Today's History Trail

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Spartanburg County Foundation

The Spartanburg County Historical Association explores and preserves our region's history by collecting and sharing the stories and artifacts of the people who shaped that history.

Upstate Forever is a conservation organization with a mission to protect critical lands, waters, and the unique character of the Upstate of South Carolina.

SPACE, The Spartanburg Area Conservancy, is a non-profit conservation organization whose purpose is to protect and preserve natural areas of ecological, historical, and aesthetic value to enhance the quality of life for all residents and future generations.

The Tyger River Foundation promotes, protects, and restores the natural and historic resources of the Tyger River Basin and encourage an active outdoor lifestyle.

The Balmer Foundation is a Spartanburg County Foundation supporting organization, committed to the charitable and philanthropic endeavors of Hans and Lucia Balmer.

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"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."

Robert Penn Warren

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As we head toward today's first stop at Anderson Mill, we will pass by two properties of historic significance...

**Pleasant Falls**

100 Riveredge Drive, Moore, SC

Currently a private residence, Pleasant Falls was built by Captain David Anderson (born January 1, 1811), the son of James Mason Anderson and Mary “Polly” Miller, grandson of Major David Anderson of Revolutionary fame and great-grandson of William Anderson, the original Anderson settler on the Tyger River. (According to A History of the Anderson Family 1706-1955)

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**Nesbitt Farm**

3001 Walnut Grove Road
Roebuck, SC

The Nesbitt community was once located between Walnut Grove and Woodruff. A land grant from the king of England to Robert Rogers included around 200 acres, split by the Tyger River. The land was later sold to the Nesbitt family. At one time a post office called Nesbitt's Store operated on the property. The area became a thriving community with a two-story cotton gin, mill, sawmill, and lumber planing mill. After the Civil War, the farm had grown to over 1,000 acres, and provided homes for around 28 families including share croppers and tenant farmers. Though the bustling community is now part of history, the Nesbitt Farmhouse and outbuildings still exist.

The Tyger River Foundation has opened the Nesbitt Shoals Nature Park offering the first public river access point on the Tyger River. The park is private property, open to the public, that offers an opportunity for Spartanburg County residents and visitors to enjoy access to the beauty of the Tyger River.
Price House
1200 Oakview Farms Rd
Woodruff, SC

The Price House, was built c. 1800 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina by Thomas and Ann Price. Mr. Price was a significant landowner with 2,000 acres to his name. It was also known as Price's Post Office. The property, also known as Price's Post Office, was once a hub of activity. Located along one of the state's early roadways, Thomas Price, one of Spartanburg County's earliest entrepreneurs, sold general merchandise, food staples, wine, rum, and whiskey in a store located next to his house and operated the local post office inside the store. Price also kept a tavern and inn that provided food, drink, and lodging to travelers. The history of the this site is shared by the families of the 28 enslaved people who helped create that history.

Nazareth Presbyterian Church
680 Nazareth Church Rd, Moore, SC

Nazareth Presbyterian Church celebrated its 250th Anniversary on May 21, 2022. It was formally organized in 1772, with a log structure first housing the congregants that first met in area homes. The current church was built in 1832 with timber and stone from the local land and bricks made from the mud of the Middle Tyger River.

Local resident Carroll Caldwell can trace his family's presence in the church through seven generations to the original land grant that eventually became the church property. More than 100 of his ancestors are buried in the historic 6.5 acre cemetery. The church currently serves a congregation of about 230, with seating for 300 in the sanctuary.

content excerpted from "Moore’s Nazareth Presbyterian Church celebrates 250 years, role in county history," written by Steve Wong for the Spartanburg Herald Journal.
Anderson's Mill

5255 Anderson Mill Rd, Moore, SC 29369

Anderson Mill, an historic water-powered gristmill on the North Tyger River near Fairmont in Spartanburg County is the oldest standing mill in South Carolina. It is the site of the establishment of Spartanburg County in a court held in the Spartanburg District on the third Monday in June 1785 so is considered the birthplace of Spartanburg County government.

The Tyger River Foundation is restoring this site with historic authenticity. The effort includes merging modern safety and building codes with historically accurate materials - right down to the hand-hammered square head nails used.

Eventually, the site will be an educational center with a working grist mill.

Walnut Grove

1200 Otts Shoals Rd
Roebuck, SC

Walnut Grove Plantation recounts how free and enslaved people settled the South Carolina Backcountry, fought for independence, and built a new nation.

Charles & Mary Moore established the plantation c. 1767. They raised ten children in the house they built and lived in for 40 years. Mr. Moore relied on a dozen enslaved African Americans and his own large family to work his sizable farm. During the Revolutionary War, the Moores, including daughter Margaret Barry, supported the Patriot cause. Local militia mustered at Walnut Grove prior to the Battle of Cowpens. Loyalist William “Bloody Bill” Cunningham raided the plantation in November 1781 and killed a Patriot soldier sheltered by the Moores.

In addition to the home and outlying buildings, visitors can also view the property’s cemetery, walk our nature trail, or enjoy a picnic at the pavilion.

Help preserve the history of Walnut Grove for the next generation...