

Videau's Bridge

1/3/1782

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Confidence: 5

Brabant's Historical Marker

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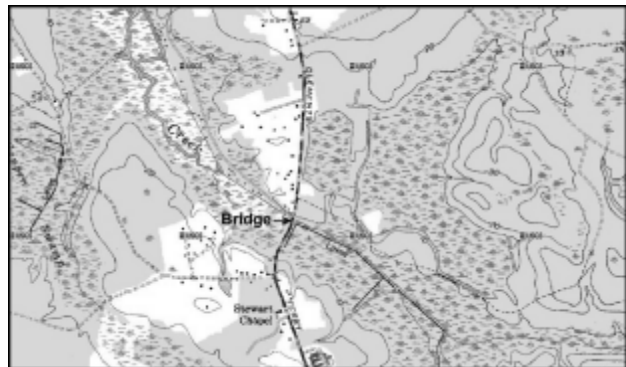
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Directions: From Quinby Bridge, on Clements Ferry Road (page 47), go south on Clements Ferry Road for about 6 miles to the bridge over French Quarter Creek. There is a sign, just before the bridge on the right going south, labeling the creek. The historical marker for Brabant's Plantation is about 1.1 miles south of Videau's Bridge.

Action: British Maj. William Brereton was ordered to invade St. Thomas Parish. After landing on Daniel's Island from a ship in the Wando River, the British crossed the island and Beresford Creek, then moved fourteen miles up the Strawberry Road and halted at Brabant's plantation about noon. At the same time, Gen. Marion ordered his men to block the enemy's advance. Patriot Col. Richard Richardson, Jr. led his men north from Cainhoy, reinforced by Capt. John Carraway Smith of Maham's cavalry. Richardson's troops engaged the British cavalry under Capt. Campbell just north of Videau's Bridge. Smith charged and routed the enemy, but disregarded Marion's orders by continuing to advance until he encountered the large force of British infantry at the bridge. Loyalist Maj. John Coffin attacked the Patriots with a fresh troop of cavalry, and Richardson's forces were thrown into retreat on the long, narrow causeway. During the subsequent six-mile pursuit by the British, several of Marion's soldiers, including Capt. Samuel Cooper, Capt. William Bennett, and G. Sinclair Capers, distinguished themselves by heroic actions. However, the Americans were defeated. Twenty-two of Richardson's troops were killed, 6 wounded and 15 missing. The British had 4 killed, 14 wounded and 1 captured. After the battle, the British foraged as far north as Quinby Bridge without opposition from the Americans.



The bridge at French Quarter Creek. Brabant's Plantation and the historical marker are to the left



The map above shows the swamp area around the bridge and the long causeway south of the bridge.