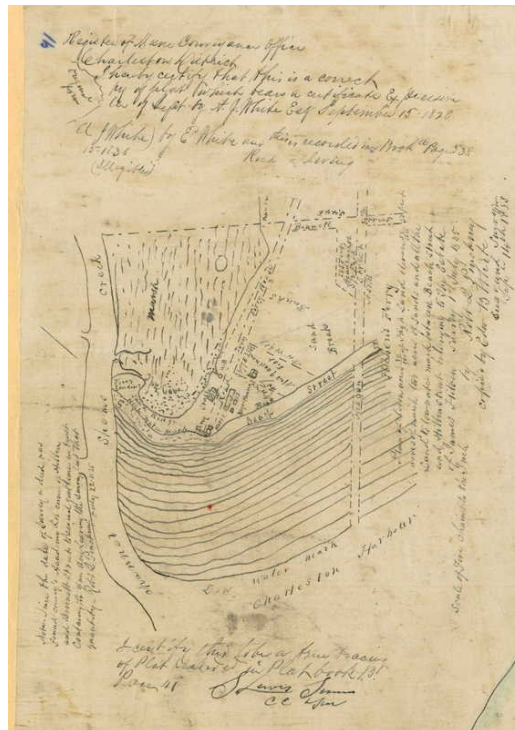


QUICK FACT FRIDAY



The Ferry Tract and Hibben's Ferry

December's theme for *Quick Fact Fridays* features the Old Village. The Old Village is believed to be home to the oldest structures in Mount Pleasant. By 1721, there were over 100 families and over 600 enslaved people living within Christ Church Parish. Most of the larger plantations were situated along the Wando and Cooper rivers. At the time, plantation owners focused on farming and animal husbandry. The utilization of connecting waterways and inlets allowed for expedited transportations and the delivery of goods and services along these tributaries.

In 1779, Andrew Hibben bought land to the south of Shem Creek from Jacob Motte, and this became known as the Ferry Tract. Until the opening of the Grace Memorial Bridge in August of 1929, ferries connected Mount Pleasant to Charleston; and Hibben's Ferry operated until 1847. The Ferry Tract itself was bordered by Shem Creek, and Hibben, Bennett and Beach Streets.

By the late 19th Century, several settlements that were developed along Charleston Harbor were incorporated into the Town of Mount Pleasant. The Hibben Ferry Tract itself was incorporated into the Town in 1770.

In 1979, the Town of Mount Pleasant created a local historic district, titled the Old Village Historic District, to protect structures like the Hibben House. More to come on history in the Old Village in this month's *Quick Fact Fridays*!

For more information: [Historical Markers in Mount Pleasant \(#53\) - List and Map](#), mountpleasanthistorical.org and [Town of Mount Pleasant website](#)

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