



# CAYCE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

## **The Cayce Historical Museum Fact Sheet**

### **Who We Are**

The Cayce Museum and Historical Commission promotes and protects the legacy of Cayce's past. This legacy encompasses the pre-contact and historic peoples and events that shaped the community. The Commission also endeavors to preserve places, documents, and artifacts of significance to that story through museum collections, exhibitions, programming, and the conservation of significant properties within the City of Cayce.

### **Governance and Budget**

The museum is a department of the City of Cayce, and the staff fall under the offices of the City Manager. The Cayce Museum and Historical Commission, a city commission, has 9 appointed members from the community who serve 3-year terms. It advises the museum staff on goals and objectives and provides guidance and assistance for museum activities and events. The Cayce Historical Foundation supports fundraising activities for the museum and contributes to the budget. The bulk of the museum budget, however, is set and funded by the City of Cayce.

### **Collections and Exhibits**

The museum displays artifacts and interprets the historical, social, and cultural heritage of the area. This includes the historical communities of Native American tribes (Congaree, Catawba, and Cherokee), the German and Swiss-German settlement of Saxe Gotha, the river port of Granby, and the current community of the City of Cayce. The Cayce Historical Museum houses an extensive collection of Native American artifacts. There are over 7,000 bifaces (projectile points), tools, and potsherds. Many items date to the Early Archaic Period, 8-10,000 years ago. Some of the Clovis Points are even older than that, dating back to the Paleo-Indian period. It's likely that most of these items originated in South Carolina, but this collection is expansive and some artifacts come from across the country. The Cayce Historical Museum exhibits also include colonial and American Revolutionary War objects, Civil War objects, an exhibit on the locks on the Congaree River, an exhibit on the famous Doolittle raiders of World War II, a section for changing exhibits, and an exhibit on the 1964 Cayce Dixie Youth World Series Champions. The

museum also has several outside structures and items. There is a historic smokehouse structure, a 1749 detached kitchen, a restored 1936 firetruck, and a railroad boxcar, 1938 rail speeder, and the business office/railroad depot originally from Dixiana.

### **History, Visitors, and Staff**

The museum was built in 1990 after a community effort to preserve the history of Cayce. Over 5,500 people visited the museum from 2022-2026. Most of the visitors, 75-90%, are local but there have been visitors from 24 other states and 4 international countries.

The museum currently has two full time staff members. The staff member's titles are Curator and Museum Office and Communications Associate.

### **Contact Information and Social Media**

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