

# HISTORY

Nestled in the rolling hills of the Piedmont of South Carolina is a unique community called Lando. Into this former Indian hunting ground, over 250 years ago, the Whites came and settled. This Scotch-Irish family from Pennsylvania soon built a grist mill on Fishing Creek in Chester County and from their family name the area became known as White's Mill.

By 1776, according to the Journal of Camdon McFaddon, this area was thickly settled. And according to McGrady's history of South Carolina, well before 1776 the "Revolutionary Spirit" was alive under the leadership of such as the Reverend John Simpson, Presbyterian minister of Fishing Creek Church.

As the Revolutionary War progressed, White's Mill and its surrounding community played a significant part in our nations freedom. Under the notorious Captain Christian Huck, White's Mill became a Britist outpost until it was liberated and Huck killed by local loyalist.

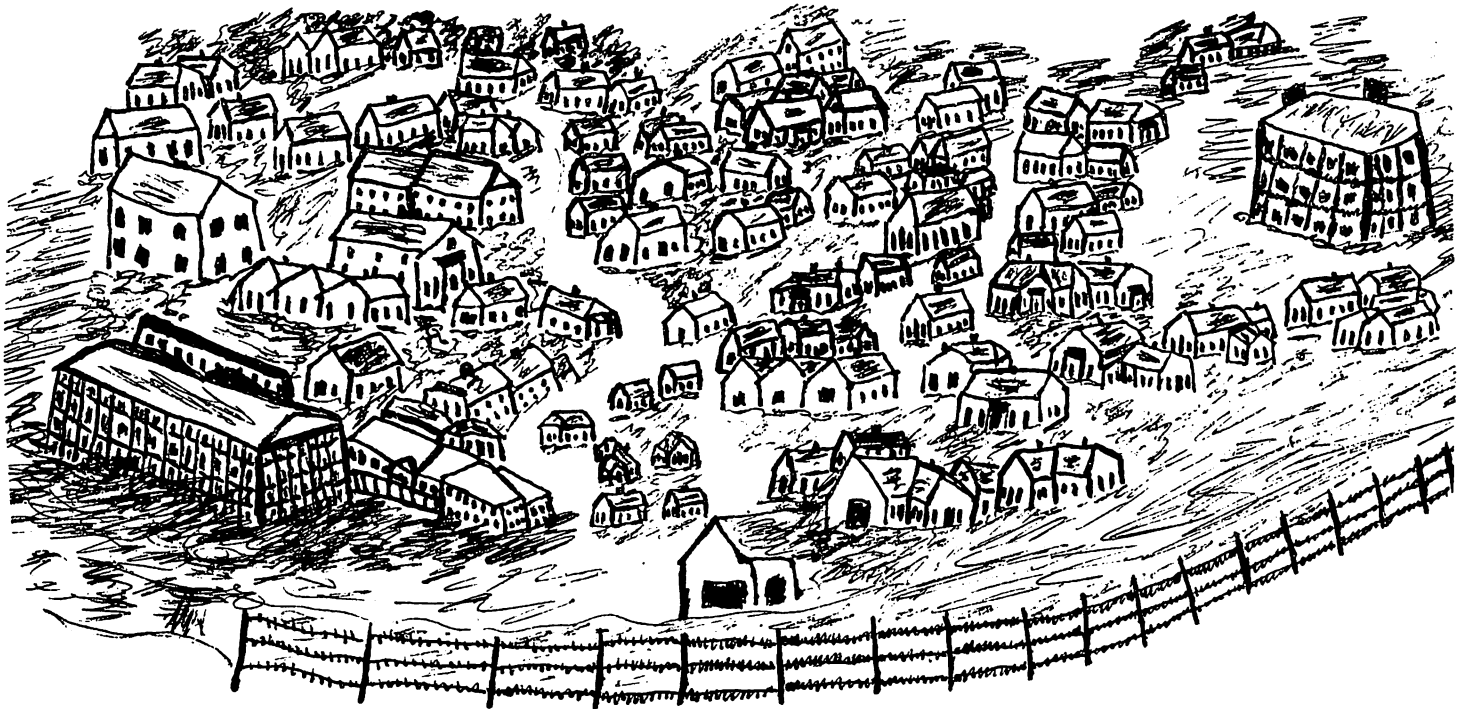
White's Mill continued in the White family until after the Revolution. On January 16, 1844 Major Eaves bought the plantation and mill and kept it until his death in 1870. Then on January 3, 1870, Alexander Williford bought the plantation with its grist mill and a saw mill and houses.

On September 11, 1879, the Honorable F. H. Barber became the new owner of the estate. Under his leadership the area rapidly grew. The estate grew from its original 172 acres to 321 acres. On June 14, 1880, Barber organized Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company, a yarn mill. With the mill as an economical stimulus, the community developed: the first post office was established, stores sprang up, a ginney and warehouses were built, families moved in and the Methodist Church was built. The area became known as Fishing Creek Manufacturing Company.

In 1894, after bankruptcy, the mill was reorganized and its name changed to Lewisville Mills.

On April 13, 1889, Colonel Benjamin Dawson Heath bought the estate of Lewisville Mills. And on June 1, 1890, Manetta Mills was incorporated by B. D. Heath and named for his two wives. For four generations this mill has remained in his family. Under the leadership of Benjamin Heath the E & M (Edgemoor and Manetta) railroad was built and its first locomotive purchased. During these early days the mill and the community were greatly improved and increased in size. By 1907 the school was built by the mill, and the name Lando was given to the community by the Seaboard Railroad Company in memory of Captain Lane, its first conductor, and in memory of Captain Dodson, its first superintendent.

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*Drawing of Lando*