



# Cayce Historical Museum Fact Sheet

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## The Museum Building:

The main building in the Cayce Historical Museum complex is a replica of a trading post, which was built in the Cayce area in 1760 - 1765. That trading post was seized by the British during the American Revolution and was used as a fort. It was called Fort Granby.

## The Cayce Family:

In 1817, the trading post/fort was purchased by the Cayce family who used it as a private residence for nearly 100 years. "Uncle Billy" Cayce, as he was affectionately known, ran a general store near the railroad tracks in an area then known as Cayce Crossing. When citizens decided to incorporate the town in 1914, it was named for the Cayce family.

## Exhibits

Other exhibits include information on the locks on the Congaree River, the famous Doolittle raiders of World War II, an extensive Native American artifacts collections of over 8,000 items, and objects from the Civil War. There is also a 1749 detached kitchen on the grounds that is open for special living history events.

## Educational Tours:

All group tours and educational programs are free as long as they are scheduled in advance. Please allow a minimum of one week's notice when scheduling educational tours. You can book a group tour or educational program by e-mailing our staff at [gkirkland@caycesc.gov](mailto:gkirkland@caycesc.gov), [athomas@caycesc.gov](mailto:athomas@caycesc.gov) or calling us at 803-739-5385 or 803-550-9530.

## Cayce Fun Facts:

- Historical artifacts prove that Native Americans settled in the Midlands area more than 12,000 years ago, prior to European settlement.
- Patriot heroine, Emily Geiger, was captured near Fort Granby to be questioned by British troops. Geiger, who was 18 at the time, was carrying a message from Gen. Nathanael Greene to Gen. Thomas Sumter. Geiger memorized, shredded and ate the note she was delivering.
- The Columbia Metropolitan Airport was expanded during World War II to further serve the war effort. Volunteers trained here for the secret military mission "Doolittle Raid" over Tokyo.
- A local pharmacist donated a collection of more than 8,000 arrowheads, one of the largest in the US, to the Cayce Historical Museum.

## Open

The Museum is open to the public Tuesday – Friday from 9am until 4pm and on weekends from 2pm to 5pm unless a special event is scheduled. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Follow the Cayce Historical Museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information in all events. Admission is free to children under the age of 2 and is free for all ages on Sundays.