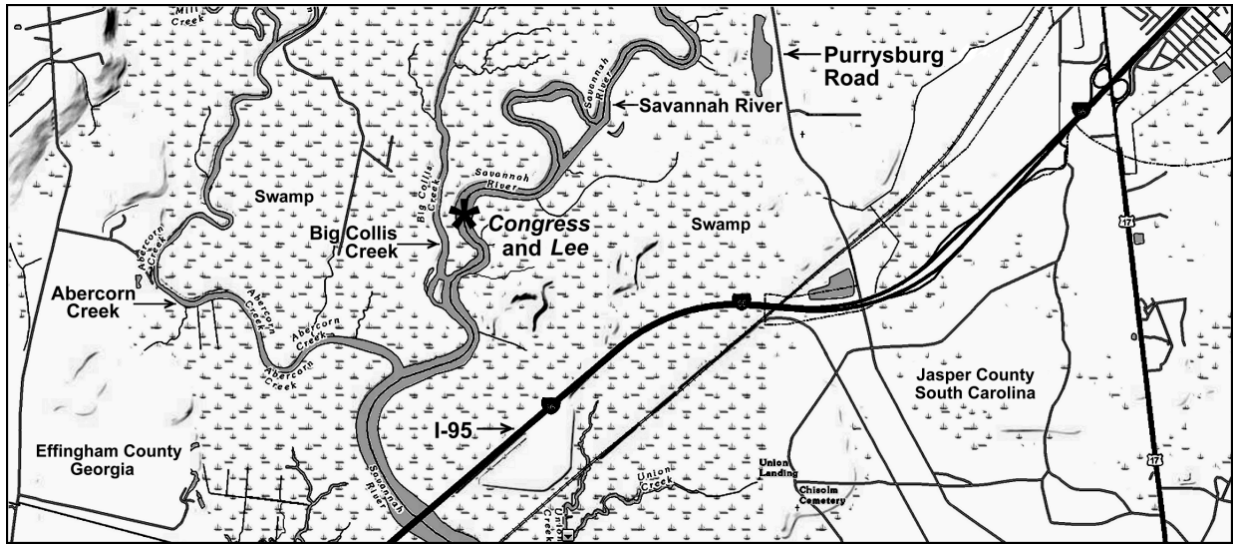


American Galleys *Congress* and *Lee*



Congress & Lee

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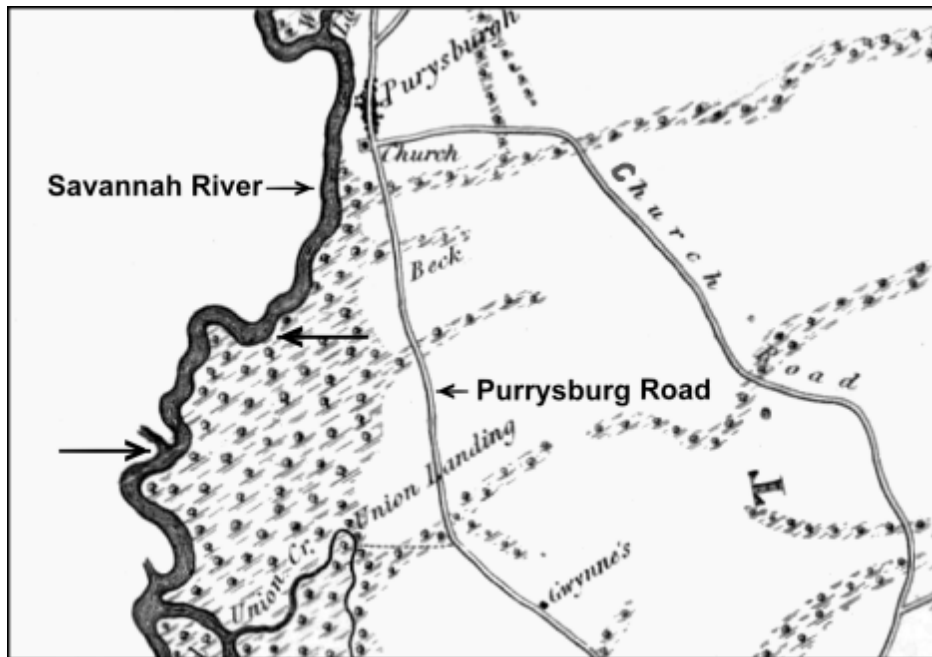
GPS: 32.26178°N 81.14622°W

Confidence: 3

Directions: There is no close land approach to this site. Boat access only.

Congress & Lee Action: Patriot Gen. Benjamin Lincoln had put Capt. Jacob Milligan in command of the galleys *Congress* and *Lee*, the French sloop *Mary Magdalen*, and a force of 300 seamen to capture or sink a British galley stationed about 6 miles or so below Purrysburg. The American boats *Congress* and *Lee* were lost in the Savannah River about 6 miles south of Purrysburg at Ramsays Bluff while attacking the British galley. The *Congress* ran aground within range of the British galley's guns. The *Lee* put up a valiant fight, but without the assistance of the *Congress*, the *Lee* was abandoned by her crew without orders to do so when unexpected additional British naval forces arrived on the scene. The British captured both the *Congress* and the *Lee*. The fate of the French sloop, *Mary Magdalen*, is unknown.

Note: Despite the loss of his vessels, Milligan and his officers were cited for exceptional bravery by Lincoln. This action took place within about .5 mile of the GPS location above.



The map above is a portion of the 1825 Mills Atlas with the location of this action between the two arrows in the left side of the map.