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To: [Emmons, Karen](#)
Subject: Re: Question about another research file of yours
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hmmm. As i recall-- Winslow and I were working with Elizabeth Broan when she was still at the Land Trust on their long-term project on John's Island. She was working on building strong relationships with the African American community out there in order to strengthen ties for the land trust.

We went to LOTS of meetings but there wasn't much of a concrete nature that came out of it. We started out trying to help some of those folks (Bill Saunders, Bill and Abe Jenkins (grandson and son of Essau Jenkins) on trying to restart the progressive Club. The building has been in ruins since Hugo and we tried to help them navigate a new board, fund raising, etc. It was hard to get anything really moving. I got one year of Clemson students to work on it as a class project . Their final report should be in the archives - or was in my old office. The larger work for Elizabeth became trying to frame Johns Island's past and future around the Angel Oak. There was a whole Angel Oak project that came out of it -- including purchasing more land around the angel oak-- securing some easements , and collecting some oral histories that the Land Trust now owns (I'm not sure where they are archived).

So-- once Elizabeth left the Land Trust she started doing videography and that led to her work for HCF on the Tangled Roots video/ oral history /school education project . She was able to utilize those relationships and get more oral histories - weave them together into a good narrative.

Hope that helps!!
Katherine

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM Emmons, Karen <kemmons@historiccharleston.org> wrote:

Hello my friend,

Another question about one of your files. This one is labeled simply "Johns Island."

There's a bunch of Progressive Club stuff in there but also notes etc. about Angel Oak, a meeting w/ Elizabeth Brown (and others) in July 2014, notes on some JI African-American residents, and a timeline (see attached).

Can you shed some light so I can catalog it?

Thanks,

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