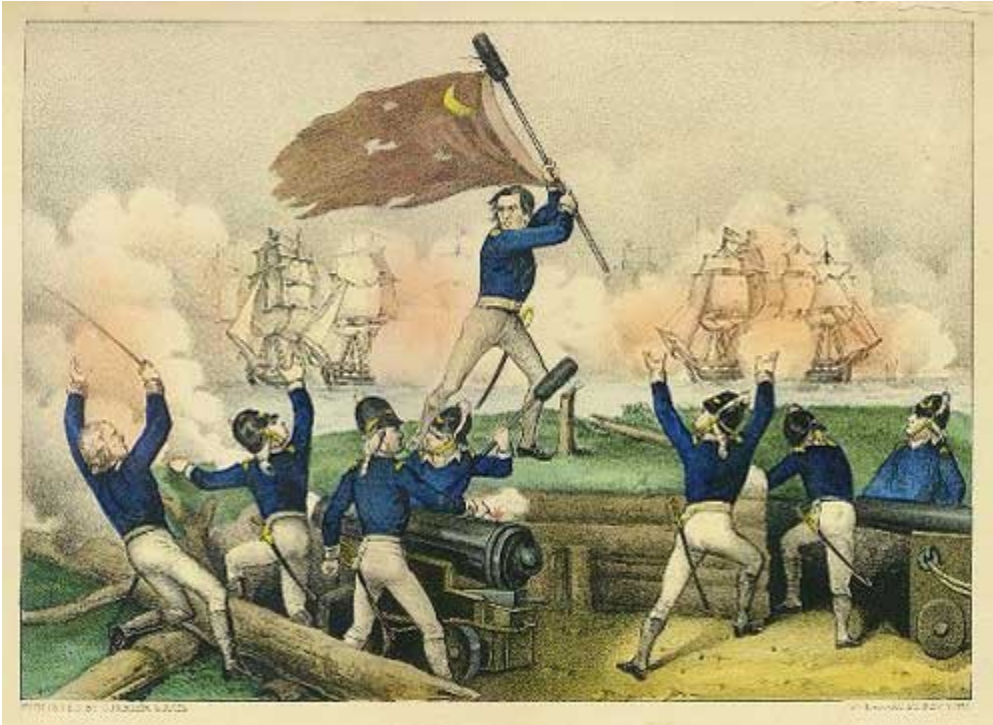


The British Captured by Sandbars on Sullivan's Island



Battle of Sullivan's Island

The Battle of Sullivan's Island. During 1775, Robert Jordan enlisted for six months as a private in the company of Captain Francis Marion, 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment. He was at the battle of Sullivan's Island near Charleston when the British entered the harbor.

Actually, the British anticipated an easy win. However, when three or four vessels miscalculated the depth of shallow water and were bogged down in the sand, events took on a different course. Hence, the attempt to send landing parties onto the island failed. Overwhelmed, the British found themselves solely defeated. Yet excitement encompassed the hearts of the patriots and was a good beginning for the Southern Campaign.

However, eventually the British seized the port of Charleston and made life

miserable for its residents by establishing martial law and imprisoning captured patriots and putting them onboard a prison ship anchored on the Ashley River.

After this win, Jordan went on to become Sgt. of the Horse (1781) and was later promoted to Quartermaster under General Marion when they attacked the British at Pee Dee Swamp. There are so many interesting accounts and thrilling stories contained in the pensions of soldiers that it behooves the genealogist to study all facets of it. South Carolina County Histories and Genealogy