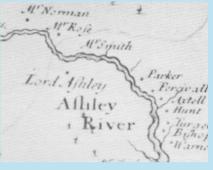


After obtaining two land grants totaling 4,500 acres, established they the colonial town of Dorchester which bordering the north side of the Ashley River from the mouth of Bossoe Creek (Dorchester Creek) and three miles to the west William Norman's of property - the southeastern limits of the present-day city of Summerville.



On December 5, 1695, a small group of Congregationalists – Puritan dissenters sailed on the brigatine Friendship from Boston to Charlestown. Led by Rev. Joseph Lord, two years later, in January 1697, one hundred and fifty Congregationalists left Boston for South Carolina.



(https://scdah.sc.gov/sites/scdah/files/Documents/Hi storic%20Preservation%20(SHPO)/Research/Histori c%20Contexts/OldDorchesterSPsm.pdf)

The colonial town of Dorchester flourished as a trading town but was abandoned at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.



Today, historical ruins give a glimpse of colonial South Carolina's early history. Visitors can stand below the towering remains of the brick bell tower of St. George's Anglican Church, catch a glimpse of a log wharf during low tide or view the tabby fort made of an oyster-shell concrete. Onsite archaeologists unearth the settlement's history painting a clearer picture of life in colonial South Carolina and the rest of the American South.



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