



# Department of Archives and History

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# Agency History

- Public Records Commission (1891)
- South Carolina Historical Commission (1894)
- March 29, 1905, Historical Commission elects a full-time Secretary, Alexander Samuel Salley, who serves until 1949



# 1905-1949

- A.S. Salley concentrates on arranging, indexing and publishing records of the American Revolution, rolls of Confederate soldiers and Legislative journals
- 1933-Completes campaign for construction of the World War Memorial Building (Corner of Pendleton and Sumter Streets)
- 1935-Hires six staff members and begins work arranging state agency records transferred from the State House



# 1949-1960

- 1949-Dr. J. Harold Easterby becomes second director
- Expands publication program
- 1954-General Assembly passes Archives Act changing agency's name to South Carolina Archives Department
- 1960-Successful completion of a campaign for new Archives Building at corner of Senate and Bull Streets in Columbia





# 1961-1987

- 1961-Mr. Charles E. Lee becomes third director of the agency and serves until 1987
- Agency staff grows from 13 to 130 members in 1980; mission expands significantly
- 1966-National Historic Preservation Act is signed; State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) formed in 1969.
- 1967-Research room hours expand to to seven days per week and evenings until 9:00 p.m.
- 1969-Department establishes a records management program for state and local government
- 1973-General Assembly passes Public Records Act giving SCDAH authority to enforce the proper disposal of state and local government records
- 1981-First agency downsizing closes the microfilm service bureau and reduces the publications program



# 1987-1996

- 1987-Dr. George L. Vogt appointed agency's fourth director and serves until 1996
- Focuses on raising support and funds for new Archives and History Center
- 1990-Downsizing continues with elimination of publications program, conservation services, and reduced research room hours
- 1992-General Assembly passes a law protecting state-owned or leased properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 1992-Establishment of the SC Archives and History Foundation to help raise funds for a new Archives and History Center
- 1993-General Assembly establishes the South Carolina African American Heritage Council (now Commission)

# 1997-2009



- 1997-Dr. Rodger Stroup is named fifth director of the department and serves until his retirement in 2009
- Agency moves to its current location at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia
- 1999-Agency begins sponsorship of National History Day and does so until 2012
- Downsizing continues, reducing agency from 98 FTEs in 1998 to 54 FTEs in 2009
- 2002-SC Historic Rehabilitation Incentives Act provides state income tax credits for historic buildings under agency review
- SCDAH celebrates its centennial
- 2008-ArchSite, an online GIS system for historic property information, is launched



# 2009-2017

- 2009-Dr. W. Eric Emerson is appointed the agency's sixth director
- 2010-2012-Forced downsizings continue reducing agency from 54 FTEs to 24 FTEs
- 2010-reduces footprint in Archives and History Center
- 2010-SCDAH expands facility rentals to open the Archives and History Center for night and weekend events
- 2010-SCDAH adds Saturday hours for Research Room
- 2012-Agency expands shelving in Archives and History Center to maximize capacity
- 2014-SCDAH reboots its electronic records program
- 2015-South Carolina Electronic Records Archive (SCERA) becomes operational
- 2016-South Carolina Historical Property Record (SCHPR) becomes operational



# Strategic Plan

- Goal 1 - To promote and encourage understanding, appreciation, and preservation of the state's history and heritage
- Goal 2 - To increase awareness, understanding, and use of the programs of SCDAH
- Goal 3 - To assess mission-essential needs for SCDAH and identify and secure new sources of generated funds to support its mission
- Goal 4 - Increase and enhance preservation of, and access to South Carolina state and local government records

Goal 1: To promote and encourage understanding, appreciation, and preservation of the state's history and heritage

- *Strategy 1.1 - Offer appropriate educational programs and products for different audiences*
- *Strategy 1.2 - Continue both internal and external collaboration*
- *Strategy 1.3 - Encourage and facilitate staff involvement in historical and professional organizations*

Goal 2 : To increase awareness, understanding, and use of the programs of SCDAH

- *Strategy 2.1 - Explore new ways to use technology*

Goal 3 - To assess mission-essential needs for SCDAH and identify and secure new sources of generated funds to support its mission

- *Strategy 3.1 - Establish new marketing strategies for services and products*
- *Strategy 3.2 - Evaluate the impact of revenue generating activities on agency programs and make necessary adjustments to ensure those activities do not adversely impact the agency's mission*
- *Strategy 3.3 - Expand the archival storage capacity of the Archives and Records Center*
- *Strategy 3.4 - Expand agency internships and volunteer program to enhance staff resources*
- *Strategy 3.5 - Maximize the use of agency human resources*

## Goal 4 - Increase and enhance preservation of, and access to South Carolina state and local government records

- *Strategy 4.1 - Digitize historically significant state and local government historical records*
- *Strategy 4.2 - Enhance the Agency's records program visibility and accountability*
- *Strategy 4.3 - Increase accessibility to the Archives' records through arrangement, description, conservation, digitization and online access*

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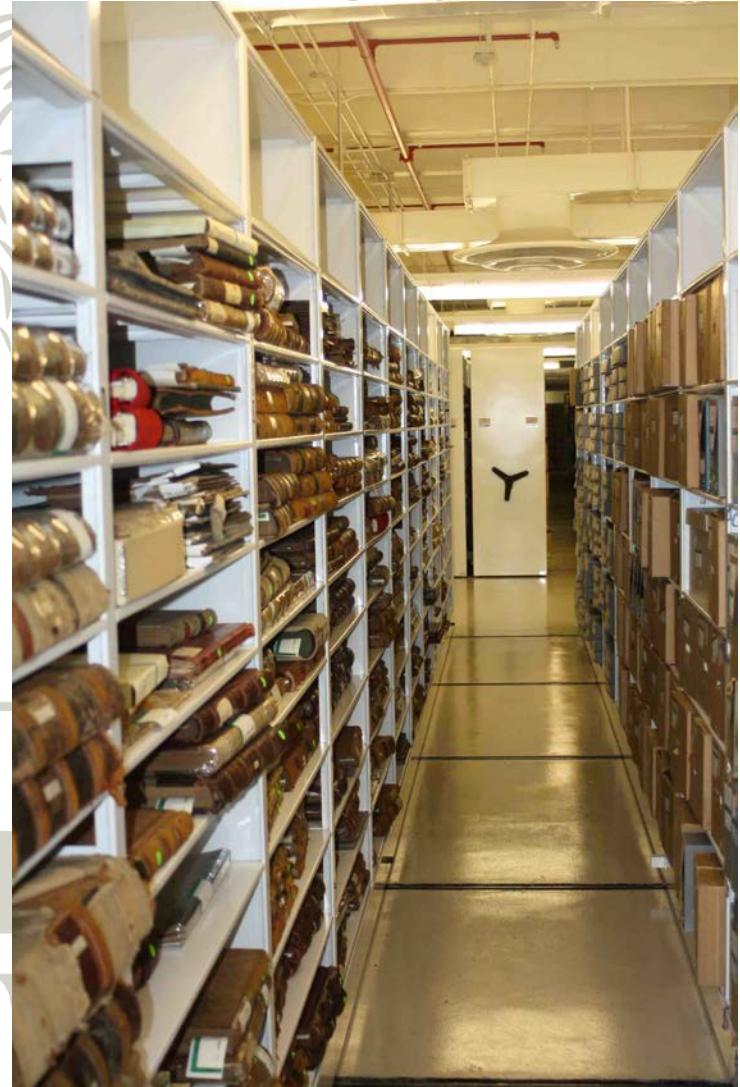


# Major Program Areas

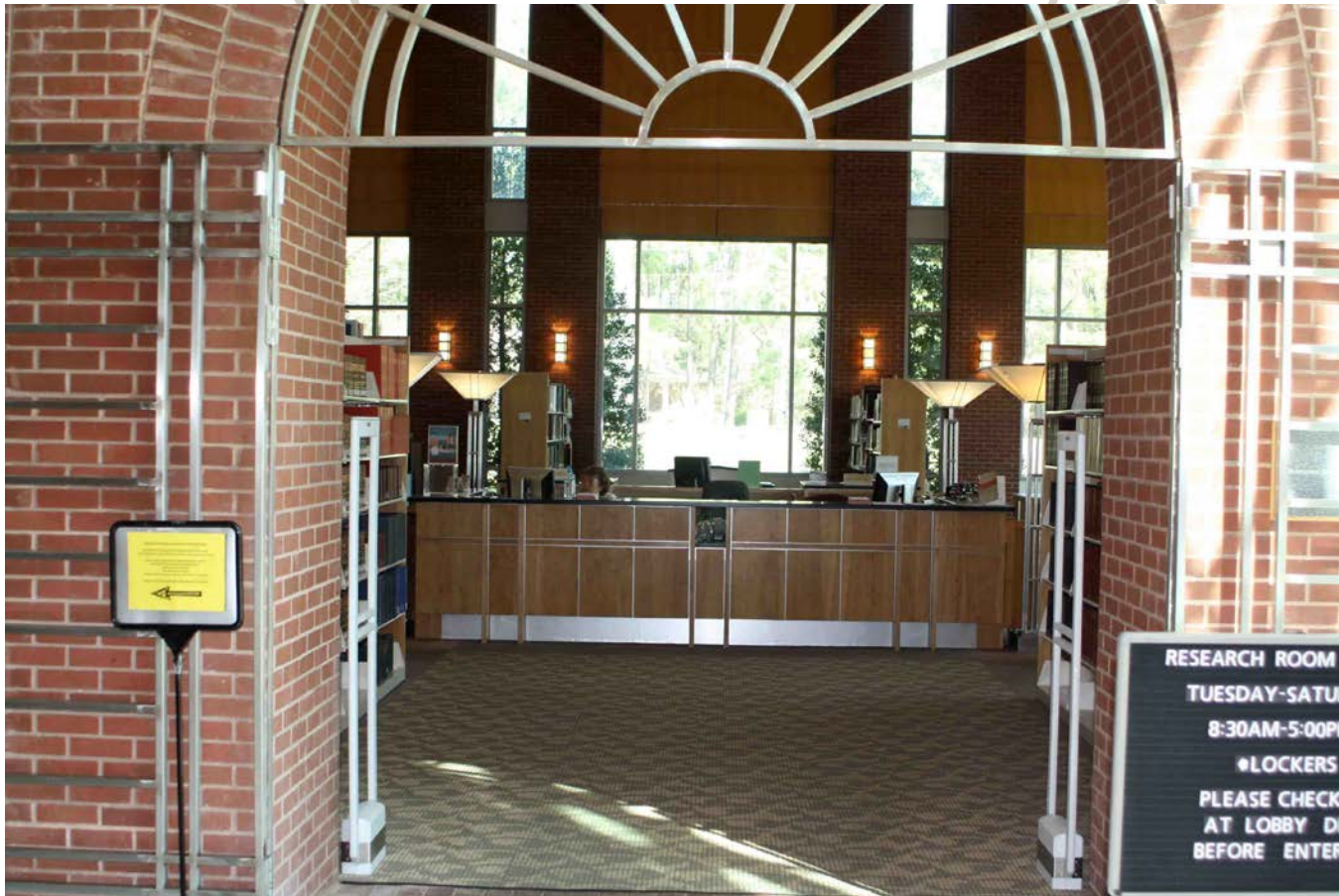
- Three program areas (two operational divisions and one support division)
- Operational Divisions
  - Archives and Records Management Division
  - Historical Services Division (State Historic Preservation Office)
- Support Division
  - Administration Division

# Archives and Records Management

Responsible for preserves of over 40,000 linear feet of the state's most important historical records at the Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia



# Archives and Records Management



Responsible for operation of the Research Room at the Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia

# Archives and Records Management



Responsible for the Records Management Program, and the State Records Center and nearly 90,000 linear feet of non-permanent records housed for government agencies at Laurel Street in Columbia

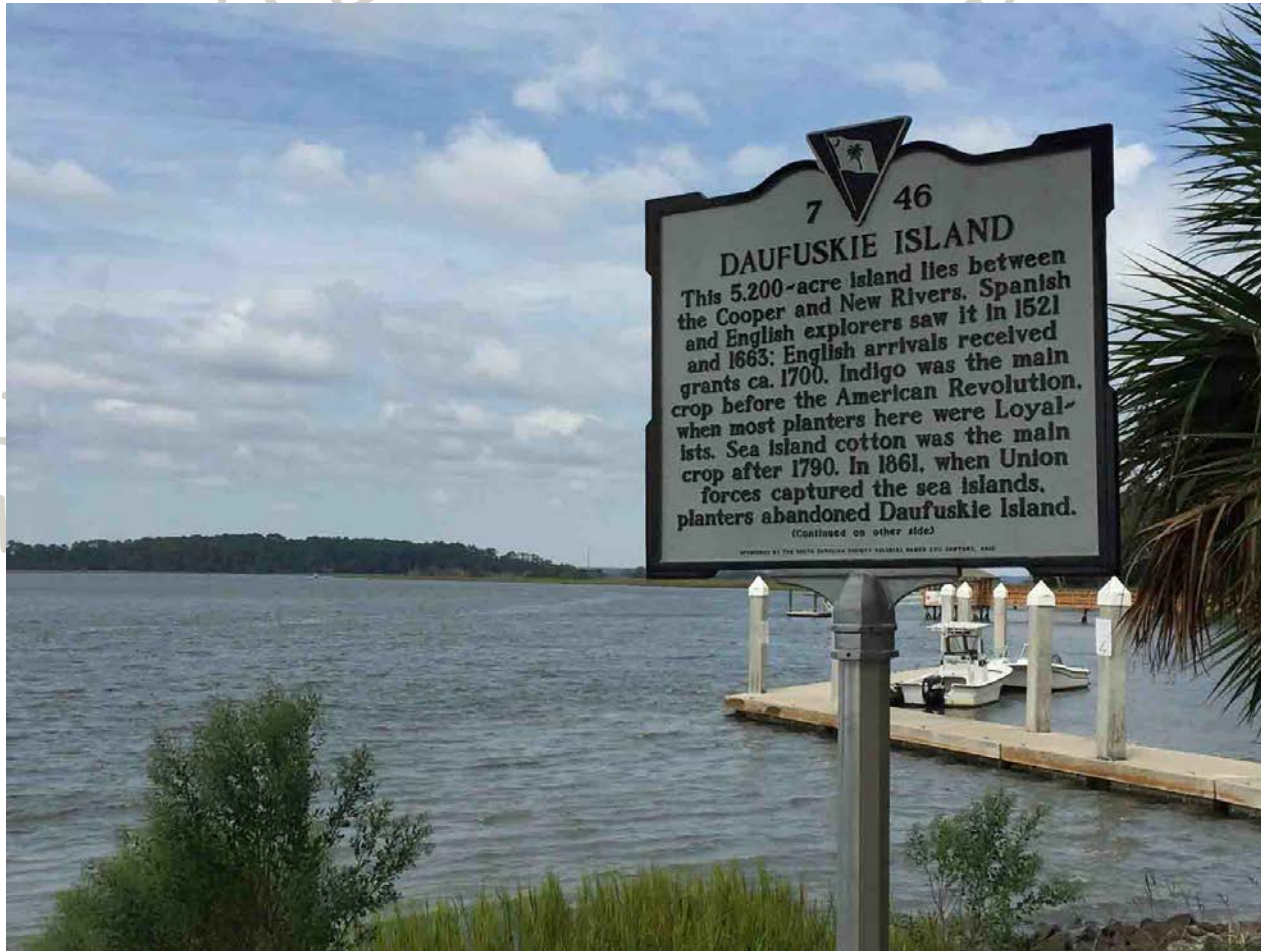


# Historic Preservation (SHPO)



Responsible for the National Register of Historic Places  
program in South Carolina  
(Frederick Nance House, Newberry)

# Historic Preservation (SHPO)



Responsible for the State Historic Marker Program  
& (Daufuskie Island)

# Historic Preservation (SHPO)



Provides comments for Section 106, National  
Historic Preservation Act  
(Cargo ship passing Fort Sumter,  
& Charleston harbor)



# Historic Preservation (SHPO)



Responsible for Federal and  
State Tax Credit Review and  
Compliance dealing with  
National Register listed or  
eligible properties





# Administration

- Director
- Finance
- Human Resources
- IT
- Facility Rentals
- Security
- Agency Advancement

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# Products and Services

- Archives and Records Management Division
  - Operation of Research Room (T-Sat. 8:30 AM-5:00 P.M.)
  - Photocopy Services
  - Accessioning Services
  - Describing Records
  - Microfilm Records
  - Imaging (Scanning) Records
  - Microfilm Security Vault
  - Local Government Records Management
  - State Government Records Management
  - State Records Center

# Products and Services

- Historical Services Division (SHPO)
  - Statewide Survey of Historic Properties
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - State Historical Markers
  - Historic Preservation Fund Grants
  - Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs
  - Review and Compliance Programs
  - Certified Local Governments
  - Outreach and Technical Assistance