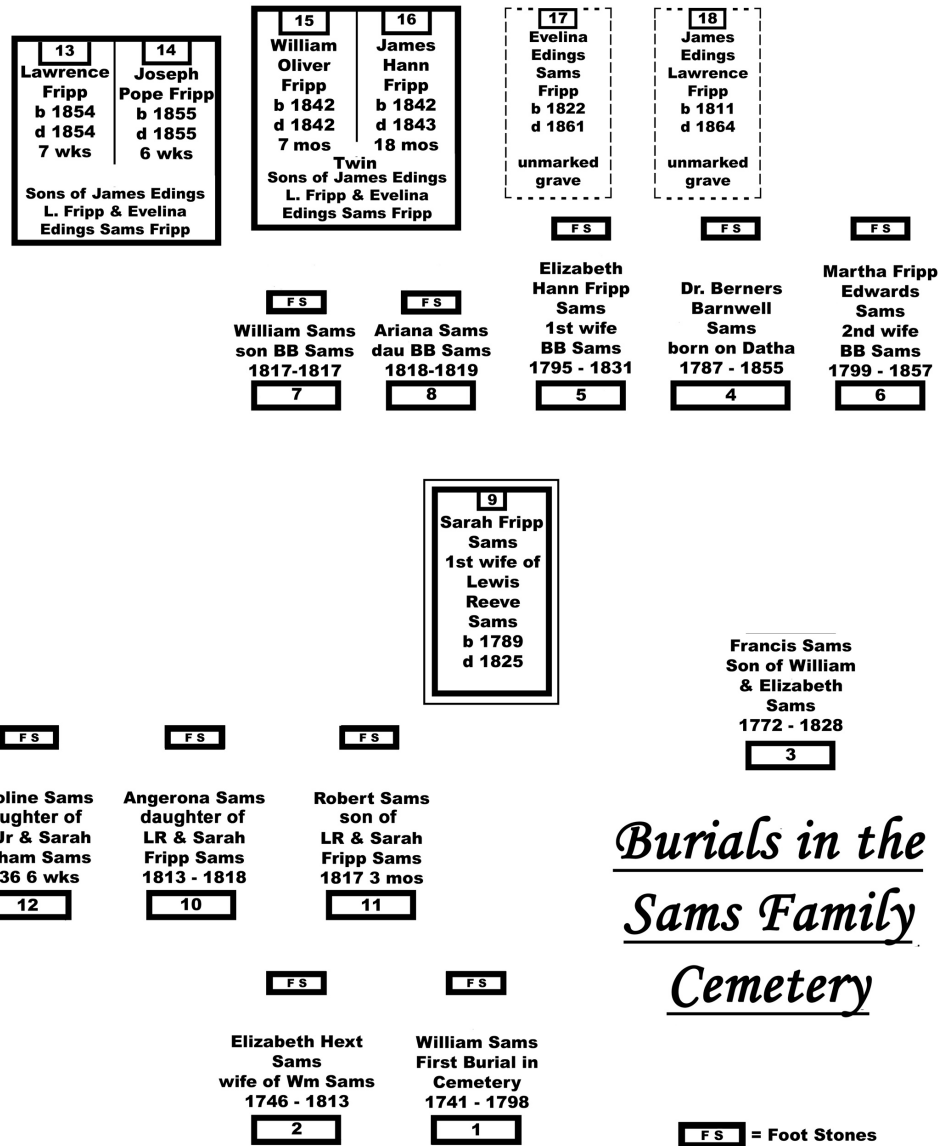
- Sams Family Cemetery & Chapel (etching circa 1865)
- Cotton Dike Cemetery (photo circa 2007)





SAMS FAMILY CEMETERY

- Headstones identify 16 individuals
- Genealogical evidence for 4 more burials
- 11 adults & 9 children



Burials in the Sams Family Cemetery

Unmarked Graves

Genealogy sources state that Evelina Edings Sams Fripp died on March 4, 1861 and is buried beside her infant children in the Sams Family cemetery on Datha Island. Graves [13] through [16] are her infant children. Evelina's husband, James Edings Lawrence Fripp, died on Oct. 22, 1864 and his obituary states that he is buried beside his wife.

A Ground Penetrating Radar study in 2006 identified two "probable" graves alongside the four infant children. These unmarked graves [17] & [18] are likely those of the parents.

Genealogy sources also suggest that William Sams, Jr. (1766-1817), son of William and Elizabeth Sams, is buried within the cemetery. He is likely buried in another unmarked grave.

Sams Family Coat of Arms



Dum Spiro Spero

"While I Breathe, I Hope"

SAMS FAMILY
CEMETERY WITH
CHAPEL



GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY OF SAMS CEMETERY

“Based on the results of the GPR survey, we estimate that the cemetery contains at least 19-26 graves, including the ones with markers or crypts.”

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COTTON DIKE CEMETERY & SAMS FAMILY CEMETERY

COTTON DIKE CEMETERY



GULLAH CULTURAL ANCESTRY

Rice Coast - Gold Coast – Calabar – Congo -
Angola

Tribal Groups

- Mandinka
- Fula
- Susu
- Temne
- Vai
- Kpelle
- Calabari
- Bateke
- Pende
- Ovimbundu
- Baga
- Limba
- Mende
- Kissi
- Igbo
- Efik
- Kuba
- Yaka
- Chokwe
- Avambo
- Aja
- Ambundu
- Bakongo
- Kongo
- Luba

CIRCA 1800



MODERN-DAY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- People were enslaved into the Atlantic Slave trade from areas which comprise the modern-day countries of:
 - Senegal Gambia Guinea-Bissau Mali
 - Angola Democratic Republic of Congo
 - Gabon Ghana Sierra Leone



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COTTON DIKE CEMETERY



GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY OF COTTON DIKE CEMETERY

“Based on the inspection of the ground surface and the GPR information, we estimate that there are at least 38 possible or probable graves in the Cotton Dike Cemetery.”

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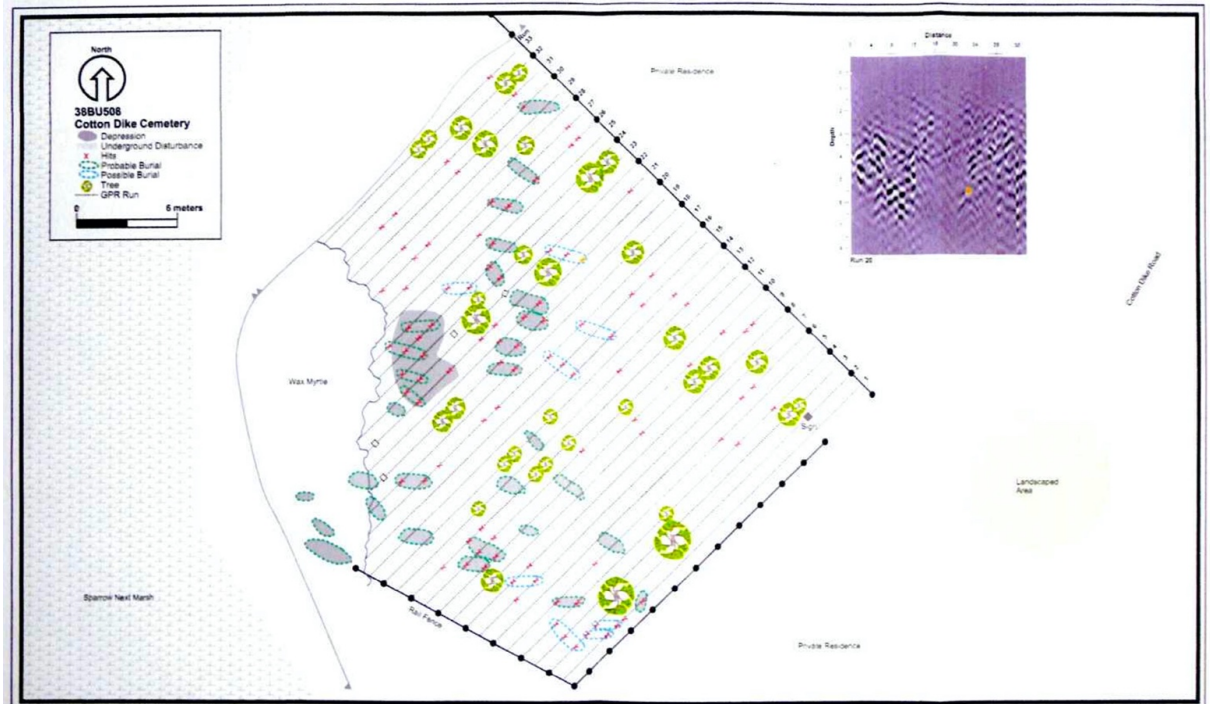


Figure 7. Plan of the GPR survey of the Cotton Dike Cemetery.

REDEDICATION
OF COTTON DIKE
CEMETERY
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Cotton Dike Cemetery

Ca. 1785

Initially begun as a final resting place for field slaves in antebellum times, this cemetery served generations of Dataw Island residents through the Reconstruction period and well beyond. The last recorded burial occurred in 1967.

This historic and sacred burial ground contains the remains of African slaves, free African-Americans, and their descendants who contributed greatly to the economic, social and religious life of Datha (Dataw) Island and the greater Beaufort area.

Cotton Dike Cemetery is a tangible reminder of the dependence of many large farmers on slave labor from the mid-1700's to 1864. It is a reflection of the many traditions of the African-American slave population. Death rituals and shoreline burial practices formed an important part of those traditions and death itself carried great significance among slaves throughout the South.

The Cotton Dike Cemetery was considerably larger than what you see before you today. Over the years, water erosion has reduced the cemetery to its present size. A survey completed in 2006 indicated that there are 38+ grave sites still intact.



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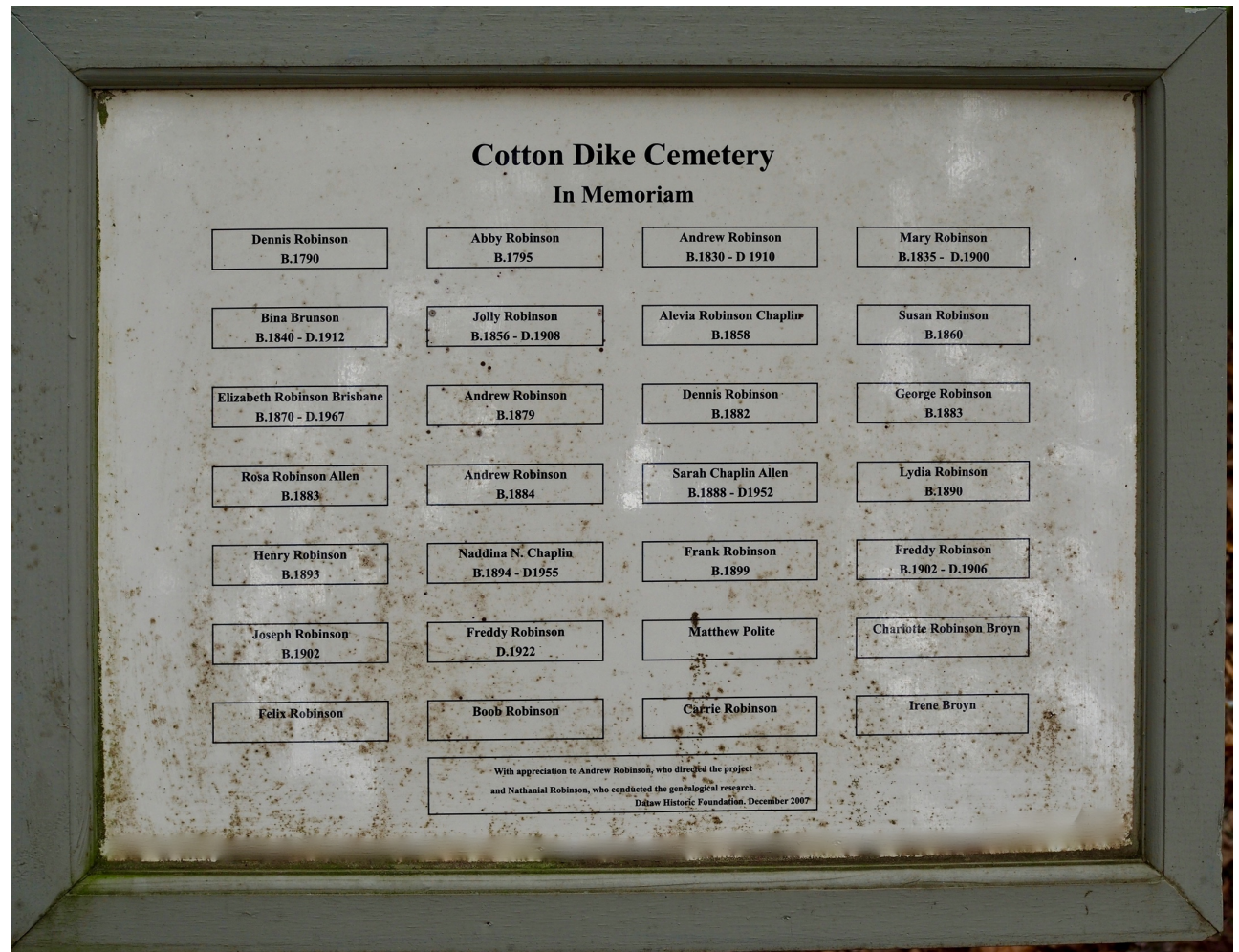
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WILLIAM, ANDREW, ARTHUR
ROBINSON

ALLEN
BRAYN
BRISBANE
CHAPLIN
POLITE
ROBINSON





REDEDICATION OF COTTON DIKE CEMETERY DEC 2007

ANDREW ROBINSON



AMERICAN GIRL TRADITION: An anthropological enlightenment 4C >>
 UNDEFEATED: Patriots end regular season with perfect record 1B
 WEATHER: Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms. High: 68. Low: 48. 6B

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Paying Respects

Ancestors gather on Dataw Island to dedicate Cotton Dike Cemetery, where at least 38 Lowcountry slaves — and lots of history — are buried

EDWARD ROMNEY GAINING

The first poll in Iowa since Christmas break shows the best contests between the leading Democrats and the top two Republicans.

By STEVEN THORPA
 Mr. Obama's lead over Sen. Barack Obama has widened in the first week of the Iowa caucus, according to a new McClatchy-MERCURY poll.

At the same time, Mitt Romney has regained the lead among Iowa Republicans as Mike Huckabee has lost momentum and support, even among the evangelical Christians who had propelled him into the top spot.

"Taken together, this first since campaigning from Christmas break shows content: Democrats still a Democratic candidate clash between the two to reach him.

"On the Democratic side about as close as it can get an eye on Edwards," says of Marco Rubio, polling which conducted the survey and Clinton have a little bit."

The new survey, taken three weeks after a 3-4 poll.

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S their ancestors did almost 200 years ago, the great-grandsons and great-granddaughters of Lowcountry slaves gathered in a small oak grove Saturday on Dataw Island to sing and honor their dead.

The occasion marked the dedication of Cotton Dike Cemetery, where 48 slaves, free blacks and their descendants were buried, mostly in 14 graves, from 1785 to 1967.

Two years ago, Dataw Historic Foundation Vice President John used a radar surveying firm to determine how many bodies were buried.

"If the people who originally lived on Dataw were leaving," he said, "and to find out what the island was like before Akkua bought it in 1967."

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It's truly a blessing to us because most of the older folks are dead and gone. Now, the young people can see where they came from.

The hands of Arthur Robinson, 62, join for prayer during an invocation at the Cotton Dike Cemetery.

Sabrina Pinckney, 45, of Lady's Island

Photos by KIMBERLY PERKINS