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**Plantation name: The Ark**

**Horry County, South Carolina**

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**Location** – Seashore, Surfside Beach area of Horry County.

**Origin of name** –

**Other names** – Arke, Roaches Beach, Floral Beach, Surfside Beach.

**Current status** – Developed into Surfside Beach.

**Comments** – John M. Tillman's name appears on the Robert Mills Atlas of 1820. There is also a survey of John Tillman's plantation recorded in Horry County which is marked a resurvey of an 1838 map. There is an old unmarked cemetery on the property near the ocean. No buildings are extant.

**Number of acres** – 3,194

**Primary crop/crops** – Rice, Indian corn, peas, sweet potatoes, cattle, sheep, pigs.

**Owners** – John M. Tillman, Roach, Holliday.

**Slaves** – 57 are listed in 1850 and 63 are listed in 1860.

**Buildings** – An old plat shows a house near the ocean front and several slave cabins just north of the main house along the ocean. People sought shelter in the house during the great hurricane of 1893. Holes were chopped in the floor to let water run out and the house survived the storm. The main house was eventually converted into an inn and later it was used to house local beach lifeguards. It was demolished in the 1960s.

**References** – 1850 Slave Schedules for Horry District. 1860 Slave Schedules for Horry District. 1860 Agricultural Survey for Horry District. [The Ark Plantation](#).

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