

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 0458 Status R Revisit
Quadrangle Name: Limehouse
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SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Fife Plantation's Burying Knoll

Common Name: Burying or Church Knoll

Address/Location:

City: Hardeeville



Vicinity of

County: Jasper

Ownership: Private

Category: Site

Other:

Historical Use: Funerary

Current Use: Funerary

Archaeological Site

SHPO National Register
Determination of Eligibility:

Property Description

Other:

Construction Date: ca. 1859-1911

Construction:

Historic Core Shape:

Exterior Walls:

Other:

Foundation:

Commercial Form:

Roof Shape:

Other:

Roof Material:

Stories:

Porch Shape:

Other:

Porch Width:

Description/Significant Features:

The African/African-American cemetery is situated on a knoll; bounded on the north by an embankment and surrounded by large live oaks. The western boundary is denoted by a farm road extending south from the Fife Plantation gate to the main house on Long Knoll. The eastern boundary, though tenuous, is thought to be a farm road and a group of beehives. The cemetery may extend further east, but a pedestrian walkover of this area did not reveal any evidence of markers or oval depressions. There are fourteen marble markers, one marble footstone, and several depressions. Estimated number of burials >20.

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Historical Information

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The approximately 2-acre cemetery first appears on the 1859 plat of Fife Plantation, a 746 acre rice plantation owned by Jas. B. & Wm. Henry Heyward and surveyed by Jno. D. Crook in May 1859. The cemetery most likely used prior to 1859 to inter the plantation's deceased African and African American slaves. The plantation's title chain, which is based upon historic maps and oral history, is as follows: Thomas Young, Esq. (1825); Jas. B & Wm. Henry Heyward (1859/1860); C. H. Mitchell (1875); Al. Chisholm (1833); Lynah (1900-1901); James Lynah (1931, 1935); Robbie Harrison (current).

Source(s) of Information:

1859 Plat of Fife Plantation; 1915 Plan of Fife Plantation; McKinnon's 1825 Map of Savannah River Plantation; 1851 Map of Savannah River Plantations, St. Peter's Parish; Platen's 1875 Map of Chatham County, Georgia; 1888 Sketch Showing Rice Plantations, Savannah River, Beaufort Cty, SC; Realty & Map Files, Savannah National Wildlife Refuge;

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1859 Plat Fife Plantation Burying Ground

Cemetery upper left corner.

Breach at Fife Gate

Facing South

Fife Plantation-Erosion Knoll

Facing South