

Sea Island

I am Sea Island, the site of beautiful beaches that served entertainment and recreation for people from all parts of the world year-round.

I am uninhabited and without a master until 1768. At this time I am given to Capt. James Mackay a loyal but cocky soldier of the British Army commanded by King James Oglethorpe. Capt. Mackay was in command of one of three independent companies of Foot and in 1754 at the request of the Governor of Virginia Capt. Mackay & his men proceeded to Virginia to aid General Washington in war against the French. Capt. Mackay was reluctant to accept Gen. Washington

as his superior officer because Gen. Washington was of the Virginia Militia and not the British Army. When Capt. Mackay & Gen. Washington were forced to surrender to the French, Capt. Mackay signed his name above Gen. Washington thus showing his loyalty to the British Army.

At that time I was known as Fifth Creek Island. No use was made of me by King James Mackay and when he died I was sold by his heirs to James Hamilton and John Cooper of St. Simons. John Cooper and James Hamilton were business partners and when this partnership was dissolved I became the property of James Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton later

sold me to William A. Cooper for the sum of 500 dollars. At that time I was known as ~~Fifth Creek Island~~ Long Island. I was given this name because I am a long island and seem even longer in that I lay parallel with the Georgia Coast in this area.

My value began to increase and in 1888 I was sold to William F. O'Shaunsey for 10,000. Mr. O'Shaunsey was the leading spirit in the construction of two resort hotels in this area - the locally well-known Oglethorpe Hotel and the St. Simons Hotel which was once



these two hotels to use moorapua for  
heads of beach-vegetation.

In 1924 a highway was built linking my  
shores with those of St. Simon & Bourdeaux.  
For the first time the public was allowed to  
visit me in their automobiles. Shortly after  
the construction of this highway, Messrs. J. D. Howard  
& L. W. J. Sapiro planned and given the first  
name of Sea Island, Mr. L. W. J. saw my possi-  
bilities of becoming a famous pleasure resort and  
immediately began to work on his new plan.  
After the death of Mr. L. W. J. became the property  
of the Sea Island Company headed by ~~the~~ Alfred  
Jones today.

In 1928 a beautiful hotel consisting of 48 rooms  
was constructed upon my shores and called the  
Christy. I was amazed by the construction of such  
a small hotel upon my shores, shores which possess  
many possibilities. Through my efforts by offering  
more comforts and thus the hotel had to be  
enlarged to an enormous size. Privately owned  
cabage sprang up overnight and in 1956 a  
beach house was constructed upon my shores  
and consisted of a beautiful kidney shaped pool.  
My recreational have been increased to an extent  
that today I provide my visitors with such sports  
as golf, cycling, tennis, sheet, horse back riding,  
fishing and many others.

And thus through the years my possibilities  
of becoming a famous pleasure resort have been  
developed to the point that today I am one of  
the great famous pleasure resorts along the At-  
lantic Coast.