First reported to the State of North Carolina in 1997 by Mr. Charles O’Keefe, little is known about the “O’Keefe Site” other than that it likely represents the remains of a nineteenth century wooden (built of White Oak) sailing vessel. Present day remains suggest the vessel would have been 130-170’ long, with a 30-35’ beam and an approximate tonnage of 300-500 tons.

A test excavation of the site designed to collect potential diagnostic information pertaining to its type and identity were carried out under the supervision of Dr. Bradley Rodgers in 2010.