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Plantation name: Peter Vaught's

Horry County, South Carolina

Location – Sea shore, just north of Singleton Swash, All Saint's Parish, Horry County, SC. In the vicinity of Big and Little Buck Eye Swamps.

Origin of name – Owner's name.

Other names – One later source refers to it as the "old Pasture Plantation". Also, possibly "Buck Island".

Current status – The property on the east side of the intra-coastal waterway has been developed.

Comments – This plantation was located roughly between Lake Arrowhead Road and Hilton Road, with the main house being situated just off of Chestnut Road (Arcadia Shores, Green Lakes Subdivision and Kingston Plantation Resort areas). It was located along the seashore and extended west towards Wampee. Peter Vaught, Sr.'s Last Will & Testament mentions a ½ acre cemetery on the property but all of the grave markers have been destroyed. A large "salt works" operated by Peter Vaught Jr. & Sr., including a blockhouse for defense from Union military forces (Fort Vaught), was located adjacent to Singleton Swash. It was destroyed by US forces on 21 Apr 1864. A post office was established on this plantation on 30 Apr 1888 and the area was officially designated as "Vaught".



**Peter Vaught, Sr. & Peter Vaught, Jr.
(c. 1864)**

Number of acres – approx. 4,628 acres.

Primary crop/crops – Cattle, sheep, swine, cotton, Indian corn, salt works.

Owners – Peter Vaught, Sr., Peter Vaught, Jr., William Hampton Vaught.

Slaves – 28 are listed in 1850 as being owned by Peter Vaught, Sr. Ten years later, in 1860, 40 slaves are listed for Peter Vaught, Sr. and 2 slaves for Peter Vaught, Jr. In 1864 Peter Vaught, Jr. married Louisa Willmans Cuckon Futch, widow of Confederate veteran Kendrick H. Futch. K.H. Futch is listed as owning 33 slaves in 1860. Louisa would have owned these when she married Peter Vaught, Jr. in 1864, giving the family ownership of at least 75 slaves in 1864.

Buildings – A survey dated 1846 shows a main house and a summer house but neither are extant. A cow dip is extant and is located on the west side of the Intra-coastal waterway.

References –

- 1850 Slave Schedules for Horry District.
- 1860 Slave Schedules for Horry District.
- 1860 Agricultural Survey for Horry District.

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