

# Cumberland Island National Seashore



# The Settlement

## From Slave to Squatter to Landowner

After the Civil War, freed people of color were suddenly considered squatters on Cumberland Island. Eventually, seven acres of land was subdivided into lots and sold, allowing them to own the land. "The Settlement" became home to many residents who worked at the Cumberland Island Hotel or in Carnegie family homes.

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