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The Angel Oak Tree is a famous landmark of Charleston, South Carolina. The estimated age of the tree is between 400 and 500 years. It is a symbol of strength and endurance, and has survived countless tropical storms and hurricanes throughout the centuries. It stands about 66 feet tall, has a 28ft circumference at its base with branches as long as 187 feet in length. It provides over 17,000 sq. ft. of shade. Although the tree gets its name from its location on the plantation of Justus Angel and his wife Martha Waight Tucker Angel¹ (named ca. 1810, when the two were married),² local folklore has it that the ghosts of former slaves sometimes appear as angels around the tree.

¹ "Angel Oak," last modified September 11, 2019, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_Oak.

² "South Carolina Plantations", accessed September 15, 2019, <https://south-carolina-plantations.com/charleston/angel-oak.html>

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