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Dear Friends,

Sorry for the delay in this newsletter. Dodie, Eliza and I had a very busy summer between me selling houses and Dodie coordinating our move. We are now in our new house on Conquest Avenue. Thanks to our contractor, Islander Rob Trudeau for getting us in on time and doing such a great job. Also, thanks to Councilman Carl Smith for designing a house that fits our needs so well. Hopefully, we will be here for a long time. We are tired of moving.

A special welcome to the Island for Cammie and Billy Camp from Franklin, Virginia. They bought our house at 2014 I'on Avenue. They are a very friendly couple and we look forward to having them as neighbors.

## ISLAND HISTORY

Many famous names are associated with Sullivan's Island and the surrounding island areas. When we think back we naturally first consider the man whose name it bears. Florentia O'Sullivan was unquestionably an important figure in the founding of Sullivan's Island and worthy of note in the history of Mount Pleasant as well.

O'Sullivan, sometimes called Florence, arrived in the area at what was then called Old Towne on July 6, 1680 with the first white settlers to come to the region. Mr. O'Sullivan was Surveyor General of the colony, and was granted 2,340 acres of land; which included the neck of land which is now Sullivan's Island and Mount Pleasant. O'Sullivan was a man of many titles who played a leading role in the settlement of what we now think of as the East Cooper area. He was, history tells us, a "gentleman, Captain, Surveyor, Member of Parliament," etc., and he had 16 servants. His roots go back to St. Margaret, Westminster, England.

Florence O'Sullivan was given "a great gun" which was placed on the Island at the mouth of the harbor to alarm the town, should the Spaniards invade. These early settlers had many things to deal with — clearing the land in order to raise the crops necessary for food, gathering the bounty of waters for subsistence — but on the other hand, they had to carry firearms in self defense against the native Indians who, though not warlike, pillaged their fields. So, of necessity they had to depend on the supplies from England to survive. At one point, when they failed for some time to receive goods from across the seas, O'Sullivan deserted his post on the Island and joined up with malcontents in Charles Town in what was referred to as the "O'Sullivan Hunger Riot."

History tells us that Florentia O'Sullivan was not always to be admired for some of his personal traits — but certainly, those who enjoy the unequalled beauty and unique character of today's Sullivans Island have much for which to thank him.