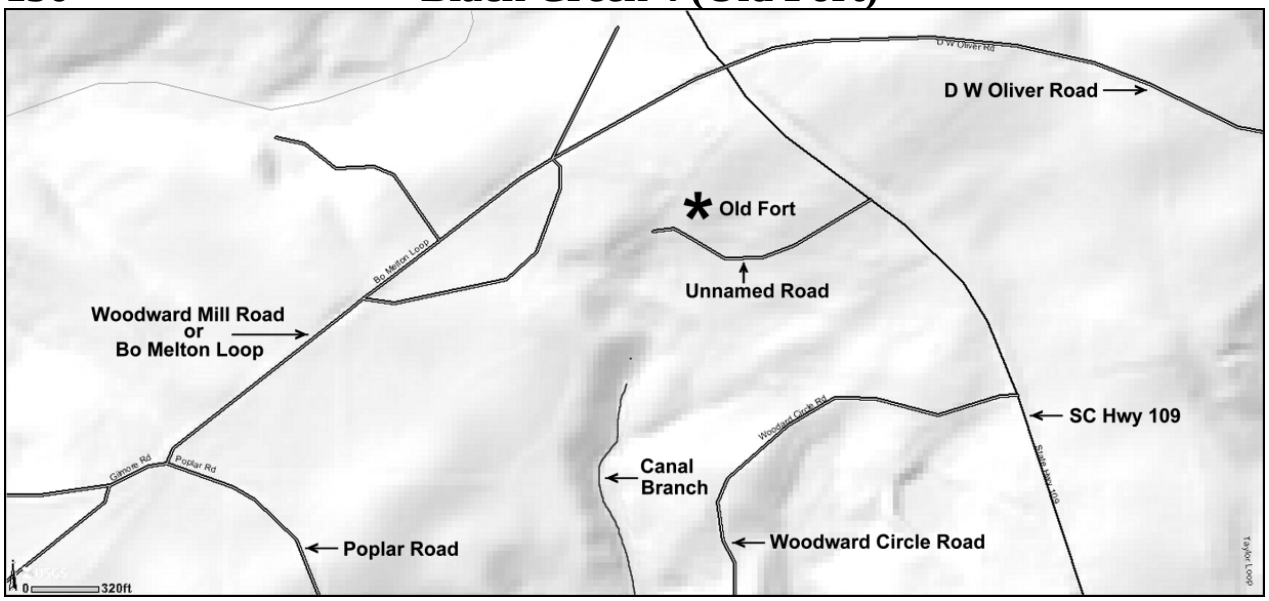
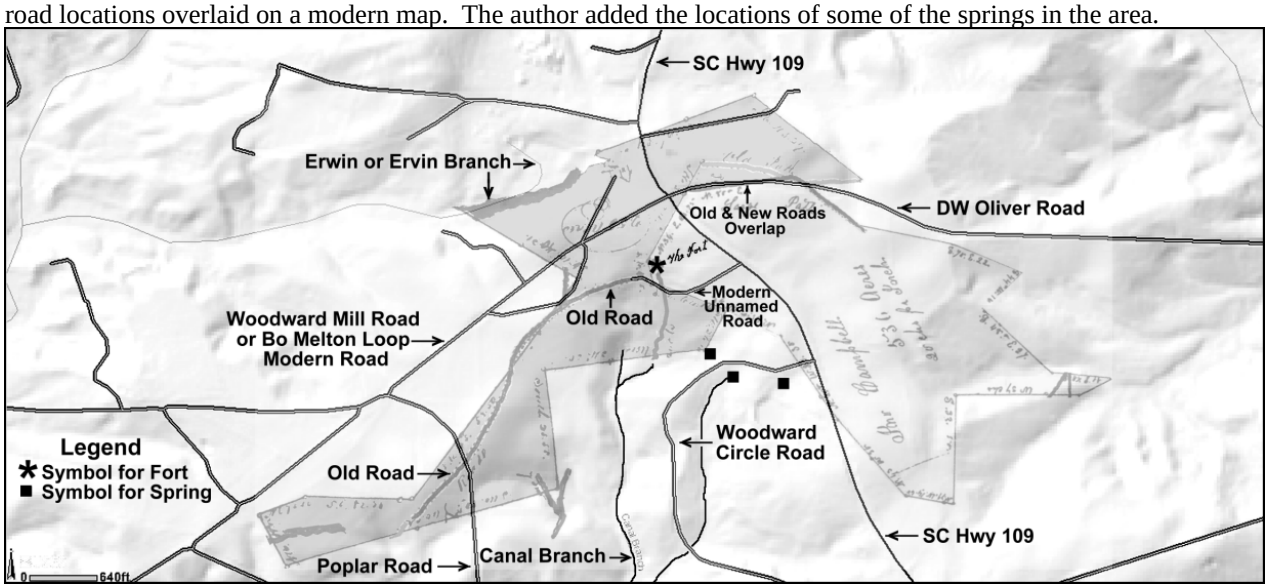
136 Black Creek 4 (Old Fort)



Black Creek 4 Date Unknown GPS: 34.69370°N 80.20705°W Confidence: 4

Directions: From the intersection of SC Highway 146 and SC Highway 9 by-pass around Chesterfield, go west on SC Highway 9 for about 3.9 miles, then take SC Highway 265 west for about 2 miles. Turn left onto SC Highway 109, go about 2.7 miles, then turn right onto the unnamed dirt road and go about .2 mile. The fort is on the right about 100' from the road.

Action: A Patriot captain known as "Killing Steve" Jackson [Capt. Stephen Jackson, Sr. of Lt. Col. Lemuel Benton's South Carolina Patriot militia regiment] from the Thomson Creek region, received his nickname because he had killed a great many men in the war. There were only a few Whigs anywhere around this area, so the Tories could plunder and ravage the residents without opposition. Capt. Jackson and his men put a stop to the plundering by the Tories. In this action, it is possible that Nathaniel Jones was a participant or he was in the action at Williamson's Bridge (Black Creek 2). This action was to keep down the Tories in the Thompson Creek area of modern Chesterfield County. Nothing else is known about this action.

Note: One soldier in his pension statement reported an action north of Hem Branch on Black Creek in Chesterfield County. Actions were named for well-known landmarks, towns or bodies of water. This site is 1.5 miles from Little Black Creek and 2 miles from Black Creek, as the crow flies. The location of this skirmish is unknown, but the two plats show an old fort from before 1828. This is the most likely location for the action. Capt. "Killing Steve" Jackson lived about 2 miles north of Mount Croghan on the south side of Thompson Creek along the west side of Buddy Sellers Road. His house was just 7.5 miles from this fort. The map below shows the two plats with the fort and old road locations overlaid on a modern map. The author added the locations of some of the springs in the area.