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Heath Springs Town Council

Kershaw Town Council

Van Wyck Town Council

Minutes of the Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting

Lancaster County Historic Courthouse
100 North Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

Friday, February 6, 2026

Lancaster County Council Members present were Brian Carnes, Jose Luis, Charlene McGriff, Bryant Neal, and Steve Harper. Council Members Stuart Graham and Billy Mosteller were absent. Lancaster County government staff also present at the meeting were Steve Willis, Lancaster County Interim County Administrator, and Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council. Lancaster County Council ***did*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Member Eddie Boykin was present at the meeting. Board of Trustee Members Casey Catoe, Tyrom Faulkner, Courtney Green, Olivia Hann, Revery Johnson, and Melvin Stroble were absent from the meeting. Lancaster County School District's Interim Superintendent, Dr. Norris Williams, was present at the meeting. The Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members ***did not*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Lancaster City Mayor T. Alston DeVenny (*who arrived at the meeting late at approximately 12:50 p.m. during the Community Roundtable / Jurisdictional Update*) and Council Members Tomonica Marsh and Ashante Miller were present for the meeting. City Council Members Jackie Harris, Kenny Hood, Ronnie Sowell, and Hazel Taylor were absent. Lancaster City Administrator Steven "Flip" Hutfles and Clerk Kelli Stevens were present at the meeting. The City of Lancaster ***did not*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The Heath Springs Mayor Eddie Moore and Town Council Members Iva Lee Drakeford (Mayor Pro-Tempore) were present for the meeting. Town Council Members Vincent Webb, Peggy Bowers Hopkins, and Deborah Truesdale were absent from the meeting. Town Administrator, Wanda Kilpatrick, was present for the meeting. The Heath Springs Town Council **did not** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

There were not any Kershaw Town Council Members present for the meeting. Town Council Members John Connell, III, Michael Cook, Bobbie Faulkenberry, Harvey Truesdale, Danny Williams, and Mayor Mark Dorman were absent. Town Administrator Chris Keffer was present for the meeting. The Kershaw Town Council **did not** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The following Van Wyck Town Council Members were present for the meeting: Laura Clark, Loyd Fox, Kristen Setzer, and Erica Smith. Mayor Sean Corcoran was absent. There were no Van Wyck staff members present at the meeting. The Van Wyck Town Council **did** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The following member of the Lancaster Delegation was present for the meeting: Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina State House Representative, District 45, Delegation Chair.

Also present at the meeting were Scott Broome, Chief Executive Officer of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC); Randy Imler with the Catawba Regional Council of Government; John McCain, Chief Executive Officer, Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce; Gina Bobo, Co-Chair of the Lancaster 250 Committee; Ann Christie, Secretary, Lancaster County Historic Commission; and other guests.

The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9, and the local Government Channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building, on the county website, and at the Historic Courthouse within the required length of time.

Call to Order

Brian Carnes, Chair of the Lancaster County Council, called the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting to order at approximately 12:03 p.m.

Welcome And Recognition

Brian Carnes, Chair of the Lancaster County Council, welcomed everyone to the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting.

Invocation

Steve Willis, Lancaster County Interim County Administrator, led the Invocation.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 7, 2025, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jose Luis. The minutes from the November 7, 2025, Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion / Action Items

Overview of Upcoming Events for the Lancaster County 250 Committee

Gina Bobo provided a Countywide Informational Update about the Lancaster County 250 Committee via a PowerPoint presentation, and that presentation is attached to the minutes as Schedule A. She also provided the following handouts to attendees: “Lancaster County – America 250 Events DRAFT Calendar (2026)”, which is attached to the minutes as Schedule B; “Patriots of Color,” which is attached to the minutes as Schedule C; and “Andrew Jackson’s 259th Birthday,” which is attached to the minutes as Schedule D.

Overview of the Lancaster County Historic Museum

Ann Christie provided the history of the Lancaster County Historic Courthouse Museum via the handout entitled, “Lancaster County Historic Courthouse Museum, Lancaster, South Carolina, Self-Guided Tour,” which is attached to the minutes as Schedule E. She also provided updates on the following upcoming events in Lancaster County related to the South Carolina 250 Anniversary via the following handouts: “Patriots of Color,” which is attached to the minutes as Schedule F; and “Burned Churches in the American Revolution,” which is attached to the minutes as Schedule G. The speakers and attendees discussed Hanging Rock Battlefield and recent updates at that location. They also discussed whether there were any tie-ins to Hispanic heritage in the area or as part of the 250 Committee celebration. They further discussed tie-ins with the Catawba Indian Nation and the American Revolution, tie-ins with other minority communities, and impacts on families.

Legislative Initiatives and Update

Honorable Brandon Newton explained that the State was changing license plates to a revolutionary war flag in order to bring awareness to the 250 celebration. He also noted the Historic Courthouse Museum was a great place. He explained that the State budget would be coming out of Committee in two weeks. He noted that, as it stands now, the budget would fully fund the local government fund, fund pay raises for starting teachers' salaries, and fund one time infrastructure projects. Further, he noted that the big topic for discussion was the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) modernization bill, which relates to planning, permitting, time limits for approval of SCDOT projects, possible fees for electronic vehicles that would equal the gas tax, and additional funding for the County Transportation Committees. He explained that the bill would affect the Catawba Regional Council of Governments and Regional Transportation Authorities. Lastly, he explained that the State was considering expanding the homestead exemption to \$150,000.00 for seniors.

Community Roundtable / Jurisdictional Updates

"Flip" Hutfles, City Administrator, provided a jurisdictional update for the City of Lancaster. He explained that the County's Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) 3 would provide funding for a streetscape project and that the City was starting the engineering on the project. He also noted that the City was starting their budget process.

Town Administrator, Chris Keefer, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Kershaw. She thanked the County for their support of road projects over the past year. She explained that the Town was working on a lot of water and sewer projects.

Town Administrator, Wanda Kilpatrick, provided a jurisdictional update for Heath Springs. She noted that the Town had a new restaurant and she encouraged everyone to try it out. She further noted that the Town was finishing work on a sewer outfall project and starting some new projects. The attendees asked about the plan for the tennis courts in the Town, and Ms. Kilpatrick explained that the Town was getting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to upgrade that park and that it would be completed in phases.

Town Council Member, Kristin Setzer, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town of Van Wyck. She explained that the Town was working on lighting. She further noted that the Town had received a grant from Duke Energy for lighting upgrades for a re-purposed ballpark.

Brian Carnes, County Council Chair, provided a quick jurisdictional update for the County. He noted that the County's Administrator had left for another position and, so, the County had an Interim Administrator, for the time being; however, he explained that the County hoped to hire a new Administrator by July. He explained that the County was working down the funding list for projects on the Capital Project Sales Tax (CPST) 3 list.

Dr. Norris Williams, Interim Superintendent of the Lancaster County Schools, provided a jurisdictional update for the School District. He noted that the District has had an increase in student achievement in test scores. He explained that the Board was moving towards more transparency in their budget processes. He also noted that the District has many resources for families. Lastly, he noted that the District was working on emergency preparedness as far as school safety protocols, expanding programs for workforce development at the career center, and increasing teacher retention and expanding teacher recruitment.

Additional discussions included the following: (1) School Board of Trustee Member Eddie Boykin noted that the Board was actively working on hiring a new School Superintendent and that they hoped to have someone hired by the end of June; (2) City of Lancaster Mayor DeVenny noted that the City had a successful MLK Day parade, that the City worked with the County on several Christmas events that were successful, that there was more growth in the City, and that the City was working on their budget for the next fiscal year; and (3) Scott Broome, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Lancaster explained that the Lancaster campus was 2nd only to Charleston in organ transplants within the MUSC system and that their transplant centers were accredited. Steve Willis explained that the County was well ahead of projections in regard to distributing funds for projects on their CPST list. Steve Harper explained that the County was making progress on the re-write of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and that the County was trying to get the document user-friendly and simplified. The Lancaster County School District's Career Center was praised for its work.

Announcement of Future Intergovernmental Meeting Dates and Speakers for 2026: (1) May 1, 2026 – Speaker: Joe Garris, Communications Supervisor for Haile Gold Mine, Regarding History and Interactive Tour of Haile Gold Mine and Its Economic Impact; (2) August 7, 2026 – Speaker: South Carolina Department of Transportation; and (3) November 6, 2026.

Brian Carnes reminded attendees about the upcoming Intergovernmental Luncheon dates listed above.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Brian Carnes adjourned the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

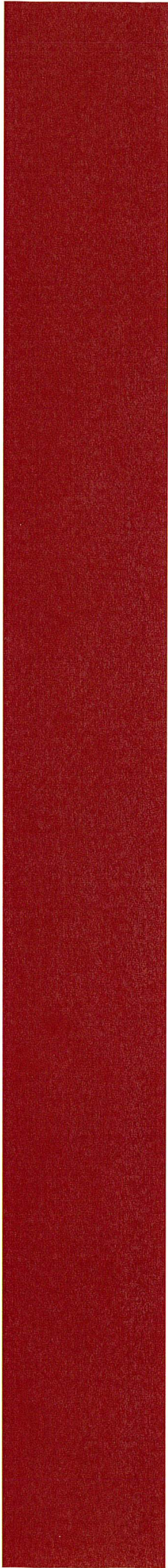


Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council,
Lancaster County

Schedule A

Lancaster County America 250

Countywide Informational Update



SC250: Background and Role

- Established in 2019 by the State of South Carolina as the American Revolution 250 Commission
- Originally formed as a planning and coordination body for the 250th anniversary period
- Has transitioned into an operational organization implementing programs statewide
- Works in partnership with counties, municipalities, nonprofits, and state agencies

SC250: Statewide Reach and Public Engagement

- Programming currently active in all 46 South Carolina counties
- Annual signature commemorations including Liberty Day, Carolina Days, and First Blood
- Large-scale public activations at major college football venues across the state
- Permanent, recurring SC250 exhibit at the South Carolina State Fair
- State Fair exhibit reaches approximately 400,000 visitors annually

SC250: Education and Scholarly Work

Editorial and publication leadership on key
Revolutionary-era documentary projects
Francis Marion Papers, Thomas Sumter Papers, and
Lord Rawdon Papers
Educational partnerships with SCETV and the South
Carolina Department of Education
Collaboration with museums, universities, and state
parks for public interpretation

SC250: Preservation and Long-Term Assets

- Strategic battlefield acquisition and preservation across the state
- Interpretation and site development conducted through nonprofit partnerships
- Coordination with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust & Coordination with the American Battlefield Trust
- Expansion of the Liberty Trail as a statewide heritage tourism asset
- Focus on projects that will remain beyond the Commission's 2033 sunset

Statewide America 250 Events & Initiatives

Charleston Signature Events (June 28 – July 4, 2026)

Fireworks, reenactments, food festivals, races, and formal balls

Charleston is the federally designated Signature City

Carolina Days – a full week of events across all 46 South Carolina counties

Statewide Initiatives:

Over \$7 million in Revolutionary War grants awarded to counties

Grant funding supports events, education, and site preservation

Traveling exhibits and educational programs planned

Heritage 250 projects and partnerships with museums, schools, and historical groups

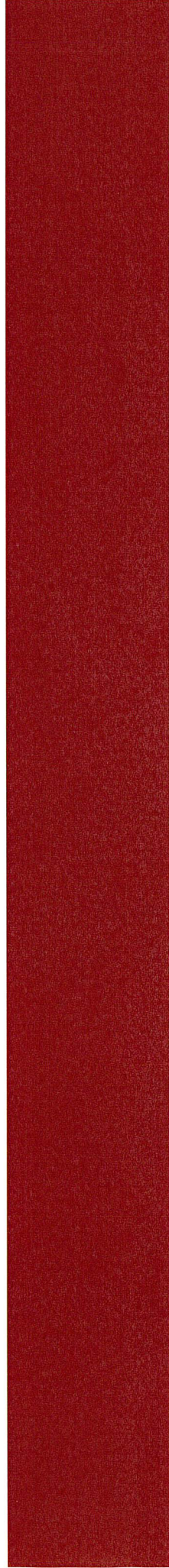
Other Major Statewide Events:

Post-game drone light show at a Charleston RiverDogs game (June 28)

Statewide grant-funded projects and community programs throughout the year

Lancaster County America 250

2026 Tentative Events Calendar



Patriots of Color Genealogy Event

Saturday, February 21

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

- Must Register by February 10 by mail
- How do we Recover Patriots of Color from History
- The Carolina Story: People of Color and their Choice of Pathways to Freedom in the American Revolution

- Discover the Top 10 Essential Resources for Finding your Patriot Ancestor

Andrew Jackson Birthday

Saturday, March 14. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM,

Andrew Jackson State Park

Programming incorporated
into the Andrew Jackson
Birthday Celebration

- Activities designed to support age-appropriate civic education
 - Planned activities include horse races reflecting historical traditions
 - Revolutionary War trivia for interactive learning

Programming incorporated
into the Andrew Jackson
Birthday Celebration

- Children's activity books tailored for younger and older age groups
- Militia Foraging for Survival
- Declaration of Independence
- 250 giveaways

May 2026

Burned Churches in
the American
Revolution Bill Segars

April Lecture

- Tuesday, March 17
- Lancaster Cultural Arts Center
- 7:00 PM
- Time and Location TBD

May 2026

**Buford and Loyalists
– Jim Piecuch**

**Buford's Defeat
Commemoration**

June 2026

- Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Indian Land
- Learn more about Davie and his home, Tivoli
- Wreath laying at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian

- Battle of Sullivan's Island on June 28, 1776 marked one of the first significant victories for the Patriot cause
- Bell ringing at noon across the county and state;
- Patriotic sermons and music encouraged

July 2026

Rockin' Stars & Stripes
Spectacular(July 3) in
Buford and Heath Springs
4th of July Parade (July 4)

Independence Day

- 250 Giveaways
- Encourage Bell ringing across the county to celebrate the Declaration of Independence 250th Birthday

August and Sept 2026

Hanging Rock
Commemoration

Catawbas and Native
Americans in the American
Revolution Symposium

- Date and
Location TBD
- September 26
- University of
South Carolina
Lancaster (USCL)

October 2026

Cherokee Wars of 1776 – Durant Ashmore

- October 20
- 6:30 PM
- Location TBD

2027

Planning for 2030

Rev War History

- Planning for 2030 250th • Revolutionary War Commemoration of 101 – 3 Part Series
- Buford's Defeat and Battle of Hanging Rock and other militia activity in Lancaster County

Schedule B

Lancaster County – America 250 Events DRAFT Calendar (2026)

Subject to Change

February

- **Saturday, February 21 – Patriot of Color Genealogy Event**
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
Mail registration will close February 10

March

- Saturday, March 14 – Andrew Jackson Birthday Celebration
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Andrew Jackson State Park
America 250 family activities

Stick horse races (prizes)
Revolutionary War trivia for children and adults (prizes)
Patriotic giveaways
Declaration of Independence anniversary recognition
Activity and coloring books on local and South Carolina American Revolution history
- Tuesday, March 17 – Burned Churches in the American Revolution
Lancaster Cultural Arts Center | 7:00 PM

April

- April – Lecture (Details TBD)

May

- Tuesday, May 19 – Loyalists Perspective of Buford's Defeat (Jim Piecuch)
Buford Area | 7:00 PM
Saturday, May 23 – Buford's Defeat Commemoration
Buford Park

June

- **Saturday, June 20 – William Richardson Davie Birthday**
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Indian Land
Wreath laying at Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, June 28 – Carolina Day
Encouraged bell ringing at noon; patriotic sermons and music

July

- Friday, July 3 – America 250 Patriotic Giveaways
Rockin' Stars & Stripes Spectacular
- Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day
Encouraged bell ringing at noon
Patriotic Giveaways at Heath Springs Parade

August

- Hanging Rock Commemoration – TBD

September

- **September 26 – Catawbas and Native Americans in the American Revolution Symposium**
University of South Carolina Lancaster (USCL)

October

- October 20 – Cherokee Wars of 1776 (Durant Ashmore)
6:30 PM – Location TBD

2027

- Revolutionary War 101 3-Part Series
- Planning for 2030 250th Commemoration of Buford's Defeat and Battle of Hanging Rock and other militia activity in Lancaster County

Signature Events

All events are subject to funding and subject to change.

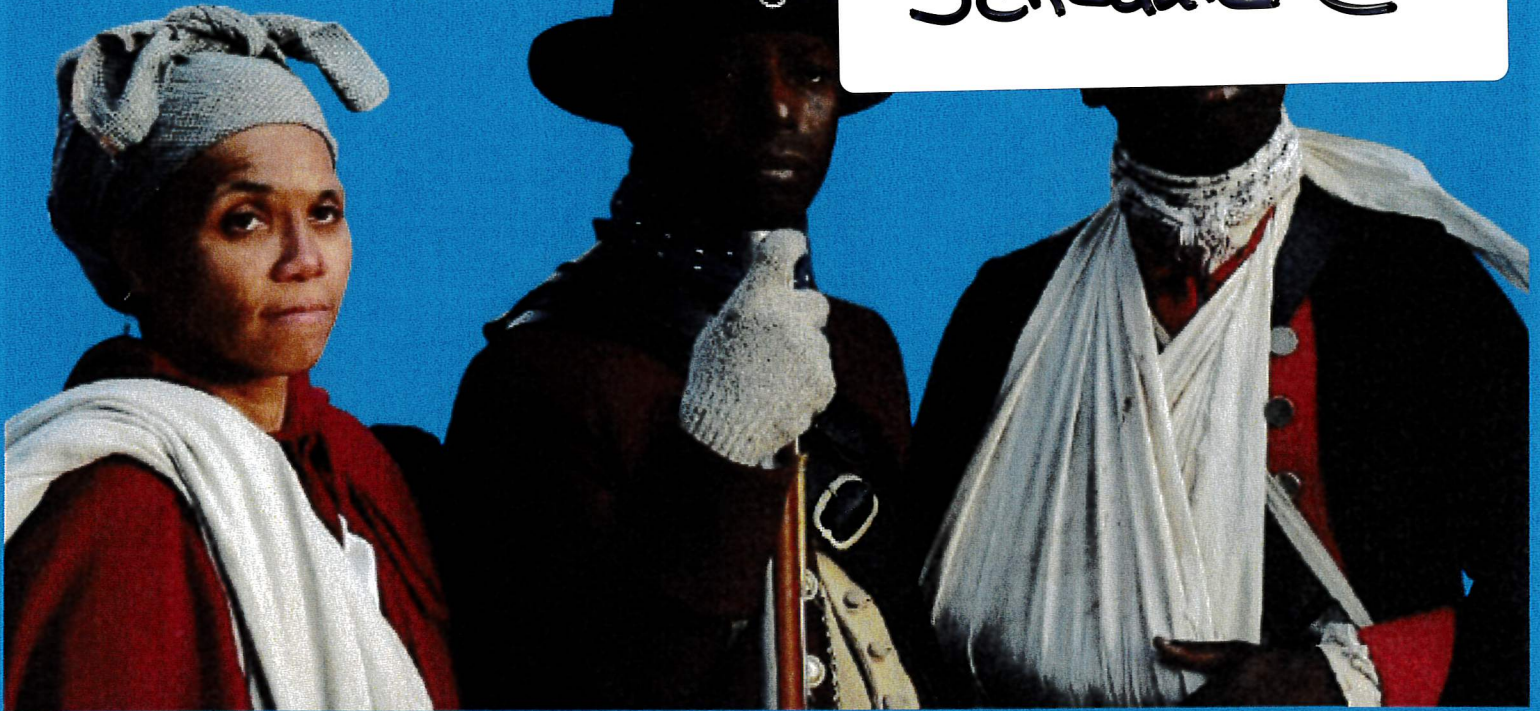
More Information

Join the Lancaster 250 mailing list by emailing lancastersc250@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterSC250>

Patriots of Color

Schedule C



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
9:45 A.M. UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

GENEALOGY
WORKSHOP

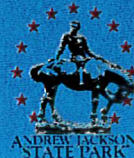
PRESENTATIONS FROM
DESCENDANTS OF
PATRIOTS OF COLOR

Q & A
SESSIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL US AT
LANCASTERSC250@GMAIL.COM

\$10 REGISTRATION COST REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 10

Join us at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church located at 211 Marvin Road Indian Land, SC 29707



Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

CHECK-IN AND WELCOME

TAKE YOUR SEAT AND GET READY TO DIVE IN AS YOU MEET THE
WORKSHOP PRESENTERS, CONNECT WITH
FELLOW PARTICIPANTS, AND REVIEW THE DAY'S AGENDA.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

PRESENTATION

OUR FOCUS AND METHODOLOGY: HOW DO WE RECOVER
PATRIOTS OF COLOR FROM HISTORY
BY TYRONE GOODWYN

10:30 AM - 11:00 PM

PRESENTATION

THE CAROLINA STORY: PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THEIR CHOICE
OF PATHWAYS TO FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BY LUKE ALEXANDER

11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

PRESENTATION

THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH THE EYES OF
AFRICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PATRIOTS
BY KEVIN GRAHAM

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Q&A AND COMMENTS

BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED THUS FAR.

Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

LUNCH BREAK

ENJOY A BREAK TO REFUEL
AND NETWORK WITH FELLOW ATTENDEES
CONSULT OUR LIST OF NEARBY RESTAURANTS
TO DISCOVER WHERE TO DINE

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

WORKSHOP

DISCOVER THE TOP 10 ESSENTIAL RESOURCES
FOR FINDING YOUR PATRIOT ANCESTOR,
WITH AN IN-DEPTH GUIDE ON WHO THEY COVER,
WHAT THEY REVEAL,
WHERE TO FIND THEM, AND WHY THEY'RE INVALUABLE,
FEATURING EXAMPLES FROM HISTORICAL BOOKS AND
NEWSPAPERS, TO VITAL RECORDS, AND US MILITARY ARCHIVES

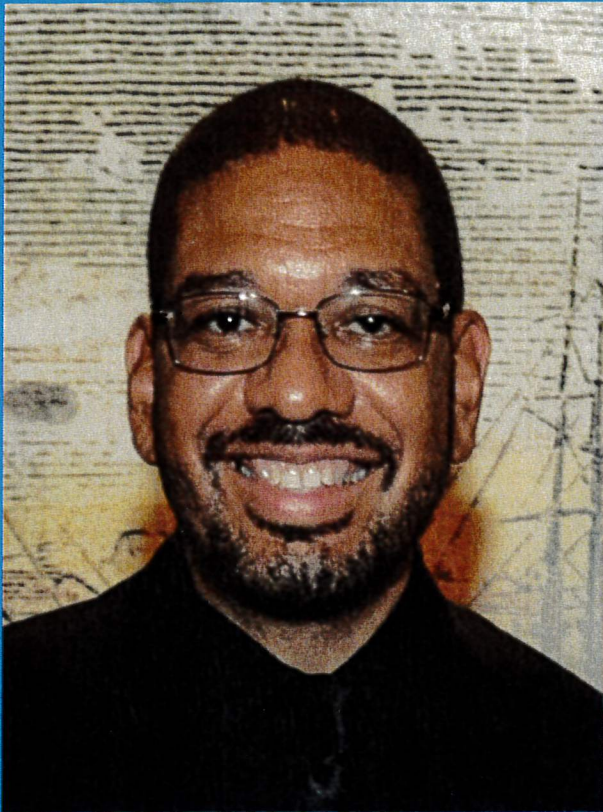
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

INTERACTIVE SESSION

LIGHTNING ROUND Q&A AND CLOSING REMARKS:
WRAP UP THE DAY BY ADDRESSING YOUR
BURNING GENEALOGY QUESTIONS IN A FAST-PACED Q&A SESSION
OR PARTICIPATE IN A FOCUSED MINI-WORKSHOP
BASED ON ATTENDEE INTEREST

Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026



LUKE ALEXANDER

IS A GENEALOGIST AND COMMUNITY HISTORIAN FOCUSING ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS HERITAGE IN THE CAROLINAS.

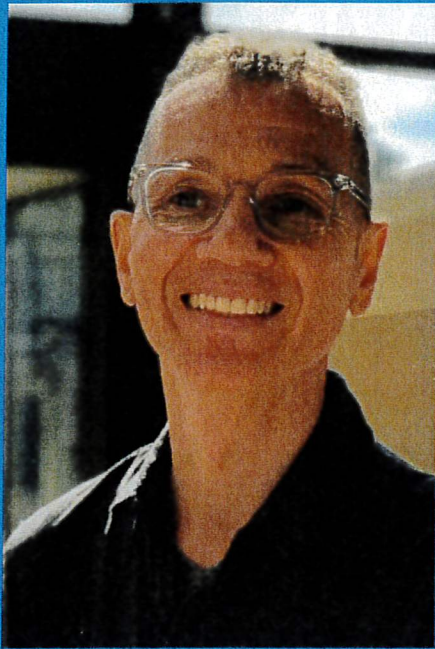
HE HAS ANCESTRY FROM SEVERAL OF THE EARLIEST RECORDED FAMILIES OF AFRICAN ORIGIN IN AMERICA, ALONG WITH BEING OF DIRECT DESCENT FROM THE LUMBEE, WACCAMAW AND CAPE FEAR NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS.

LUKE SERVES AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BENJAMIN AND EDITH SPAULDING DESCENDANTS FOUNDATION, INC. ENGAGED IN PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES IN HIS ANCESTRAL HOMETOWN FARMERS UNION, NC. ADDITIONALLY, LUKE CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. LUKE IS ALSO AN INDUCTED MEMBER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) WITH LINEAGE FROM HIS 4TH GREAT-GRANDFATHER WILLIAM (LOUGHRY) LOWRY (1758-1847), A PATRIOT ANCESTOR OF THE LUMBEE AND TUSCARORA COMMUNITIES OF ROBESON COUNTY, NC.

LUKE WORKS AS A HISTORICAL CONTENT ADVISOR FOR PBS NORTH CAROLINA, AND HAS PROVIDED HISTORICAL COMMENTARY ON-AIR FOR WECT NEWS, THE NBC AFFILIATE IN WILMINGTON, NC. WITH CO-AUTHOR ANDRE KEARNS, LUKE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (AAHGS) JOURNAL (2020) AND THE INAUGURAL SOFAFEA JOURNAL (2022) WITH ARTICLES ON THEIR SHARED ANCESTOR EMANUEL CUMBO, A FREE MAN OF ANGOLAN DESCENT WHO OWNED LAND NEAR JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA CIRCA 1667. LUKE IS ALSO AN ADMINISTRATOR OF DNA RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH FAMILY TREE DNA (FTDNA) AND GEDMATCH.

Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026



TYRONE GOODWYN

BORN AND RAISED IN TIDEWATER VIRGINIA, MR. GOODWYN IS A GRADUATE OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, AND GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY. HIS DEGREES ARE IN MARKETING, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

HIS MATERNAL LINE, THE JACOBS FAMILY, STARTED AS ANGOLAN SERVANTS ON EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA IN MID-1600S AND MOVED TO THE CAROLINAS AS FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR BY MID-1700S. THE JACOBS WERE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS AND FOUNDATIONAL TO FREE COMMUNITIES ALONG THE SOUTH AND MIDWEST.

HIS FATHER'S LINE HAILED FROM CENTRAL VIRGINIA, DINWIDDIE COUNTY. HIS 2024 RESEARCH TIED FATHER'S GRANDMOTHER TO ONE OF A SET OF INDIGENOUS AMERICAN GIRLS WHO WERE STOLEN FROM SOUTH CAROLINA AND ENSLAVED IN DINWIDDIE AROUND 1700.

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RETIRED FROM TELECOMM IT LEADERSHIP, HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG AND CUSTIS MUSEUMS IDENTIFYING THE PERSONS ENSLAVED BY THE CUSTIS/GEORGE WASHINGTON/ROBERT E. LEE FAMILY DYNASTY, FROM 1600S EASTERN SHORE TO 1800S MT. VERNON AND WASHINGTON DC. TO FURTHER THAT WORK, HE FOUNDED THE GABRIEL JACOBS EPOCH INITIATIVE IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE DIRECTS TWO HISTORY INTERNS.

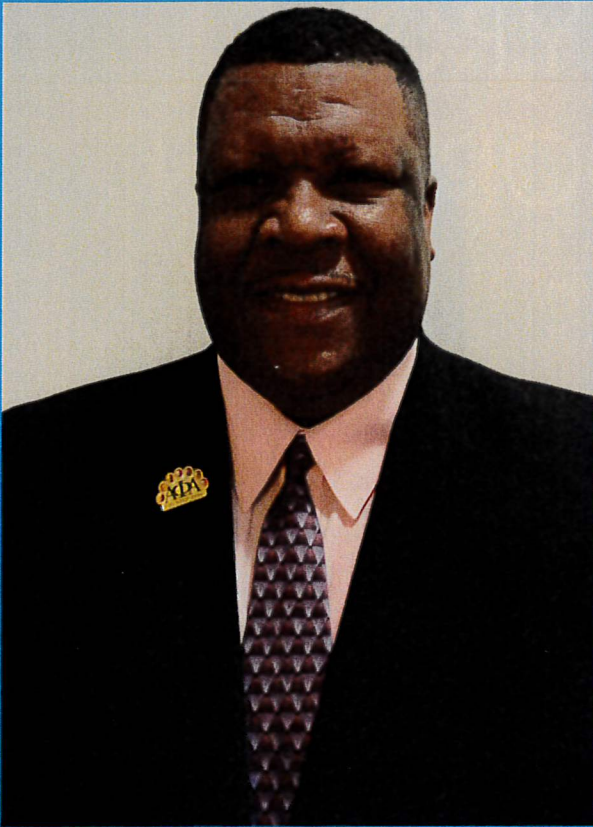
HE IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY SOCIETY, AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE DC AND THE HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTERS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY; AND THE LEAGUE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ENSLAVED OF MOUNT VERNON.

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KEVIN GRAHAM

IS A PROUD DESCENDANT OF SEVERAL PATRIOTS WHO FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR. HIS PATRIOT ANCESTORS WERE JOHN BLANKS, SR., ZACHARIAH JACOBS (HOLMES), AND SHADRACK CHAVIS, SR., ALL OF WHOM WERE FREE MEN OF COLOR FROM BLADEN COUNTY AND NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



KEVIN EUGENE GRAHAM IS A NATIVE OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NC. HIS PARENTS ARE THE LATE MALON GRAHAM, SR. OF EAST ARCADIA, NC, AND THE LATE DORA JANE KELLY GRAHAM OF WINNABOW, NC. KEVIN IS A GRADUATE OF ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY. HE IS MARRIED TO ADRIENNE ALLEN GRAHAM AND HAS THREE DAUGHTERS, LA'QUANTA, AKIRA, AND KAMISHA. HE ALSO HAS THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS, MA'KAYLA, LIA, AND ELLAROSE.

HIS RESEARCH AS A HISTORIAN AND GENEALOGIST HAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON FREE FAMILIES OF COLOR FROM THE COUNTIES OF BLADEN, COLUMBUS, NEW HANOVER, ROBESON, PENDER, AND SAMPSON, PRIOR TO THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF 1863. HIS RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE ON HIS FAMILY WEBSITE GRAHAM-REUNION.COM.

ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020, KEVIN ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR), AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO HOLD THE POSITION. KEVIN HAS ALSO SERVED AS HISTORIAN AND REGISTRAR FOR THE CHAPTER.

Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS/P. O. BOX

CITY, SC ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

MAKE YOUR CHECKS FOR \$10 PAYABLE TO THE FRIENDS OF BMB

MAIL CHECKS TO MARGIE SINGER

1015 FALLING LEAF ST

INDIAN LAND, SC 29707-6058

REGISTRATION CLOSING ON FEBRUARY 10

NO REFUNDS, CANCELLATIONS WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO THE

LANCASTER COUNTY 250 COMMITTEE

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A PROGRAM/EVENT SPONSORED BY

☐ LANCASTER COUNTY 250

☐ SC 250

☐ ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

☐ SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS

☐ ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON
JACKSON CHAPTER, DAR

☐ SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AM REV

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE LANCASTER COUNTY
250 EMAIL LIST? ☐ YES ☐ NO

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING THE
DAR? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Patriots of Color

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT



PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
211 MARVIN ROAD
INDIAN LAND, SC 29707

DIRECTIONS FROM CHARLOTTE/BALLANTYNE

- TAKE U.S. HWY 521 SOUTH TO MARVIN ROAD.
- TURN LEFT ON O MARVIN ROAD.

DIRECTIONS FROM ROCK HILL/COLUMBIA

- FROM I-77, TAKE EXIT 82-A TOWARD FORT MILL
- TAKE U.S. HWY 21 NORTH ACROSS THE CATAWBA RIVER
- TAKE U.S. HWY 21 BUSINESS TO DOWNTOWN FORT MILL
- TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTH WHITE STREET.
- AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT, TURN RIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET
- AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT, TURN RIGHT ONTO S.C. HWY 160 AND CONTINUE TO INDIAN LAND
- TURN RIGHT TO TAKE U.S. HWY 521 SOUTH TO MARVIN ROAD.
- TURN LEFT ONTO MARVIN ROAD.

DIRECTIONS FROM LANCASTER/CAMDEN

- TAKE U.S. HWY 521 NORTH TO MARVIN ROAD.
- TURN RIGHT ONTO MARVIN ROAD.

THE CHURCH IS ON THE LEFT
ACROSS FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

Schedule D

America 250 Family Activities

Andrew Jackson's 259th Birthday

Saturday, March 14 | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Andrew Jackson State Park ★ Lancaster County, SC

Join Lancaster 250 Committee, Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson DAR Chapter, and **Land of the Waxhaws** 17th Century Colonial Dames Chapter, for a day of fun, hands-on history, and family learning!

- ★ Children's activity & coloring books
- ★ Militia foraging for survival activities
- ★ Hobby horse races
- ★ Revolutionary War trivia (prizes)
- ★ America 250 giveaways
- ★ Age-appropriate civic education stations

Free with park admission ★ Fun for all ages

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for more information
about the
Birthday events.



Out of the Ashes.....



After an August 2008 arson fire, the historic courthouse underwent an award-winning restoration and reopened to the public in April of 2011 as Lancaster County's Historic Courthouse Museum.

The historic courthouse was a functioning justice center until the 2008 fire. The roof and main floor were destroyed, but the outer walls remained standing. The rear Palladian window, considered one of the finest in America, was spared.

This beautiful structure is now a place where tourists and locals are encouraged to walk back in time and tour Lancaster County's Historic Courthouse Museum, which houses artifacts from Lancaster's citizens, culture, military, textiles, and history.

Welcome, and enjoy the history of Lancaster!

Memorial on White Street					
Outside Gardens		Outside Gardens			
Elevator and Stairwell		Back door	Restrooms		
Room 3 Industry/ Business/ Schools Room	Hall way		Room 4 Colonial Home and Hearth Room		
Room 1 Historic Military Room			Room 2 Modern Military Room		
Ground Floor – Main Street Entrance					
Upper Floor - Historic Courtroom Judge's Bench/Clerk of Court's Desk Original Rear Wall Exposed Floor Section					
Archive Room	Palladian Window in Kitchen		Storage Room		
Men's Room			Ladies' Room		
Elevator/ Stairwell					

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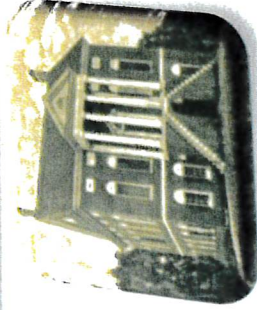


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Lancaster County Historic Courthouse Museum Lancaster, South Carolina

Self-Guided Tour

Schedule E



The 1828 courthouse was designed by Robert Mills, America's first native-trained architect, who designed many Washington, DC buildings, including the Washington Monument and the U.S. Treasury Building. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1973. The double barrel-vaulted ceilings downstairs are a signature design of Mills', providing not only beauty, but structural integrity for the upper floor. This is the third courthouse structure on this site, and was the first brick building in Lancaster, requiring 300,000 bricks hand-made on site by enslaved persons. The first floor brick walls are 24 inches thick and the upper floor walls are 18 inches thick. The courthouse was expanded with a rear addition in 1854.

Front of Historic Courthouse Building, outside

Confederate Soldier monument erected in 1909 by the Lancaster Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy at a cost of \$3,000. Reported to be the first granite monument sculpted in the South. The likeness/model was Lancaster native Amos McManus, Mexican War and Civil War veteran who fought in numerous Civil War battles including Manassas, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, where he was wounded. Was a Captain of the 'Lancaster Invincibles.' Was Sheriff of Lancaster County and served in the state legislature after the war.

Lower level – Historic Courthouse Museum

Modern Military Room (2)

Displays Armed Forces uniforms and military items and information from World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars and Operation Enduring Freedom, and generously donated by Lancaster County veterans and/or veterans' families. List of ex-Prisoners of War from the Catawba Chapter of Ex-POW's from Lancaster and three other counties. Display on Elliott White Springs, World War I flying ace.

Historic Military Room - exhibits (1)

Exhibits of Revolutionary War battles in the county – Buford's Massacre was the turning point for support in the backcountry, and Hanging Rock battle led the British to abandon the outpost. Displays on Andrew Jackson, our seventh President, containing his silver snuffbox and an original letter. An 1841 Militia Flag and 1861 Regimental Lancaster Invincibles Flag, one of the only known set of flags from one company.

Historic Military Room – wall drawings(1)

The magnificent wall drawings were discovered during a 1963 renovation when paint was scraped from the walls. Believed to have been drawn around 1865 when military prisoners and jail inmates were held here. In 1865 a detachment of Gen. William T. Sherman's troops, under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Kilpatrick, was returning north from Atlanta and set fire to the nearby jail, so inmates stayed here for years while repairs were made to the jail. Fortunately, the original fire-proof design of the ground floor prevented these historic drawings from being destroyed in the 2008 fire.

Colonial Home and Hearth Room (4)

Home industries such as spinning and weaving, and household items such as a rope bed, friendship quilt and china. Exhibits of wedding clothing and a church organ and signage on the First A. R. P. Church.

Industry/Business/Schools Room (3)

Springs Industries and Haile Gold Mine exhibits, photographic equipment and doctor's ledger and medical supplies. Displays of school artifacts and Lancaster sports figures. SC Supreme Court Chief Justice Ira B. Jones' desk, Jim Shore sculptures of important Lancaster buildings.

Arched Hallway - walls

The curved ceiling supports the upper floor. All interior walls are brick covered with plaster except for the exposed brick over the front door arch. The archway between the front and back halls provides the opportunity to see the 24-inch-thick walls as designed by Robert Mills. Directly above this archway on the upper floor is where the original Palladian window was located, as it was the rear of the 1828 building. The back hallway is part of the 1854 addition. Note the wall drawings at the arch on the back hallway wall.

Arched Hallway- exhibits

Front hallway - Lancaster's Vietnam memorial wall honors Lancaster natives born and buried in Lancaster who made the ultimate sacrifice. Portraits of notable Lancaster natives such as Governors, Astronaut Charles Duke, and artists Maurice Williams and Nina Mae McKinney.

Back hallway - set of original jail doors from the Historic Lancaster Jail, fireplace mantle from one of the many taverns that used to do business in Lancaster County, and signs and a pew from historic churches and cemeteries. The children's corner is located here.

Back of Historic Courthouse building, outside

The original front steps of the building were relocated after the 2008 fire to the back of the building as borders for the flower garden. Note the chips and notches which were caused by the citizens of Lancaster breaking their guns upon the steps to keep Gen. William T. Sherman's troops from using them.

Rear of the Historic Courthouse building,

White Street – The "Windows Through Time" sculpture and Memorial Garden - Bob Doster's sculpture pays homage to the historic Palladian window and the new Courthouse's Palladian window image. Honors fallen Lancaster Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMS Workers and Military Veterans.

Upper Level – Historic Courtroom

Judge's Bench and Clerk of Court's desk

The beautiful Judge's Bench is a reconstruction after the 2008 fire. The reconstructed Clerk of Court's desk is in front of the Judge's bench.

Original Rear Wall

Behind the Judge's Bench is a false door that originally led to the judge's chamber. Above the door, on the original back wall of the 1828 building is a panel exposing some of the original handmade bricks produced by enslaved people on-site to construct the building. Note the arch where the Palladian window was located until it was moved to the 1854 addition's back wall.

Exposed Floor Section

On the right near the front door is an exposed section in the floor showing one of the five turnbuckles, or tie-rods, added in 1885 when settlement cracks were observed in the building. Underneath the turnbuckle see the brick foundation of the upper floor, which is supported by the ground floor's vaulted ceilings. Also note the hand-hewn marks on the wooden joists. When outside the building, see hardware used to install the turnbuckles, added to provide stability to the main structure.

Kitchen

In the kitchen, view the Palladian window, considered among the finest in the Country. Robert Mills admired the work of Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. The window was relocated to the rear of the courthouse during the 1854 expansion. Fortunately, it suffered only minor damages during the 2008 fire.

Patriots of Color

Schedule F



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
9:45 A.M. UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

GENEALOGY
WORKSHOP

PRESENTATIONS FROM
DESCENDANTS OF
PATRIOTS OF COLOR

Q & A
SESSIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION
\$10 REGISTRATION COST
PREREGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 10 REQUIRED



Join us at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church located at 211 Marvin Road Indian Land, SC 29707



BURNED CHURCHES

IN THE

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A Public History Lecture with Bill Segars

Schedule G



During the American Revolution, churches throughout the Carolina backcountry were far more than places of worship. They served as centers of community life, gathering places for Patriots, and symbols of shared faith and identity. As the war intensified, many of these sacred spaces became deliberate targets, burned by British and Loyalist forces seeking to weaken resistance and intimidate local populations.

EVENT DETAILS

-  **March 17**
-  **7:00 p.m.**
-  **Lancaster Cultural Arts Center**
307 W Gay St, Lancaster, SC
-  **Lancaster, South Carolina**
-  **Free and open to the public**

WHY IT MATTERS

The burning of churches was not only an act of war, but an assault on belief, identity, and community life. Understanding these events offers deeper insight into the civilian experience of the American Revolution and the lasting legacy of sacrifice and perseverance in South Carolina history.



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