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Plantation name: Upper Mill

Horry County, South Carolina

Location – On the Waccamaw River, south of Conway, just north of Bucksville.

Origin of name – This plantation was the site of the uppermost of three mills owned by Capt. Henry Buck along the Waccamaw River. Thus, it was called Upper Mill Plantation.

Other names – Buck's Upper Mill Plantation

Current status – Private property.

Comments – Capt. Henry Buck had three mills along the Waccamaw. The Lower Mill was at the site that became Bucksport, the Middle Mill was at the site that became Bucksville and the Upper Mill was at the plantation on which Henry Buck lived. Upper Mill Plantation was established in 1828.

Number of acres – 9,000 are listed as being owned by Henry Buck in the 1860 Agricultural Survey. 1,000 are listed as Improved Acres and 8,000 are listed as Unimproved Acres. The large amount of Unimproved Acres were probably being harvested for timber and naval stores products.

Primary crop/crops – Forest products, rice, cotton, sweet potatoes and Indian corn.

Owners – Capt. Henry Buck, Henry Lee Buck, Henry L. Buck, Jr., Henry L. Buck, III, Henry L. Buck, IV.

Slaves –

133 are listed in the 1850 Slave Schedules and 312 are listed in the 1860 Slave Schedules as belonging to Capt. Henry Buck.

Buildings – The plantation house is still extant, as is the plantation commissary and the chimney for the mill. The main house was restored in the mid 1980s. The 1860 Slave Schedules record 70 slave houses belonging to Capt. Buck. It is not clear if all of these were at Upper Mill Plantation or if some were at his other plantation, Woodbourne. A slave cemetery is on the property.

References –

1860 Agricultural Survey of Horry District, South Carolina.

1850 Slave Schedules of Horry District, South Carolina.

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