

Col. John Catlett and John Washington were early settlers along the Rappahonock River. Col. John Catlett died after an Indian attack, he left two known sons, Thomas and Nicholas Catlett. Catlett's home place was called "Green Hill" in what later in Essex County, Va. He was born in the county of Kent, England. In the 1650's John Catlett and John Washington (grandfather of Lawrence and George Washington) settled originally on the Rappanhonock. While John Catlett's land was what is near Falls Church, Va. is located today, his later descendants married into the Taliaferro family.

Now we know some Va. Taliaferro, Livingston and Zachary families of Caroline Virginia came to the Savannah River area and created homesteads, but across the Savannah was the Ninety-Six District that later became Edgefield District. This is where Catlett Corley and Samuel Etheredge and Jacob Smith lived. All said to have been born in Virginia. Many speculated that a John Corley and Margaret Petty of Virginia were the parents of Catlett and he most likely was related to Col. John Catlett. This may be true but cannot be documented.

Yes many Virginia Butler, Taliaferro, Smith, Etheridge, Catlett, Corley, Padget, Eidson families living in Virginia in 1650 were neighbors on both sides of the Savannah River by the 1760's and 1770's. Some near what is now Augusta, Ga. and those living in Old Edgefield Co., S.C. It's impossible however to trace anyone to their Virginia origins, but the possibility these families were descended from those families of the Rappahonock River and near present day Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Richmond, Va. eventually migrated to Colonial S.C. is likely.