

PLACE: Lawn's (or Lawne's) Creek

LOCATION: Surry County and Isle of Wight County. In the Hog Island Wildlife Management Area at the mouth of Lawn's Creek.

SIGNIFICANCE: On 17 March 1813 British barges burnt two vessels at the mouth of this creek. Later, on 6 June 1813, British forces led by a former slave led three barges up Lawn's Creek where they burnt two cargo vessels. The next morning, Maj. Langley Wills with thirty-two Surry county militia attacked the British barges. After emptying fifty or sixty rounds, they ran out of ammunition. They retreated slowly after being bombarded by the enemy with eighteen pound guns. Wills sustained no casualties, but captured three enemy deserters, and reported seeing several enemy falling overboard.

POSSIBLE LOCATION OF MARKERS: Somewhere in the Wildlife Management Area nearest Lawn's Creek mouth.