

**BEAUFORT COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997**

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INTENSIVE LEVEL SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: U - 13 - 261

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Historic Beaufort Foundation • Preservation Consultants, Inc.

USGS Quad: 487 Spring Island  
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Site

Historic name(s): Belfair Plantation Oak Avenue

Tax Number: R600 023 003 0051 0000  
Island:

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Address/location: Belfair Oaks Blvd.

City/Vicinity of (vic.) Hilton Head vic.

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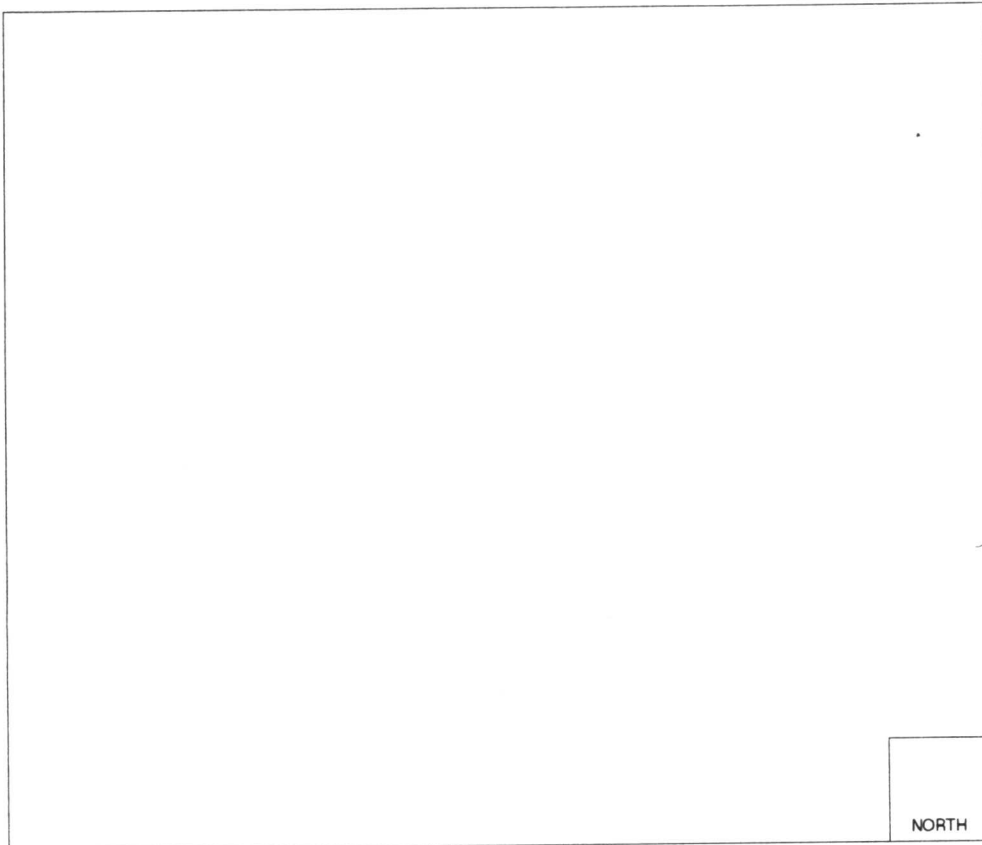
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Surroundings: residential. Private development

Acreage: n/a

Sketch:



Description:

Thirty-three trees stand on each side: they were begun as three or four saplings planted together, to achieve great mass quickly. Only two are missing from the double file (one at the foot, one at the head); there is one young replacement tree. The avenue was laid along the old road that ran north from the head of Buck Island Road; from its beginning at the intersection of two former roads, the oak avenue extends just over .3 mile. It was originally continued by the existing ditch and tree lines that extend to the Belfair House (now part of Rose Hill development).

Alterations:

Alteration date: 1995

Integrity:  excellent  good  fair  poor  Other...

The avenue was paved and gate house built as part of Belfair Development. The road forks at the head of the original avenue; the curved road was laid in the gap left by one of the three missing trees.

Historical  
Data:

W. M. Swain planted the avenue ca. 1927 as an impressive grand entrance from the highway toward his winter home (1927). The avenue did not extend all the way to the Swain House. It is one of the few intact remnants of the winter hunting plantations (Foot Point, Hogs Bluff, Oak Forest, Trimblestone, Callawassie) that dominated this section of Beaufort County until the 1940s.

Informant/  
Bibliography:

Ed Blakeley, Belfair Development Company, interview 6/3/97