

Historic Winnsboro

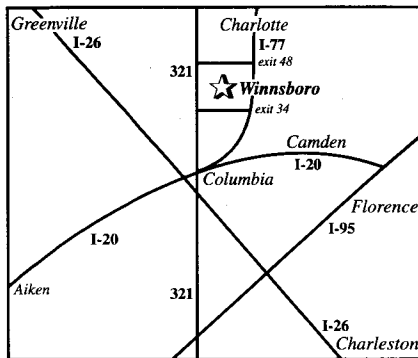
Winnsboro, settled before the Revolution, is home to almost 50 antebellum structures. The town's central core is listed as an Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places.

Among sites of interest are the Robert Mills-designed Court House (1822), the town hall (antebellum mansion) and the town clock building (1833).

Fairfield County

Located in the town of Ridgeway and rural Fairfield are more than 100 homes and churches that predate 1870.

The Fairfield County Museum can provide maps and information on the landmarks of town and country.



Winnsboro is located on U.S. 321.
I-77 travelers can take Exits 34 or 48 West.

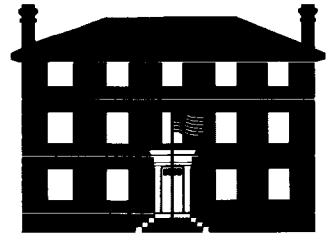
Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.,
Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Special hours by appointment.

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Fairfield County
Museum
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Located on
South Congress Street in
Historic Winnsboro,
South Carolina

Listed in the National
Register of Historic Places c. 1830



Free Admission

The Building

The Fairfield County Museum is housed in an elegantly simple Federal style house built for Richard Cathcart in the early 19th century.

A three-story brick structure, the house retains its original heart pine floors and hand-carved woodwork.

In 1852, artist George Ladd and his wife Catherine acquired the building to operate a girls' school. Enrollment reached 100 young ladies before the school was forced to close by the War Between the States.

Priscilla Ketchin and her family made their home here from the 1870's until Mrs. Ketchin's death in 1911. Subsequently, the building became rental property, a public school, a hotel and a boarding house.



In 1969, the property was deeded to Fairfield County to be restored. Restoration was completed in 1974 under the auspices of the Fairfield County Historical Commission

and Fairfield County Historical Society, using government and private funds.

The landmark Cathcart-Ketchin building opened its doors on March 15, 1976, as the Fairfield County Museum.

The Museum

The main floor of the museum is maintained as an historic house with antique furnishings in period rooms. Other floors exhibit collections related to Fairfield County history. Museum collections include 19th century clothing and quilts, Victorian accessories, toys, Indian and military artifacts, tools, kitchen and sewing implements, banking and commerce displays.



Genealogy Services

Genealogy is an important museum activity. Volunteers maintain an extensive library of wills, estate papers on microfilm, cemetery records, histories of area families and land grant information. Visitors and letters come from across the United States seeking information. The genealogy staff conducts constant correspondence to satisfy these inquiries. The genealogy staff is at the museum on Wednesdays and is available on call.

Museum Events

Traditional events at the museum include community and school art exhibitions and the Candlelight Open House in December. Special exhibitions fill out the museum calendar each year.