Pan Pan

Pan Pan, var. Pon Pon

Panpar, var. Pon Pon

Panthetion, var. Panchehone

Patchone, var. Panchehone

Pitchone, var. Panchehone

Pockoy (1962 C&GS) Island between Botany Bay Island and the rest of Edisto Island at 32 33N 80 14W. Possibly Indian from its form (as Polawana & Pon Pon; Coçapoy & Wehoy).

Polawana (Palawanee, 1712*; Polawana, 1757, 1762, 1825, 1963; Pollowany, 1738)

1712 (12 Dec.; Cooper 1837: 599) Act 327 returned to the "Cusaboe Indians" (cf. Kussah, 1712) the Island of Palawannee, which had "by inadvertency" been granted to Mathew Smallwood.

1738 (18 Sept.; Anon. 1737-1741: 130) Report of a House Committee to the Council:

The Committee Appointed to Consider what Succours may be Immediately Necessary for the Defence of Port Royal. Recommended,

That the Notchee Indians now Encamped at the four Holes be sent up as Soon as Possible to Scout about Port Royal.

That the use of the Island Consisting of about 400 Acres of Land Commonly called Pollowany belonging to the Publick, be given to them to plant upon if they're willing to Settle in them parts.


1757 (9 Mar.; House Journal: No. 31, Part 2, p. 61; contributed by Wesley White)

Ordered, that a committee be appointed for inspecting the Act for settling the island Palawana upon the Cussaboe Indians now living in Granville county, & upon their
Ponpon

posterity forever; made the 12th day of December 1712; and to make enquiry whether any of the posterity of the said Cussaboe are remaining; and in case the race of the said Cussaboe are extinct to enquire whether the Public Receiver hath sold and disposed of the said Palawana island, pursuant to the directions of the second section of the said Act; and to report their opinion to the House what is most expedient to be done with the said island; whether it be proper to sell & dispose thereof, in case the same is not already done, or to retain it for the use of the Public.--And it is referred to Col. Izard, Mr. Austin, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Izard, Mr. Stobo, Mr. Fraser.

1762 (17 Mar.; Council Journal: 472 [Sainsbury copy, SCDAH]; contributed by Wes White)

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor acquainted his Excellency & the Board, that he had received a letter from Jonathan North of St. Island, wherein he gave information, that one Robert Oswald had, by virtue of a Common Warrant of Survey, procured a survey of the Island of Palawana near St. Helena in Granville County, notwithstanding the said island of Palawana was the property of the Public by purchase from the Grantee and reserved for a particular purpose.

The Board thereupon were of the opinion that the said Robert Oswald had in so doing committed an unjustifiable act, that the Deputy Surveyor had been guilty of a breach of his Instructions, that no grant ought to pass in consequence of the said survey, and that the said Robert Oswald should have notice that if he attempted to settle on any part of the said Island, the Attorney General would be ordered to bring an action against him immediately.

1825 (Mills, A) "Polawana I." as 1963
1963 (C&GS) "Polawana I." (32 24-32 25N 80 34-80 35W)

Pollowany, var. Polawana
Pond Pond, var. Pon Pon
Ponpon, var. Pon Pon

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Pon-Pon

Pon-Pon, var. Pon Pon

Pon Pon (Pan Pan 1683 [2]; Panpar, c. 1700; Pond Pond, 1703; Ponpon, 1697 [2], 1757; Pon-Pon, 1698, 1825; Pon Pon, 1704, 1708, 1709, 1955, 1962; Ponpond, 1711; P Pan 1683)

Settlements
(A) (1683 [2], 1697 [2], 1698, c. 1700), renamed London or New London, on the E side of the Edisto R. at Wiltown Bluff (32 41N 80 25W)
(B) (1757, 1962) on the E side of the Edisto R. where US 17 crosses (32 46N 80 26W)

Section of the Edisto R. (1703, 1704, 1708, 1709, 1711, 1757, 1825) extending at least from Wiltown Bluff N to US 17 or for about 5 m.

1683 (4 Apr.; Salley 1911B: 86) Warrants to lay out a "Towne lott" for George Willock and another for Jonathan Bonner at "P Pan" or "pan pan." The town was soon renamed New London; cf. the next entry.

1683 (19 Dec.; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 327-328)

Maurice Mathews suryvr. Genl. of this Province Did this day record in the secretaries Office and it is hereby recorded, That Edistoh River (Vizt=) with both its Entrys of each side Edisto Island as well as that part that Runneth up by the Towne called Pan Pan. and all other Part or parts of it Whatsoever being all taken together is called Colleton river and soe for ever to be called.

An Indian town may have been located at this site earlier, but here he seems to be referring to the English settlement laid out in town lots and named "London" by 25 Feb. 1684 (ibid.: 357). London or New London was at Wiltown Bluff (32 41N 80 25W; cf. Thornton Morden c. 1695).

1697 (Jun.; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 575) "John Milbo had a warrant for three hundred acres of land neare ponpon in Colliton Country."


1698 (25 Mar.; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 582) "John Bee had a Warrt. out of ye Secretrys. Office for two Hundred Acres of Land at Pon-Pon...."

c. 1700 (Anon.) "Panpar" is marked just north of Edisto Island
St. Helens

above the junction of the N & S Edisto Rivers.
1703 (16 Aug.; Anon. 1707-1711: 2) Thomas and Ann Drayton sell to Johathan Fitch a tract of land "upon the north side of pond pond River and Joining to a trackt of Land of ye above said Jonathan Fitch...."
1704 (26 Sept.; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 621) "Doctr. Alexander Curson had a warrt. for five hundred acres of Land on pon pon river...."
1708 (12 May; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 641) Warrant for John Andrew's 100 a. "on ye other side of Pon Pon River in Colleton County...."
1757 (DeBrahm) "Ponpon" (settlement indicated) on "Edisto or Ponpon River" where the road to Charles Town crosses (now US 17). De Brahm shows it at 32 47N or within one minute of its latitude.
1825 (Mills 1825C) "Pon-Pon River" for the lower course of the Edisto just north of Johassa Island; the lettering extends across five miles of the River.
1955 (Stoney: 76) "...Pon Pon (an Indian name signifying Big Bends)...." No source is given.
1962 (C&GS) "Pon Pon" shown on the E side of the Edisto River at 32 46N 80 26W

Ponpond, var. Pon Pon

P Pan, var. Pon Pon

Portroyal, cf. Escamacu

Port Royall, cf. Escamacu

Rayawah, cf. Kiawah

St. Ellens, cf. Escamacu

St. Helena, cf. Escamacu

St. Helenas, cf. Escamacu

St. Helens, cf. Escamacu

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St. Helina

St. Helina, cf. Escamacu
St. Hellena, cf. Escamacu
St. Hellina, cf. Escamacu
St. Pa, var. Sampa

Sampa (Gt. Pa, cf. 1671; St. Pa, 1671; Sampitt, cf. 1919; San-pitt, cf. 1919; Sampa, 1671*, c. 1685, 1711; Sampit, c. 1722, 1730; Sawpit, 1825, 1962; Sompa, c. 1695, 1715)

Tribe (1671, c. 1685, c. 1695, 1711, 1715) which lived N of the Wando R., probably on Point Hope Island (32 53N 79 52W) in c. 1685. They seem earlier to have lived on the Ashley R. (cf. 1919) and later to have moved N of the Santee R. (c. 1722).

Creek (cf. 1919, 1962) flowing into the north side of the Ashley R. at 32 53N 80 06W; now called Sawpit Crk.

1671 (Mathews: 334) The "Sampa" are listed north of Albemarle Point, are called "our friends," and are said to have peaceful relations with the other sixteen Carolina tribes listed (cf. Kussoe, 1671). This list also includes "Gt. Pa" between the Etiwan and Sewee. Cheves (1897: 334, n. 2) notes "A. W. I., 610, has 'St. Pa.' Is it 'Sampa' repeated? or Sampit?" The original letter in the BPRO has "St. Pa," which is close enough in form to Sampa to suggest an identity, particularly if Mathews had the Spanish "San" for St. in mind as he may have since the list begins with St. Helena. The location argues strongly in favor of an identity. The likelihood of errors is indicated by Mathews' closing statement: "I beseech yr Lordship pardon ye errors of clarke in this for ye ship being come to saile I haue not time to better it" (336). Cheves' suggestion is probably correct.

1680 (Mathews: 154) Cf. Etiwan for mention of the reservation on both sides of Wando R. The Sampa and other Indians who lived there (cf. c. 1685) had moved there within the first decade of colonization, presumably from the edge of Charleston Harbor. The Sampa may have been on the north side of Ashley R. Cf. 1919.

c. 1685 (Mathews) "Sampa Indian" is marked (# 92) N of the Wando R. on both the main map and the inset. On the main map, it is marked at Cainhoy (q. v.), which is probably incorrect, because on the more detailed inset it is marked
San-pitt

on the present Point Hope Island at 32 53N 79 52W. Later maps followed the main map and are thus also probably incorrect (c. 1695, 1711, 1715).

Although this establishes the presence of the Sampa, at least part of these supposedly reserved lands seem already to have been conveyed from under their feet (cf. Watcow, 1681).

c. 1695 (Thornton-Morden) "Sompa Indian" north of Wando R. c. 10 m. from Oyster Point with a house symbol indicated. Cf. c. 1685.

1711 (Crisp, B) "Sampa Indian" revised from Thornton-Morden's c. 1695 map, which in turn is copied from Mathews c. 1685.

1715 (Moll: Inset 2) "Sompa Indian" in the same position as on Mathews c. 1685 map, which this is in part derived from. This map also has "Sampee Bay" marked just north of Cape Fear ("Fair"), N. C. Whether or not there is a connection is uncertain. Lawson's 1709 map has the same and is probably the source. Cf. the next entry.

c. 1722 (Barnwell) "Sampit Creek" for the creek which today bears that name and forms the southern boundary of Georgetown. The similarity of "Sampit" and "Sampa" suggests that they are identical as Milling asserts (1940: 209). The Sampa probably moved north of the Santee about the same time the Sevee were retreating from encroachment.

1730 (Hunter) "Sampit River" with Georgetown marked to the N at its mouth (cf. also Moore & Simmons 1960: 211).

1825 (Mills; C) "Sawpit Creek" as 1962.

1919 (Smith: 20-23; opp. p. 3) "Sampitt Crk." is shown flowing into the Ashley River opposite Runnymede Plantation. The text (p. 21) has "San-pitt" Creek with a reference to Thomas Butler's 12 July 1704 conveyance of 250a. to Wm. Baker (Memo Bk. 3, p. 62). Cf. Tipseeboo.

This seems to indicate that the Sampa occupied this area prior to 1680. Although they are shown by Mathews on the Wando in c. 1685, he says in 1680 that the land there has been "reserved" for tribes which have had to move (cf. Etiwan).

1962 (C&GS) "Sawpit Cr.," a small branch of Ashley River which enters it from the north at 32 53N 80 06W.

Sampit, var. Sampa

Sampitt, var. Sampa

San-pitt, var. Sampa

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Santa Elena

Santa Elena, cf. Escamacu

Sante Helena, cf. Escamacu

Sawpit, cf. Sampa

Seawee, var. Sewee

Seawees, var. Sewee

Sewanihehoe (Sewanchehoe, 1747; Sewanihehoe, 1747*) The western branch of Toogoodoo Crk. which enters it at 32 41N 80 18W.

1747 (10 Feb. 1746/7; Anon. 1746-1747: 272-275) William and Joseph Oswill, sons of William Oswell, Dec'd, (who received the land through a Proprietary grant) convey to Samuel Davidson 340 a. in Colleton County

bounding to the Norrard on Sewanihehoe (commonly called Toobedoe) Creek and Marsh, to the Eastward partly on the said Creek and Marsh, and partly on land now or late of William Eddings, to the Southward on a Marsh and the said William Edding's Land, and to the Westward on land now or late in the possession or Occupation of Abraham Walcutt....

The plat opp. p. 247 has a missing portion where Sewanihehoe was written (when the M. C. O. Plat Index was compiled c. 1881); now only "or Toobedoe Creek" remains. A copy of the plat in Bk. CC, p. 275, has "Sewanchehoe Creek or Toobedoo Creek" and the section of the creek shown is a bend in the west branch of Toogoodoo Crk. (comparing direction and scale)

Seew, var. Sewee

Sewee (Joye, 1605; Sewee, 1700, 1704, 1708; Seweese, 1707/ 1712, 1715; Sewe, 1711, 1715, 1716; Sewee, 1671, 1677, c. 1685*, 1696, 1698, 1701, 1703, 1706, 1707, 1715, 1962; Sewee=boo, 1700; Seweh, 1670; Sewel [X], c. 1695; Sheawee, c. 1695, 1696, 1697; Shee=a=wee, 1697; Shee A wee, 1706; Sirveee, 1690; Sowee, 1670, 1672, 1675, 1677; Suye, 1564; Xoyle, 1609)

Province (1564) approx. 100 m. N of Santa Elena

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Sewee

Tribe or village (1670, 1671, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1690, 1696, 1698, 1706, 1707, 1712, and below). The Sewee seem to have controlled the territory between the head of the Wando and the mouth of the Santee River.

(A) (1670, 1701, 1707) in the vicinity of Bull's Bay (cf. also Awendaw)

(B) (c. 1685, c. 1695, 1711, 1715) "fort" on the S side of the Wando R. at 32 55N 79 48W

(C) (1700, 1715, 1716) on the S side of the Santee R.

Harbor, bay, or sound

(A) (c. 1685, c. 1695 [2], 1697 [2], 1700 [2], 1704 [2], 1706 [2], 1715), now Bulls Bay (32 56-33 03N 79 30-79 37W.

(B) (1696, 1962) now Sewee Bay (32 54-32 57 79 38-79 40W)

Creek or river (1682, c. 1695, 1700 [2], 1706, 1708, 1715) generally called Awendaw (q. v.) in local records so probably misapplied.

Place (c. 1685, c. 1695, 1703), the area on the mainland behind Bull's Bay and W of Awendaw Crk.

1564 (Rojas: 121) Rouffii stated that the Indians of St. Helena knew of the appearance of two large and two small ships at sea "...some fifteen days before, in a province called Suye which lies some thirty leagues to the north near a large river...." This is probably a reference to the Sewee from the similair sounds and the distance (c. 100 m.), placing them near the mouth of the Santee R.

1605 (Ecija) Cf. Kiawah. The Chief of "Joye" told Ecija that his people traded fish and salt to inland Indians, which came down in canoes, bringing with them "huapieles" and copper and other metals (including nose rings which seem to have been of gold).

1609 (Ecija) Cf. Kiawah; "Xoye" is called a town upstream on the Santee River.

1670 (Carteret: 165-166) After 17 days of fair weather from Bermuda, the English Colonists reached land "between Cape Romana & Port royal" and sent a longboat ashore to find out where they were:

...upon its approach to ye Land few were ye natiiues who upon ye Strand made fires & came towards vs whooping in theire own tone & manner making signes also where we should best Land, & when we came a shoare they stroaked vs on ye shoulders with their hands saying Bony Conraro Angles. knowing us to be English by our Collours (as wee supposed) we then gave them Brass rings & tobacco
at which they seemed well pleased, & into ye boate after halfe an howre spent with ye Indians we betooke our selues, they liked our Company soe well that they would haue come a board with us. we found a pretty handsome channell about 3 fathoms & a halfe from ye place we Landed to ye Shippe, through which the next day we brought ye shipp to Anchor feareing a contrary winde & to gett in for some fresh watter. A day or two after ye Governor. whom we tooke in at Barmuda with seueral others went a shoare to veiw ye Land here. Some 3 Leagues distant from the shipp, carrying along with us one of ye Eldest Indians who accosted us ye other day, & as we drew to ye shore A good number of Indians appeared clad with deare skins haueing with them their bows & Arrows, but our Indian calling out Appada they withdrew & lodged their bows & returning ran up to ye middle in mire & watter to carry us a shoare where when we came they gaue us ye stroaking Complint. of ye country and brought deare skins some raw some drest to trade with us for which we gaue them kniues beads & tobacco and glad they were of ye Market. by & by came their women clad in their Mosse roabs bringing their potts to Boyle a kinde of thickening which they pound & make food of, & as they order it being dryed makes a pretty sort of bread, they brought also plenty of Hickery nutts, a wall nut in shape, & taste onely differing in ye thickness of the shell & smallness of ye kernel. the Governor. & seu'all others walking a little distance from ye water side came to ye Hutt Pallace of his Maty. of ye place, who meeteing vs tooke ye Governor. on his shoulders & carried him into ye house in token of his cheerfull Entertainement. here we had nutts & root cakes such as their women useily make as before & watter to drink for they use no other lickquor as I can Learne in this Countrie, while we were here his Matyes. three daughters entred the Pallace all in new roabs of new mosse which they are neuer beholding to ye Taylor to trim up, with plenty of beads of diuers Collours about their necks. I could not imagine that ye sauages would so well deport themselues who coming in according to their age & all to sallute the strangers, stroaking of them, these Indians understanding our business to St. Hellena told us that ye Westoes a ranging sort of people reputed to be the Man eaters had ruinated yt, place killed seu'all of those Indians destroyed & burnt
Sewee

your Habitations & that they had come as far as Kayawah
doeing the like there, ye Casseeke of which place was
within one sleep of us (which is 24 howrs for they reckon
after that rate) with most of his people whome in two
days after came aboard of us

Leauing that place which is called Sowee....[cf. Escamacu]
1670 Cf. Wando (sahay) and Owen (201, "3 tunn of corne," Sewel.)
1671 (Mathews: 334) The "Sewee" are listed north of the St.
Pa, are called "our friends," and are said to have peaceful
relations with the sixteen other Carolina tribes listed
(cf. Kussoe, 1671).
1672 (2 Jul.; Council in Salley 1907B: 38) Resolved: to send
30 men to "Sowee against the Westoes who are said to lurre
there with an intent to march secretlly towards this place"
(Charles Towne at Albemarle Point).
1675 (10 Dec.; Council in Cheves 1897: 474)

Mr. John Boon the English Interpreter & capt Titus the
Indian Interpreter came this day voluntarily before the
Gd. Council. & did declare that the Indian prisoners
wch. the Sowee & other neighbour Indians have lately
taken are Enemies to the sd. Indians who are in Amity
wth. the English & that the sd. Indian prisoners are
willing to worke in this country or to be transported
from hence, upon wch. it is conceived that the sd. Indian
prisoners may be transported by any who have or shall
purchase them.

Cf. also Salley 1907B: 80.
1677 (14 Jun.; Council in Salley 1907B: 82) "Mr. John Boone
is also to take care that the Sowee and other our Neighbour
Indians..." are to be warne of the impending Westoe danger.
The Westo are hereby forbidden to enter the settlement "...
by the way of Sowee where the Sowee Indians are seated..."
or by way of any of the other outlying positions mentioned.
1680 (Mathews: 154) Cf. Etiwan for mention of the reservation
of both sides of Wando R. beyond 3 m. of its mouth. The
Sowee and other Indians who lived there (cf. c. 1685) had
moved there within the first decade of colonization,
presumably from the edge of Charleston Harbor. Probably
the Sowee had moved from the recently granted back beaches.
1682 (Gascoyne) "Sewee R." for Awendaw (q. v.) Crk. This is
the first time Awendaw Crk. is called Sewee R. and although
it is afterwards called it numerous times (c. 1695, 1700 [2],
1706, 1708, 1715), each time the name seems traceable to
Sewee

this map or to one derived in part from it. In the local
land records (as opposed to maps compiled and printed in
England), it is generally, although later, called Awendaw
Crk., which probably was its aboriginal name.
c. 1685 (Mathews) "Sewee Indian fort" is marked (# 93) on
the S side of the Wando R., on (or near) the W side of
Toomer Crk. at 32° 55' N 79° 48' W. Also "Sewee" is written on
the mainland behind Bull's Bay and seems to designate the
area for several miles around. Awendaw Crk. is shown,
but not named. "Sewee Harbor" is marked near the entrance
of Bull's Bay.

The proximity of this fort to Major John Boone's land
(it may have been adjacent) suggests that he put the Sewee
up to it. It may have been intended to protect them (and
him) from the Westo (cf. 1677). No Indians on the Coast
are otherwise known to have had a fort, so it seems
unlikely that the Sewee would have undertaken to build one
on their own, particularly one so far from what seems to
have been their principal residence on Sewee Bay (cf. 1690).
Even when the Lower Coastal tribes had abandoned European
forts they could have occupied, they either destroyed or
ignored them.

1690 (23 June; Stewart B: 114)

Speedily a court martiaall or counsell of war is to be
ca'd;...a fictitious alarme by Boon wes hatch't by his
Influencing the Sirvee Indians who cam to town and
reported 3 grande ships laye under the Hunting Ilands
thus he did invalidate heathen witnesses to outdo a
caise befor the Counsell that pinch't him wherein
Indians wer witnesses agst. him and all the Company's
being in armes on this false alarm....

This refers to "Maj: John Boone [who had land]...where the
c. 1695 (Thornton-Morden) "Sewel Indian Fort" (miscopied from
Mathews c. 1685); "Sewee R." for Awendaw Crk. (cf. 1682);
"Sewee Harbor" for Bull's Bay; "Sewee" at the back of
Bull's Bay and W of Awendaw Crk.
c. 1695 (Archdarch: A) "Sheawee bay" for Bull's Bay.
1696 (Cooper 1837: 108-110) Act 128, ratified 16 March
1695/6, provided magistrates to settle Indian controversies
and required each hunter of the "nations of ...Sewee" and
ten others (cf. Kussah, 1696) to remit one predator's
skin annually by 25 November or be flogged. Indians
Sewee

bringing in additional preditor's skins received one pound of powder and thirty bullets.

1696 (5 July; Anon. 1694-1740: 168-169) Note by John Beresford, Sur. Gen., for a plat of Roger Player's 300 a. "In Berkly County being on ye Northside of Sheawee Sound...." (Cf. Bowat; war. 25 Jun. 1696; deed 14 Aug 1697). This probably refers to the present Sewee Bay, which is more a sound than a bay.

1697 (1 Mar. 1696/7; Anon. 1709-1712: 55) Note by John Beresford, Sur. Gen., for a plat of Samuel Hartley's grant of Bull Island "...Lying on ye southwest side of Shee=a=wee Bay..." (cf. Oniscau, 1697, & Anon. 1675-1705: 331). Here, the name is applied to the present Bull's Bay (32 56-33 03N 79 30-79 37W).


1698 (11 Mar. 1697/8; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 581-582) "Maj: John Boone had a warrant out of the Secritaries office for 500: hundred Acres of land where the Sewee Indians lived upon Same Called by the Indian Mockand..." Note that the Sewee had moved form here by this time. Cf. Mockand.

1700 (10 May; Anon. 1675-1705: 439) Grant to Samuel Silby for 160 a. "in Berkly County bounding to the Southeast on Sewee Bay, to the North West and West on lands not laid out and to the East on John Boones Land."

1700 (25 Nov.; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 595) Warrant for James Scheult's 500 a. "on ye North side Sewee=boo & to ye Sea Eastward..." Since "bou" (q. v.) means river, this seems to be a reference to the "Sewee R." of Thornton & Morden's c. 1695 map or Awendaw (q. v.) Crk. Awendaw sometimes has bou appended (as in Atwin=da=boo, 1700) and seems always to have been the name used locally for this body of water. Cf. 1695.

1701 (2-7 Jan.; Lawson 1700/1701: 10-16) John Lawson spent the night of 2 January 1701 at Avendaugh-bough (cf. Awendaw), which was between "Sewee-Bay" and the mouth of the Santee River. From the location, it was almost certainly a Sewee settlement.

On 3 January, his expedition went from Avendaugh-bough to the mouth of the Santee R. and with hard rowing got two leagues inland (about seven miles). On 4 January, they continued farther to "Mons. Eugee's [Huger's] house, which stands about fifteen miles up the River." At one point along this eight mile stretch (seven to fifteen miles inland), they encountered a group of Sewee Indians.
Sewee

As we went up the River, we heard a great Noise, as if two Parties were engag'd against each other, seeming exactly like small Shot. When we approach'd nearer the Place, we found it to be some Sewee Indians firing the Canes Swamps, which drives out the Game, then taking their particular Stands, kill great Quantities of both Bear, Deer, Turkies, and what wild Creatures the Parts afford.

These Sewees have been formerly a large Nation, though now very much decreas'd, since the English hath seated their Land, and all other Nations of Indians are observ'd to partake of the same Fate, where the Europeans come, the Indians being a People very apt to catch any Distemper they are afflicted withal; the Small-Pox has destroy'd many thousands of these Natives, who no sooner than they are attack'd with the violent Fevers, and the Burning which attends that Distemper, fling themselves over Head in the Water, in the very Extremity of the Disease; which shutting up the Pores, hinders a kindly Evacuation of the pestilential Matter, and drives it back; by which Means Death most commonly ensues; not but in other Distempers which are epidemical, you may find among 'em Practitioners that have extraordinary Skill and Success in removing those morbifick Qualities which afflict 'em, not often going above 100 Yards from their Abode for their Remedies, some of their chiefest Physicians commonly carrying their Compliment of Drugs continually about them, which are Roots, Barks, Berries, Nuts, & c. that are strung upon a Thread. So like a Pomander, the Physician wears them about his Neck. An Indian hath been often found to heal an English-man of a Malady, for the Value of a Match-Coat; which the ablest of our English Pretenders in America, after repeated Applications, have deserted the Patient as incurable; God having furnish'd every Country with specifick Remedies for their peculiar Diseases.

Rum, a Liquor now so much in Use with them, that they will part with the dearest Thing they have, to purchase it; and when they have got a little in their Heads, are the impatient Creatures living, 'till they have enough to make 'em quite drunk; and the most miserable Spectacles when they are so, some falling into the Fires, burn their Legs or Arms, contracting the Sinews, and become Cripples all their Life-time; others from Precipices break their Bones and Joints, with abundance of Instances, yet
none are so great to deter them from that accurs'd Practice of Drunkenness, though sensible how many of them (are by it) hurry'd into the other World before their Time, as themselves oftentimes will confess. The Indians, I was now speaking of, were not content with the common Enemies that lessen and destroy their Country-men, but invented an infallible Stratagem to purge their Tribe, and reduce their Multitude into far less Numbers. Their Contrivance was thus, as a Trader amongst them inform'd me.

They seeing several Ships coming in, to bring the English Supplies from Old England, one chief Part of their Cargo being for a Trade with the Indians, some of the craftiest of them had observ'd, that the Ships came always in at one Place, which made them very confident that Way was the exact Road to England; and seeing so many Ships come thence, they believ'd it could not be far thither, esteeming the English that were among them, no better than Cheats, and thought, if they could carry the Skins and Furs they got, themselves to England, which were inhabited with a better Sort of People than those sent amongst them, that then they should purchase twenty times the Value for every Pelt they sold Abroad, in Consideration of what Rates they sold for at Home. The intended Barter was exceeding well approv'd of, and after a general Consultation of the ablest Heads amongst them, it was, Nemine Contradicente, agreed upon, immediately to make an Addition of their Fleet, by building more Canoes, and those to be of the best Sort, and biggest Size, as fit for their intended Discovery. Some Indians were employ'd about making the Canoes, others to hunting, every one to the Post he was most fit for, all Endeavours tending towards an able Fleet and Cargo for Europe. The Affair was carry'd on with a great deal of Secrecy and Expedition, so as in a small Time they had gotten a Navy, Loading, Provisions, and Hands ready to set Sail, leaving only the Old, Impotent, and Minors at Home, 'till their successful Return. The Wind presenting, they set up their Mat-Sails, and were scarce out of Sight, when there rose a Tempest, which it's suppos'd carry'd one Part of these Indian Merchants, by Way of the other World, whilst the others were taken up at Sea by an English Ship, and sold for Slaves to the Islands. The Remainder are better satisfy'd with their Imbecilities in such an Undertaking, nothing affronting them more, than to rehearse their Voyage to England....
Sewee

We lay all that Night at Mons. Euggee's, and the next Morning set out farther, to go the Remainder of our Voyage by Land: At ten a Clock [on the 5th] we pass'd over a narrow, deep Swamp, having left the three Indian Men and one Woman, that had pilot'the Canoe from Ashly-River, having hip'd a Sewee-Indian, a tall, lusty Fellow, who carry'd a Pack of our Cloaths, of great Weight; notwithstanding his Burden, we had much a-do to keep pace with him....

The guides from Charles Town may have been Sewee who were returning home, but their identity is uncertain.

The next Morning [the 6th] very early, we ferry'd over a Creek that runs near the House ["Mons. Gillian's the elder" or Gaillard at French James Town]; and, after an Hour's Travel in the Woods, we came to the River-side, where we stay'd for the Indian, who was our Guide, and was gone round by Water in a small Canoe, to meet us at that Place werested at. He came after a small Time, and ferry'd us in that little Vessel over Santee River 4 Miles, and 84 Miles in the Woods, which the over-flowing of the Freshes, which then came down, had made a perfect Sea of, there running an incredible Current in the River, which had cast our small Craft, and us, away, had we not had this Sewee Indian with us; who are excellent Artists in managing these small Canoes....the French and Indian affir'm'd to me, they never knew such an extraordinary Flood there before.

We all, by God's Blessing, and the Endeavours of our Indian-Pilot, pass'd safe over the River, but was lost in the Woods, which seem'd like some great Lake, except here and there a Knowl of high Land, which appear'd above Water.

We intended for Mons. Galliar's, jun', but was lost, none of us knowing the Way at that Time, altho' the Indian was born in that Country, it having receiv'd so strange a Metamorphosis. We were in several Opinions concerning the right Way, the Indian and my self, suppos'd the House to bear one Way, the rest thought to the contrary; we differing, it was agreed on amongst us, that one half should go with the Indian to find the House, and the other part to stay upon one of these dry Spots, until some of them return'd to us,
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and inform'd us where it lay.

My self and two more were left behind, by Reason the Canoe would not carry us all; we had but one Gun amongst us, one Load of Ammunition, and no Provision. Had our Men in the Canoe miscarry'd, we must (in all Probability) there have perish'd.

In about six Hours Time, from our Mens Departure, the Indian came back to us in the same Canoe he went in, being half drunk, which assur'd us they had found some Place of Refreshment. He took us three into the Canoe, telling us all was well: Padling our Vessel several Miles thro' the Woods, being often half full of Water; but at length we got safe to the Place we sought for, which prov'd to lie the same Way the Indian and I guess'd it did.

When we got to the House, we found our Comrades in the same Trim the Indian was in, and several of the French Inhabitants with them, whotreated us very courteously, wondering at our undertaking such a Voyage, thro' a Country inhabited by none but Savages, and them of so different Nations and Tongues....

Hearing of a Camp of Santee Indians not far of, we set out intending to take up our Quarters with them that Night....

Tuesday Morning [the 7th] we set towards the Congerees, leaving the Indian Guide Scipio drunk amongst the Santee-Indians.

The expedition seems temporarily not to have had an Indian guide, but at least one of its members had travelled inland before (p. 18).

1701 Cf. Jeremy and Washasha
1703 (5 Feb. 1702/3; Sailey & Olsberg 1973: 607) Warrant for Thomas Habden's 400 a. "on ye Southwest by Henry Attkins Land Scituated on Owendah Creek att Sewee...."
1704 (4 Jan.; Sailey & Olsberg 1973: 625) "Capt. John Perry had a wart. for all ye Marsh leying between his land & Seewee Bay...." (No earlier warrants are included for him.)
1704 (2 Feb.; Sailey & Olsberg 1973: 626) "Capt. Jno. Perry had a wart. for 600 acres of Marsh land leying before ye Lands of ye Sd. Perry And ye next to it to ye southward on Sewee bay...."
1706 (14 Sept.; Anon. 1694-1740: 288) "Shee A wee bay" mentioned in the sale of Bulls Island to John Collins by Thomas Cary.
1706 (Thornton) "Sewee Indians," "Sewee Bay," & "Sewee River"
Sewee

(copying c. 1695, q. v.).

1707 (Cooper 1837: 300-301) An act ratified 5 July 1707 established lookout at four points in South Carolina and others in Georgia, each to be manned by two Englishmen and two "neighboring" Indians (cf. Kussah, 1707). The lookout on "Bull's Island" was to be manned by "two Sewee or other neighboring Indians" (cf. Cooper 1837: 319).

1707 (Cooper 1837: 309) Act 269, ratified 19 July 1707, permitted trade with the "Seawees" and other tribes "commonly called Cusabes" (cf. Kussoe, 1707) without a license.

1708 (Dalcho: 275) An act of the Assembly on 18 Dec. 1708 established the NE boundary of Christ Church Parish as "Awindaw Creek, or Seawee River." The former by being mentioned first seems to have been more current.

1709 (Lawson: 3) "Sewee R." for Awendaw Creek.

1711 (Crisp) "Sewe Indian Fort" and "Sewee River," copying Thornton-Morden c. 1695. (Bull's Bay, however, carries no designation.)

1712 (4 Feb. 1711/12; Barnwell: 30-31) After crossing Cape Fear River on the first Tuscarora Expedition, Barnwell "perceived a great desertion of the Indians...." The Sewee were originally part of the expedition, but by this time were no longer with it (cf. the next entry) and so are not enumerated.

1712 (9 Apr.; Anon. 1712-1715: 19) Gov. Charles Craven informed the Commons House that the Council had before it the head men of the Seawees, the head men of the Winiaws & the head men of the sucScmphaws, we have examined them in relation to Col Barnwell & why they left him; they pretend it was for want of Guns & Amunitions, this they plead to excuse themselves, that they did not go farther with him, but their acct. is very darke, so that we must have patience till we hear from Col. Barnwell, in the meantime I shall give them all proper encouragement....

Cf. the previous entry.


1715 (Johnson: 236-239) A census taken early in this year lists "The Seawees" as having one village "60 miles N. E." of Charles Town with a total population of 57 (men, women, and children). The census was taken before the Yemassee
Sewee=boo

War; afterwards, in 1720, Johnson notes that the War had
the effect of "utterly exterminating some little Tribes, as
the...Sewees..." (cf. 1716). Sixty miles NE would place
them on or near the Black R., roughly 20 m. beyond the
Santee. No other information places them there, and since
in 1716, they were near the French settlements (approx. 40
m. NE), 60 is probably an overestimate (unless it is
intended to be the distance along the coast and then up
the Santee, which is probably how they were usually reached--
as by Lawson in 1700/01).

1715 (6 Nov.; Jones: III, 255a) "...I have no free Indians
in my [Christ Church] parish...."

1716 (12 Feb.; De Richebourg: 153; contributed by Wes White)

...not far from us...the Sewe indians who were amongst
us and did seem to be our friends have proved themselves
to be our enemy by burning a plantation and Killing
negroes in our Settlement and by a plott to fall upon
us and cut our throat; butt we have prevented them and
took of them two and twenty men, and forty Weemen and
children prisoners.

Since they at first seemed friendly, some for a few months
may have been part of the two regiments the Colonists put
together (cf. Etiwan, 1715). Presumably, they were enslaved
and sold out of the Province, as was the usual fate of
Indian prisoners; their escape could probably not have
been prevented had they been kept on or near their former
lands.

1894 (Mooney: 78) Mooney says of the Sewee, Santee, Wateree,
and Congaree: "Nothing is known of their linguistic affinities,
but their alliances and final incorporation were with the
Catawba." During the Yemassee War, the Catawba first sided
against the Province (Milling 1940: 142) while the Sewee
sided with it, but later the Catawba sided with the Province
(ibid.: 222) while the Sewee turned against it. There is
no implication of an alliance, but if anything, the opposite.
Since the Sewee did not incorporate with the Catawba,
Mooney's assumption of a linguistic relationship is
unsubstantiated.

1962 (C&GS) "Sewee Bay" is W of Bull's Bay and adjacent to the
mainland (32 54-32 57N 79 38-79 40W).

Sewee=boo, cf. Sewee

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Seweh

Seweh, var. Sewee

Sewel, cf. Sewee

Shamee, var. Shem

Shaway (Thornton 1706) "Shaway" written across the present Savage I. (32 08-32 12N 80 51-80 54W), south of Bluffton. The Yemassee were in this area, but since this map reflects the situation c. 1685, the word probably predates their occupation.

Sheawee, var. Sewee

Shee=a=wee, var. Sewee

Shee A wee, var. Sewee

Shem (Shamee, 1784, 1794; Shem, 1825, 1962; Shembee, 1690*; Shimhee, 1698)

Creek flowing into Charleston Harbor just N of Mt. Pleasant at 32 47N 79 53W.

1690 (12 Mar. 1689/90; Moore & Simmons 1960: 14) Will of John Godfrey, Sr., leaves his daughter Mary Davis "my land near Shembee." "Col. Godfrey" is written between Shem and Hobcaw Crks. on Gascoyne's 1682 map, so this must refer to the area about the present Shem Crk.

1698 (10 Aug.; Anon. 1711-1715: 425-426) Note by the Surveyor General for a plat of Capt. James Moore's 610 a. near Cooper River at the head of Shimhees' Creek butting and Bounding to the Northward part on the Said Creek and part on Land in the possession of Henry Guil [?] to the North Eastward part on the Lands of the Said Guil and part on Lands not Yet laid out, to the South Eastward part on The Lands of Nathaniel Law and part on ye Lands of Capt. Crimely [?] and to the Southwestward on the Lands of Mr. John Barksdale....

(War. 4 Apr. 1698, deed 18 Oct. 1698) None of these names appear near Shem Crk. on Crisp's 1711 map, but the form and its being near "Cooper River" make the identity certain.

1784 (27 Sept.; Anon. 1791-1793: opp. 496) Plat by Joseph Purcell of the John Scott Estate's 471 a. northeast on
Spoons

"Shamee Creek" and west on "Mount Pleasant." Cf. 1962. 1794 (Oct.; Anon. 1795: opp. 274) Plat by Joseph Purcell of land between "Shamee Creek" and Wakendaw (q. v.) Creek in Christ Church Parish.

1825 (Mills, B) "Shem Cr." flows into Charleston Harbor about 1/2 mile N of Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

1962 (C&GS) "Shem Cr." flowing into Charleston Harbor just N of Mt. Pleasant at 32 47N 79 53W.

Shembee, var. Shem

Shimhee, var. Shem

Sirvee, var. Sewee

Soboy (1760), possibly an Indian name; the location is uncertain, but perhaps was on the W. Br. of Cooper R.

1760 (1 Mar.; Moore 1969: 11) Will of "Thomas Broughton, St. John's Parish, Berkeley County" leaves "2 tracts of pine land called Soboy" to the children of his brothers and sisters. This tract may be the 480 a. described as two tracts of pine land on the E side of Black Tom Bay, which is about 4 m. W of Moncks Corner (M. C. O. D-6: 322). A Thomas Broughton conveyed it in 1790 to Edward Tescott. It bounded W on the estate of Sir John Colleton and S on Isaac Motte.

Sompa, var. Sampa

Sowee, var. Sewee

Spone's, var. Spoons

Spoon, var. Spoons

Spoone, var. Spoons

Spoons (Spone's, 1719; Spoon, 1709*, 1754; Spooke, 1703, 1704, 1705; Spoons, 1699, 1732)

Indian plantation (1699) on the Savannah Savannah (1703, 1704, 1705, 1709, 1719, 1732, 1754) between the head of Caw Caw Crk. and the Edisto R. (32 46-32 48N 80 19-80 24W).

1699 (12 July; Salley & Olsberg 1973: 588-589) "Jonathan Pitch had a Warrt. out of ye. Secretory's Office, for two