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A RICH HISTORY—A RARE HERITAGE

1562

A French expedition under Jean Ribaut found a large population of Native Americans living off the bounty of the land. Later, Theodor deBry's engravings gave Europeans pictures of the New World.



1790

Many area plantations had their own schools and churches.



1902

Richard T. Wilson, Jr., a wealthy banker, purchased 18,000 acres from John Holbrook Estill, who had consolidated most of the original plantation lands.



1920

Having married Cornelius "Neily" Vanderbilt III in 1896, Wilson, Jr.'s sister, Grace, became the most prominent society hostess in both Newport and New York.



1927

Varn Cattle and Turpentine Co. purchased the property from R.T. Wilson, Jr. and successfully farmed it for over ten years.



1948

Union Camp constructed Palmetto Bluff Lodge. The facility had fourteen bedrooms, a massive dining hall, trophy room, and a wood-burning fireplace in every room.



2000

Palmetto Bluff was purchased in June of 2000 by Crescent Resources, LLC, a land-management and real estate development company headquartered in Charlotte, NC and renowned for its environmental stewardship. A new community on the banks of the May River begins to take shape.



1750

At least 15 separate plantations once occupied the land that is now Palmetto Bluff. One of them, Moreland, was depicted in this early sketch. Primary crops were indigo and cotton.



1870

Several cemeteries are on the Palmetto Bluff property, offering windows into the genealogy of plantation families. Octagon cemetery (above) is located among the Cottages.



1914

R.T. Wilson, Jr. completed construction of his mansion. It was said to have been the grandest structure on the Carolina coast.



1925

The Wilson's home reportedly contained 72 rooms and 22 bathrooms. Its ballroom ceiling (above) was created panel-by-panel in Europe and assembled on site. The mansion burned in 1926. Wilson, Jr. sold Palmetto Bluff in 1927.



1937

Union Bag and Paper Co., (later Union Camp) purchased the property to use as a hunting retreat for its customers, suppliers and VIPs. The land is still quite abundant with deer, wild turkeys, waterfowl, and wild boar.



1975

The Palmetto Bluff Lodge grew to legendary status among sportsmen worldwide, and invitations to "go shooting" at Palmetto Bluff were much coveted. The Lodge hosted celebrities, captains of industry and even heads of state.



TODAY

The ruins of the Wilson Mansion still stand vigil over the May River bluffs, but today they represent a playground for all ages as the centerpiece of the Wilson Village Green.