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## South Carolina State Parks

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It can be tough to see Hampton Plantation's house with this big live oak getting in the way. When the house was completed with the addition of a beautiful, spacious portico in 1791, owner Harriott Pinckney Horry wanted to cut the tree down, as it obstructed the view. It took the interference of a President, George Washington in fact, to ensure the tree remained standing. According to descendent Harriot H. Ravenel, "The general advised that it should be kept, as an oak was a thing no man could make; and there it still stands, -'Washington's Oak' unto this day". Come see this beautiful tree-and the house hiding behind it-for yourself at Hampton Plantation State Historic Site.



**Robin Braswell Hucks** Just think of all the hours of shade this tree provided to many people over the years. It is a thing of beauty!

at 12:12:46 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Jerry J Brown** move the house.....not impossible.....

at 12:17:16 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Kim Murrell** Beautiful place! We visited last month and admired the huge Oak tree and the grounds.

at 12:50:04 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Donna Logan** Been there, its a beautiful tree! And to know that George Washington looked at that very same tree is awesome!

at 12:51:32 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Barb Amburgey** A wonderful place to visit.

at 12:54:52 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Jen Starrett Blalock** Where is this?

at 15:52:52 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Brandon Coffey** Jerry why would you move the house? The oak makes for a story. It's perfect where it's at.

at 16:00:41 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Brenda Smith** Thanks George!!!

at 16:09:52 on 4/28/2015 UTC

**Missy Frost Westergard** Carl lets go!



at 16:53:32 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Jane Merrill-Emery** Beautiful place.. Lots of history there among the trees...

at 17:14:25 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Leslie D. Rutledge** That's our plantation. Our daughter, Doesy and her husband were married there in 1993 Second rutledge wedding at Hampton in 100 years!!

at 20:23:50 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Tillie Schlufte** I love this story

at 20:52:27 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Tillie Schlufte** That is so wonderful to have that connection with this beautiful place.

at 20:54:01 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Phail Altman Owens** Leslie D. Rutledge, how is Doesy? I worked with her, years ago, at GTE. I think of her often!!!

at 21:08:15 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Mary N Russell Glover** Just think--George admired this very same tree! Great place to take your family or visiting Yankee friends to see an old plantation that survived and is accessible to the public. Great for educating folks about our past state poet laureate, Archibald Rutledge, my personal favorite, whose family owned Hampton Plantation.

at 21:35:56 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Misti Caldwell** Been there a few times! Every time that I go, I put flowers on Miss Sue's grave!

at 21:37:39 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Joseph Anderson** What I learned from the Washington Oak, "Be a landmark for others."

at 23:50:41 on 4/28/2015 UTC



**Becky Abraham** Imagine sitting on the portico looking into the branches of that stately tree and listening to the birds in its shelter.

at 1:05:52 on 4/29/2015 UTC



**Emily Dodd Bridges** That's a nice story but that tree would have been little more than a sapling in Washington's day.

at 4:29:29 on 4/29/2015 UTC



**Christa Walsh** Jim Walsh Jr.

at 3:20:33 on 7/09/2015 UTC



**Leslie D. Rutledge** Doesy and her husband live in Charlottesville va. Have 2 boys, 18 and 14. All doing very well.

at 13:55:48 on 4/28/2016 UTC