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Plantation name: Cherry Grove

Horry County, South Carolina

Location – All Saints Parish, Little River Neck, Cherry Grove Beach section of North Myrtle Beach, Horry County, SC.

Origin of name – It takes its name from the fruit tree native to this area.

Other names – Part of this property along the oceanfront was once known as Minor's Island.

Current status – Developed.

Comments – The first land grant recorded for Cherry Grove was to John Morrall for 453 acres dated December 4, 1735. The Morrall family continued to accumulate Cherry Grove land until 1808, at which time they owned 1,898 acres that extended from the ocean across Little River Neck to Little River. The Morralls sold much of this land to John Belleme, an early settler of French Huguenot descent. The old Bellamy home was in Little River Neck about where the FFA camp is in 2005. In about 1848 the Bellamy lands were sold to Col. Daniel W. Jordan, who in 1859 sold his holdings of 9,940 acres to Nicholas N. Nixon for \$25,000. Jordan moved to Laurel Hill, a rice plantation that is today part of Brookgreen Gardens. In the 1920s the Nixon families started to develop the Cherry Grove lands.

Number of acres – 453 acres in 1735, 1,898 acres in 1808 and 9,940 acres in 1859.

Primary crop/crops – Forest products.

Owners – James Minor, John Fishfield, John Morrall, Daniel Morrall, George W. Morrall, John Morrall, John Alston, John Belleme, Col. Daniel W. Jordan, Nicholas N. Nixon.

Slaves – In the 1850 Slave Schedules of Horry District, SC, 59 slaves are listed as belonging to Col. Daniel W. Jordan, who owned Cherry Grove Plantation at that time.

Buildings – No buildings are extant.

References –

Names in South Carolina, IX:25, C.B. Berry
1850 Slave Schedules of Horry District, SC.

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