



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 1765. That trading post was seized by the British during the American Revolution and was used as a fort. Once Americans regained control of the building, they named it Fort Granby.

The Museum is closed on Mondays, but open to the public during the remainder of the week from 9 AM to 4 PM and on weekends from 2 PM to 5 PM. Admission is free to children under the age of 2 and also free on Sunday afternoons.

The Cayce Family:

In 1817, the building 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.

Education:

- The [Interpreting Cultural Artifacts through Native American Pottery](#) uses the museum's collection of Native American artifacts – one of the largest collections in the Southeast – to explore the deep Native American history in the Midlands.
- The [Indigo in South Carolina and Midlands History](#) program uses the museum's collections and historic grounds to explore the importance of indigo, and indigo dyeing, in world history, South Carolina history, and Midlands history.
- Group tours and educational programs are free as long as they are scheduled in advance. You can book a group tour or educational program by e-mailing our staff at gkirkland@caycesc.gov or calling 803-739-5385.

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 is where the Doolittle Raiders practiced for Pearl Harbor bombing in WWII.
- A local pharmacist donated a collection of more than 8,000 arrowheads, one of the largest in the US, to the Cayce Historical Museum.