

South Carolina

LOCALITY GUIDE

Background

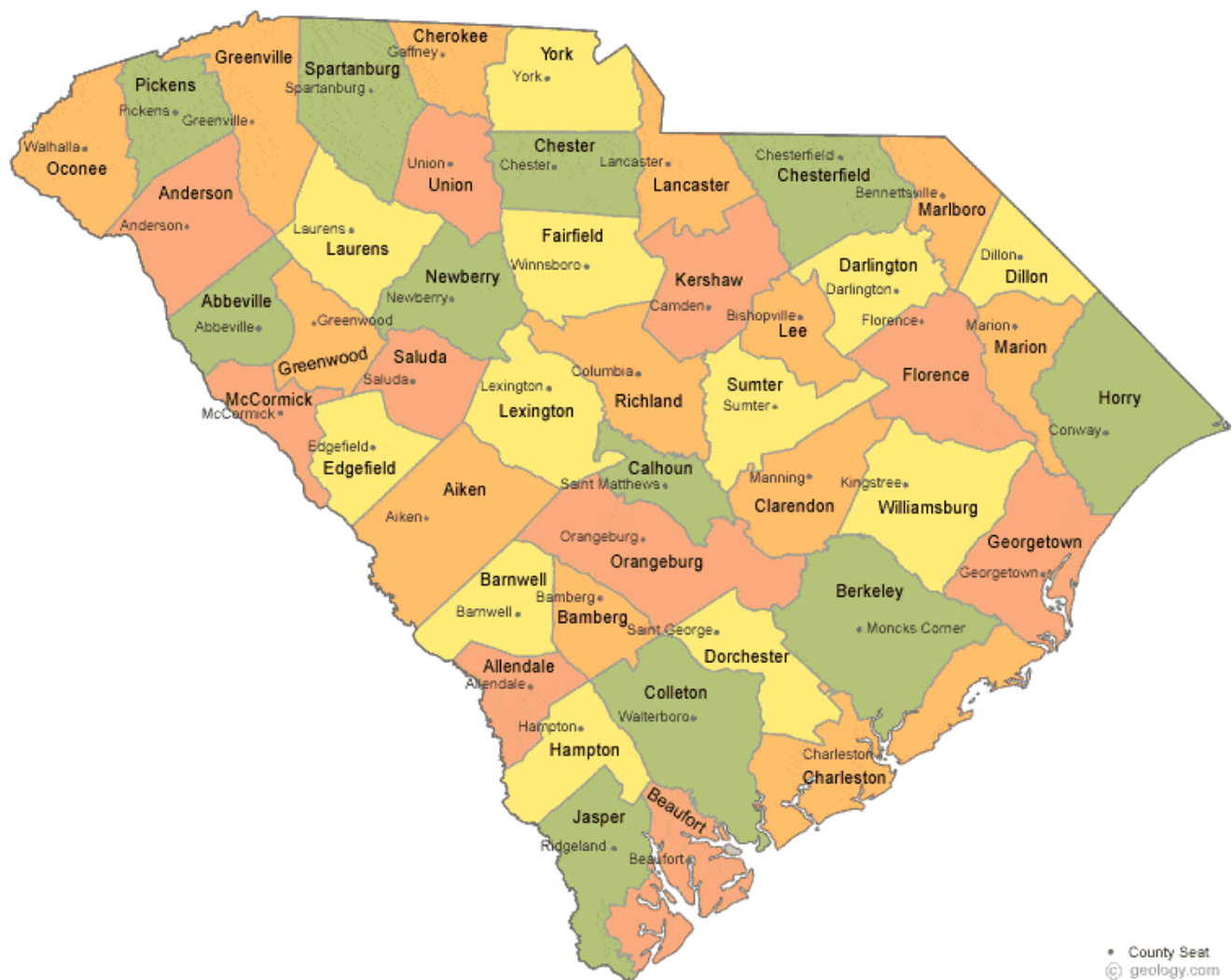
Quick Facts

- **Capital**
 - Charles Town / Charleston (colonial to 1786)
 - Columbia (1786-present)
- **Largest City:** Charleston
- **Borders:** North Carolina to the north, Georgia on south and west
- **First permanent settlement:** 1670 at Albemarle Point near Charleston
- **Boundary change:** North Carolina split off in 1729
- **Statehood:** 23 May 1788
- **Land Type:** State Land (when the state was admitted to the union in 1788, unclaimed land was granted by the state, not the federal government)
- **Birth/Death Registration:** 1 September 1914
- **Marriage Registration:** 1911
- **Nickname:** Palmetto State
- **Known for:** coastline, lush gardens, historic sites and Southern plantations, colonial, African and European cultures, etc. (Wikipedia)

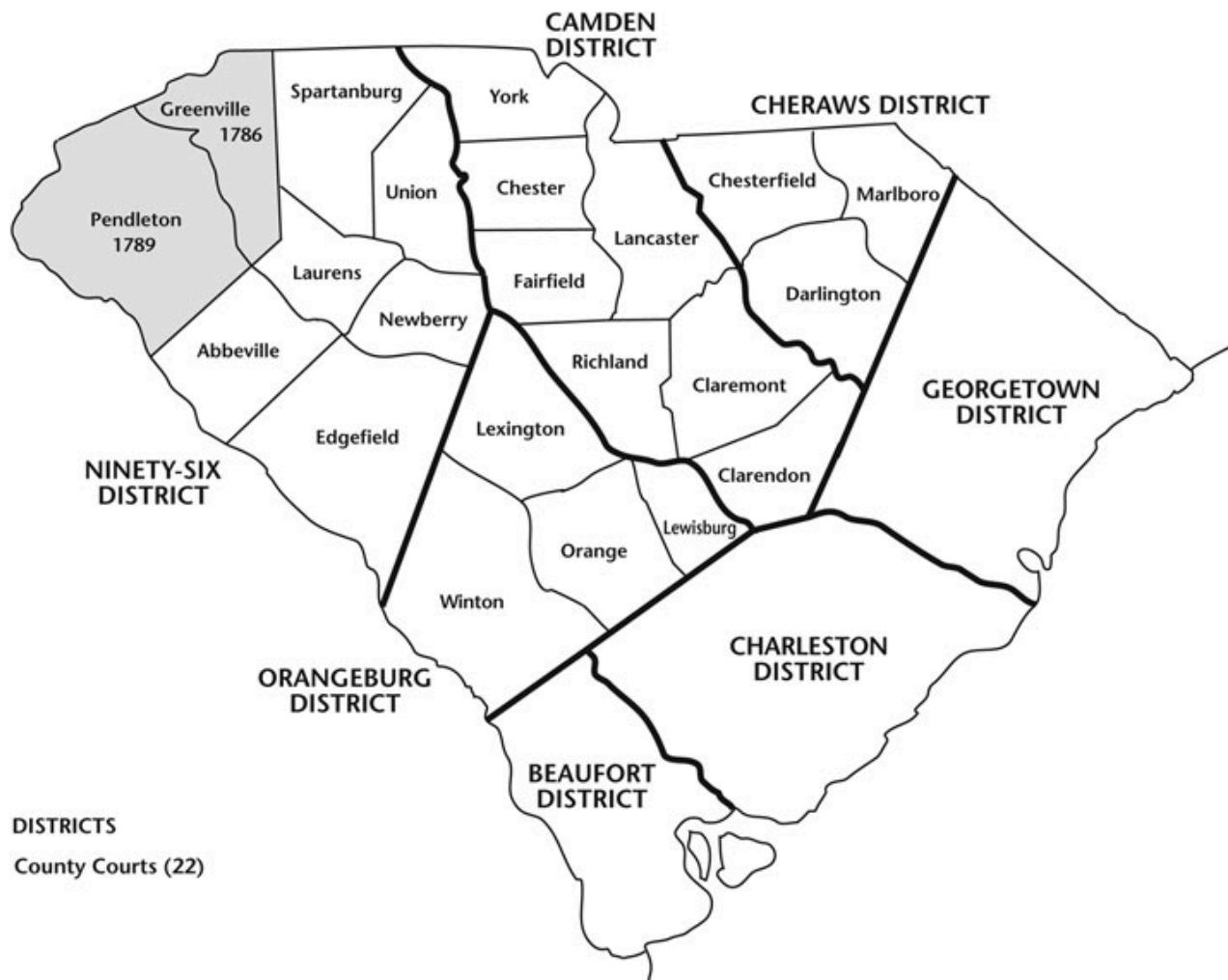
Online Research Guides

- [South Carolina, United States Genealogy](#) FamilySearch Wiki
- <http://sciway3.net/scgenweb/>
- <https://www.sciway.net/hist/genealogy/>
- [South Carolina family history research page at Ancestry.com](#) includes collections, history, and resources
- [South Carolina Resources](#) - PDF state research guide from Ancestry.com

Maps



<https://geology.com/county-map/south-carolina.shtm>



<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/guide/CountyRecords/1786.htm>

Map Collections

- [South Carolina Maps](#) - UsGenWeb Archives
- [South Carolina History Maps by Location](#) - SciWay
- [South Carolina Maps](#) - David Rumsey Map Collection
- [South Carolina maps and data](#) - Univ. of SC
- <https://mapgeeks.org/southcarolina/> - animated map of county formation with additional links and maps
- [Maps showing the formation of the counties](#) - SC Archives

Boundary Changes

- <https://www.mapofus.org/southcarolina/> - animated map of county formation
- <https://mapgeeks.org/southcarolina/> - animated map of county formation with additional links and maps

About county boundary changes (from [Pendleton District, Wikipedia article](#))

- In the colonial period, the land around the coast was divided into parishes corresponding to the parishes of the Church of England.
- There were also several counties that had judicial and electoral functions.
- As people settled the backcountry, judicial districts and additional counties were formed. This structure continued and grew after the Revolutionary War.
- In 1800, all counties were renamed as districts.
- In 1868, the districts were converted back to counties.

FamilySearch Wiki list of parishes and townships:

Colonial Parishes

[All Saints](#) · [Christ Church](#) · [Prince Frederick](#) · [Prince George](#) · [Prince William](#) · [St. Andrew's](#) · [St. Bartholomew's](#) · [St. David's](#) · [St. George Dorchester](#) · [St. Helena's](#) · [St. James Goose Creek](#) · [St. James Santee](#) · [St. John's Berkeley](#) · [St. John's Colleton](#) · [St. Luke's](#) · [St. Mark's](#) · [St. Matthew's](#) · [St. Michael's](#) · [St. Paul's](#) · [St. Peter's](#) · [St. Philip's](#) · [St. Stephen's](#) · [St. Thomas and St. Denis](#)

Colonial Townships

[Amelia](#) · [Congaree](#) · [Edisto](#) · [Fredericksburg](#) · [Hillsborough](#) · [Kingston](#) · [Kings Town](#) · [Londonborough](#) · [New Windsor](#) · [Orangeburgh](#) · [Purrysburg](#) · [Queensboro](#) · [Queensborough](#) · [Saxe-Gotha](#) · [The Welsh Tract](#) · [Williamsburg](#)

Timeline of Major Events

Timeline of South Carolina from [WorldAtlas](#)

- 1526 - Spanish settlement, San Miguel de Guadalupe near Winyah Bay; failed within one year
- 1562 - French attempted settlement of Charlesfort on Parris Island; failed within one year
- 1566 - Spanish built coastal forts to discourage French settlements
- 1629 - King Charles I granted charter to Sir Robert Heath for all territory between 31° and 36° N (from Albemarle Sound in North Carolina to Jekyll Island off Georgia's coast)
- 1670 - First permanent English settlements and capital city, Charles Town, (Charleston) founded; City Assembly established tax-supported free library
- 1712 Territory of Carolina divided into North and South; each had own governor
- (1721) South Carolina became Crown Colony; General Sir Francis Nicholson appointed governor
- (1730 - 1739) About 20,000 enslaved Africans brought to South Carolina
- (1747) Treaty signed with Choctaw Indians; treaty established trade with Choctaws for not attacking French settlements
- (1761) Cherokee War ended; Treaty opened land for settlement; Bounty Act offered public land tax free for 10 year in Up Country, settlers began to move in
- (1769) Nine judicial district established
- (1775) Carolina's First Provincial Congress met
- (1776) First major battle of the Revolution; 15 British warships, 1,500 troops attack Ft. Moultrie, forced away; Declaration of Independence arrived in Charles Town
- (1777) New state government required each male citizen to denounce King, pledge loyalty to state
- (1778) Major fire in Charles Town destroyed many building, arson suspected
- (1780) British troops landed on Seabrook Island, warships anchored within broadside range of Charles Town, Army crossed Ashley river and established line of breastworks; encircled civilian population; siege lasted 40 days; Charles Town surrendered to British
- (1782) British Army defeated; left Charles Town
- (1783) Charles Town renamed Charleston
- (1786) Capital moved from Charleston to Columbia
- (1788) South Carolina became 8th state
- (1830) First steam locomotive in U.S. began passenger route service between Charleston and Hamburg, South Carolina
- (1860) South Carolina first state to secede from the Union prior to Civil War
- (1861) First shots of Civil War fired by Confederate forces upon Ft. Sumter; Union forces sunk "Stone Fleet" in Charleston harbor channel
- (1868) South Carolina readmitted to Union; new Constitution written; Sen. B.F. Randolph murdered by radical whites in Abbeville County
- (1925) New dance craze in Charleston's pubs, dance halls began, spread across nation, named "Charleston"

- (1963) Rivers High School in Charleston became first racially integrated high school in South Carolina
- (2000) South Carolina removed last Confederate flag flying above U S Statehouse

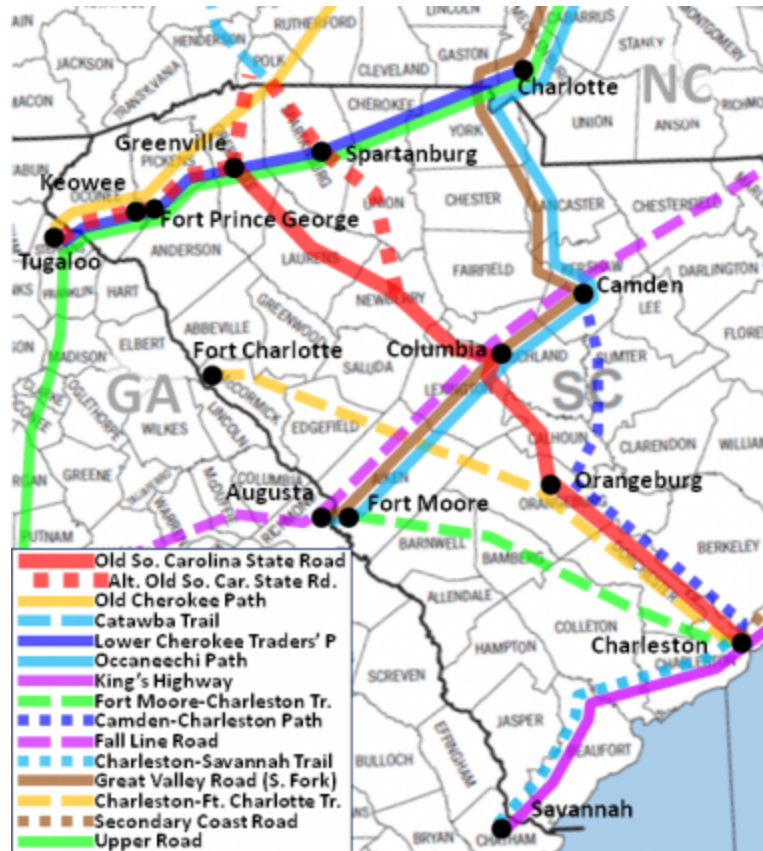
History

Major Periods of South Carolina History, from SCLway.net

- [Colonial](#) - 1670-1774
- [Revolutionary War](#) - 1775-1783
- [Antebellum](#) - 1784-1860
- [Civil War](#) - 1861-1865
- [Reconstruction](#) - 1865-1876
- Bourbon - 1877-1889 – [1886 Charleston Earthquake](#)
- [Populist](#) - 1890-1915
- [Modern](#) - after 1915

Migration Routes





Old South Carolina State Road - connected seaport of Charleston with other parts of SC
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Old_South_Carolina_State_Road

List of Migration Routes from the FamilySearch Wiki article [“South Carolina Migration”](#)

- Savannah River
- [Augusta and Cherokee Trail](#)
- [Augusta-Savannah Trail](#)
- [Augusta-St. Augustine Trail](#)
- [Camden-Charleston Path](#)
- [Catawba and Northern Trail](#)
- [Catawba Trail](#)
- [Charleston-Ft. Charlotte Trail](#)
- [Charleston-Savannah Trail](#)
- [Cisca and St. Augustine Trail](#) (or Nickajack Trail)
- [Coosa-Tugaloo Indian Warpath](#)
- [Fall Line Road](#) (or Southern Road)
- [Fort Charlotte and Cherokee Old Path](#)
- [Fort Moore-Charleston Trail](#)
- [Great Valley Road](#)
- [King's Highway](#)

- [Lower Cherokee Traders' Path](#)
- [Lower Creek Trading Path](#)
- [\[Middle Creek Trading Path\]](#)
- [Occaneechi Path](#)
- [Old Cherokee Path](#)
- [Old South Carolina State Road](#)
- [Savannah-Jacksonville Trail](#)
- [Secondary Coast Road](#)
- [Tugaloo-Apalachee Bay Trail](#)
- [Unicoi Trail](#)
- [Upper Road](#)

Law and Government

- [A digest of the laws of South-Carolina: 1822](#) at Google Books
- [Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962](#) at Google Books
- [Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1922](#) at Google Books
- [What doth it profit a man...](#) at The Legal Genealogist - post about profits, taxes, South Carolina law
- [Unsettled and unsettling laws](#) at The Legal Genealogist - post about South Carolina's Vagrant Act after the Civil War

Libraries and Archives

- [South Carolina State Archives](#)
- [South Carolina State Library](#)
- [South Carolina Historical Society](#)
- [South Carolina Archives and History Foundation](#)
- [South Carolina Genealogical Society](#)
- [South Carolina Digital Library](#)
- [University of South Carolina – Digital Collections](#)
- [The National Archives at Atlanta](#): Federal records from South Carolina
- [South Caroliniana Library](#)

Genealogical Societies and Publications

- South Carolina Genealogical Society - <http://www.scgen.org/>
- [Archives of the South Carolina Genealogical Society](#) - at the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Research Library. Research Library is located at 104 Courthouse Square in Edgefield, in the Tompkins Memorial Library.
- [The South Carolina magazine of ancestral research](#) at FamilySearch Library in SLC

Record Loss and Burned Counties

List of South Carolina Counties with record loss from FamilySearch Wiki article [“Places with Historic Record Loss”](#) including links to the wiki articles about them

- [Cheraw District, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Chesterfield County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Colleton County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Darlington County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Georgetown County South Carolina genealogy](#)
- [Lexington County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Ninety-Six District, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Orangeburg County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)
- [Richland County, South Carolina Genealogy](#)

Local History

- Bartram, William. Travels through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, the Cherokee Country, the Extensive Territories of the Muscogulges or Creek Confederacy, and the Country of the Choctaws. (Philadelphia and London, 1791-1792.) [FHL book 921.73 B286b](#). Digital version at [Google Books](#).
- South Carolina: A Short History 1520-1948 is an especially helpful source for studying the history of South Carolina.
- Wallace, David Duncan, South Carolina: A Short History 1520-1948 (Columbia, South Carolina,: University of South Carolina Press, 1951) [FHL book 975.7 H2ws](#)
- [The history of South-Carolina, from its first settlement in 1670, to the year 1808](#) Statement of Responsibility: By David Ramsay
- [History of South Carolina edited by Yates Snowden](#) ; in collaboration with H. G. Cutler ; an editorial advisory board including special contributors
- [The history of South Carolina](#) by David Duncan Wallace
- [Origins of the first South Carolinians Authors](#): Lesser, Charles H. (Main Author) Underwood, Peter (view in FHC only)
- [Ancestry.com collection of South Carolina Stories, Memories, & Histories](#) - links to 54 databases include biographical sketches, genealogies, etc.

Record Collections

General Collections

Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, MyHeritage.com, FindMyPast.com etc. catalog titles about the locality

- [South Carolina GenWeb](#)
- [South Carolina Research page](#) at Ancestry.com
- [South Carolina Search page](#) at FamilySearch

Bible Records and Compiled Genealogies

- Draper Manuscript Collection. Look for South Carolina ancestors 1740-1830 in the [Draper Manuscript Collection](#). These manuscripts cover the history of the "trans-Allegheny West," a region including the west Carolinas and Virginia, all the Ohio River Valley, and part of the upper Mississippi Valley. There are 491 volumes of partially-indexed manuscripts, papers, and books.
- [Mid-south Bible records](#) Authors: Daughters of the American Revolution. Fort Assumption Chapter (Memphis, Tennessee) (Added Author) Includes Bible records from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia. Includes surname index.
- [Miscellaneous Bible and cemetery records](#) by Daughters of the American Revolution (Florida). Genealogical Records Committee (Main Author) - from many states. Digitized microfilm
- [Oklahoma bible records](#) Authors: Daughters of the American Revolution (Oklahoma). Genealogical Records Committee (Added Author) - includes many other states - North, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, etc.
- [Bible records from the Southern states](#) Statement of Responsibility: compiled by Memory A. Lester
- [The Carolina genealogist compilation](#) Authors: Warren, Mary Bondurant (Added Author) - transcriptions of early court minutes and newspapers.
- [Genealogical collection](#) Authors: Daughters of the American Revolution (South Carolina) (Main Author) - many digitized microfilms with various compiled records including newspaper extracts, wills, deeds, etc. Many volumes are individually indexed.
- [Genealogical correspondence : collection of the late Leonardo Andrea](#) Authors: Andrea, Leonardo, 1899-1966 (Main Author) - North and South Carolina genealogy - must be viewed at a FHC
- [The Andrea Files](#) - South Carolina Genealogical Research - Leonard Andrea was a professional genealogist. This website is an index/abstract of the records in the Andrea Files. Surnames listed alphabetically in three groups - Index to Files, Folders, and resources. Use the website to see if the surname you're interested in is included then obtain copies at the FHC.

- [South Carolina genealogical records, 1700-1970](#) Authors: Daughters of the American Revolution (South Carolina). Genealogical Records Committee (Main Author)
- [South Carolina genealogies : articles from the South Carolina historical \(and genealogical\) magazine](#) Title Also Known As: South Carolina historical and genealogical magazine South Carolina historical magazine Authors: Cannon, Margaret H. (Added Author) South Carolina Historical Society (Added Author) - view at a FHC
- [Ancestry.com collection of South Carolina Stories, Memories, & Histories](#) - links to 54 databases include biographical sketches, genealogies, etc.

Cemetery Records

- [FindAGrave listing of Cemeteries by County](#) in SC
- <http://www.usgwtombstones.org/southcarolina/scarolina.html>
- South Carolina Cemetery Records <http://www.interment.net/us/sc/index.htm>
- South Carolina Cemeteries https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/South_Carolina_Cemeteries
- [Billiongraves.com South Carolina Cemeteries](#)
- [Cemetery Junction South Carolina](#)
- [I Dream of Genealogy South Carolina](#)
- [S.C. Cemetery Project](#), courtesy: [South Carolina Genealogical Society](#).

Census Records and Substitutes

Links to different types of censuses: federal, state, town, colonial, territorial, census substitutes, etc.

About

- Federal Census records begin in 1790 and are mostly complete
 - Richland District missing for 1800 census
 - 1850 census of York and Lexington districts indicates county of birth in addition to state for all people
- State Census
 - No full colonial censuses
 - 1829 state census of Fairfield and Laurens districts
 - 1839 state census of Kershaw and Chesterfield districts
 - 1869 state census complete except Clarendon, Oconee, and Spartanburg counties
 - 1875 state census includes the following counties:
 - Clarendon
 - Newberry
 - Marlboro
 - Partial: Abbeville
 - Partial: Beaufort
 - Partial: Fairfield
 - Partial: Lancaster

- Partial: Sumter

Collections

- [South Carolina. Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index. 1790-1890](#), Ancestry.com
- [Index to the 1800 Census of South Carolina](#)
- [Free Blacks and Mulattos in South Carolina 1850 Census](#)
- [Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: South Carolina](#)
- [U.S.. Census Records and Cherokee Muster Rolls. 1835-1838](#)

Church Records

[South Carolina - a guide to churches](#): by Theresa M. Hicks - book at FHL

Episcopal / Church of England

- [Letters from North and South Carolina to England regarding the conditions of the Church of England. 1712-1781](#) Authors: Church of England (Main Author) - microfilm at FHL
- [Episcopal transactions. 1795-c.1870](#)
- [An historic church : The Westminster Abbey of South Carolina. A sketch of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, S.C., from the establishment of the Church of England under the royal charter of 1665 to the present time \(July, 1897\)](#)
- [State convention records of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of South Carolina. 1804-1912](#)
- Various Parishes at FHL
 - [The annals and parish register of St. Thomas and St. Denis Parish, in South Carolina : from 1680 to 1884](#)
 - [Minutes of the vestry of St. Matthew's Parish, South Carolina, 1767-1838](#)
 - [Prince Frederick Winyah, 1729-1763 : W.P.A. Project 165-33-7172](#)
 - [The Register book for the parish Prince Frederick Winyaw, Ann: Dom: 1713](#)
 - [The Register book for the parish Prince Frederick Winyaw, Ann: Dom: 1713](#)

Presbyterian

- [History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina](#) by George Howe, 1965, at Archive.org
- [Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia](#)
- [Inventory of the church archives of South Carolina Presbyterian Churches](#) Statement of Responsibility: Works Progress Administration Authors: Historical Records Survey (South Carolina) (Added Author) - FHL microfilm
- [Inventory of the church archives of South Carolina Presbyterian Churches](#) : 1969 arrangement with indexes Statement of Responsibility: prepared by South Carolina Historical Records Survey, Works Progress Administration - FHL microfilm
- [Records of the Willtown Presbyterian Church, S.C.: 1747-1841](#)
- [Transcript of presbytery minutes, 1732-1786](#)

Catholic

- [Catholicity in the Carolinas and Georgia : leaves of its history](#)

Baptist

- [Minutes of the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina](#), at its thirtieth anniversary, held at Pendleton, December 7th-10th, 1850 and its adjourned meeting, held at Furman Institution, June 15, 1850 by South Carolina Baptist Convention at Archive.org
- [Minutes of the ... annual session of the Eastern District Association of Denominated Primitive Baptists](#)
- [Minutes of meetings, 1883-1886; treasurer's reports, 1883-1889; financial statement, 1899-1918](#)
- Orangeburg Association, First Union Division
- Cashaway, Mechanicville, Mt Pleasant
 - [Church records, 1756-1778](#)
 - [Church records, 1767-1805](#)
- [Church records, 1813-1837](#) Hopewell
- [Church records, 1821-1911](#) Washington
- [Church records, 1830-1862](#) Old Mispah
- [Church records, 1832-1901](#) Neal's Creek
- [Church records, 1858-1879](#) Great Saltketcher
- [Church records, 1859-1939](#) Perfect

Quaker

- [Quakers in South Carolina](#) : Wateree and Bush River, Cane Creek, Piney Grove and Charleston meetings Statement of Responsibility: Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., editor
- [Early Quaker records of South Carolina, 1750-1815](#)
- [Quakers in the South Carolina backcountry : Wateree and Bush River](#)

Methodist

- [About obtaining Methodist Records](#) at FamilySearch Wiki
- [United Methodist Church General Commission on Archives and History](#) website
- [The American Methodism Project](#) at Archive.org
- [Guide to researching your united Methodist Ancestors](#)
- [Early Methodism in the Carolinas](#) - history at Archive.org
- [Church register, 1817-1882 Lynch's Creek Circuit](#)
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Lutheran

- [Records of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church : Newberry County, South Carolina](#)

Court Records

History of South Carolina Courts (FamilySearch Wiki article [South Carolina Court Records](#))

- To 1769: proprietary and crown courts convened at Charleston, known as General Court and the Grand Council
- 1769-1772 circuit court system began, judicial districts began to keep records for some courts, records still filed in Charleston
- After 1780 - records filed in various courthouses
- Major Courts (not including probate courts)
 - 1671-1790s: Court of Chancery handled land and inheritance matters for the entire colony. The Family History Library has some chancery court records, later known as equity records.
 - 1703-present: Court of Common Pleas was a statewide court until 1790 when each district established a separate court with jurisdiction over guardianship and civil matters. The Family History Library has many of these records.
 - 1769-present: Circuit courts have had district or county wide jurisdiction in criminal cases and some civil cases. Many of these records, on microfilm, are at the Family History Library.
 - 1769-present: Court of General Sessions was a statewide court until 1790, when each district established a separate court. These courts had jurisdiction over criminal cases. The Family History Library has a good collection of these records on microfilm.
 - 1785-1798: County courts had jurisdiction over minor civil and criminal matters. The Family History Library has many of these records. (The records of the county courts temporarily established in 1683 no longer exist).
 - 1791-1900: Courts of equity had county wide jurisdiction over property matters. Many of the records are available at the Family History Library.

Reference: [South Carolina court records : an introduction for genealogists](#) by Alexia J. Helsley and Michael E. Stauffer

Databases and Records online

- [Criminal Court Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History](#), index
- [South Carolina Black Sheep Ancestors](#)
- [Colonial writs of partition](#) Format: Journal Article, FHL online and [part 2](#)
- [Minutes, Circuit and District court, District of South Carolina](#), 1789- 1849; and index to judgements, Circuit and District court, 1792-1874 Authors: United States. Circuit Court (South Carolina District) (Main Author) - FHL digitized microfilm
- [Records from South Carolina federal district court](#) Format: Journal Article- digitized
- [Records of the field offices for the state of South Carolina, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands](#), 1865-1872 : NARA, RG 105, M1910 Authors: United States. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (Main Author) - digitized and many are indexed
- [South Carolina bankruptcies](#) : a list Format: Journal Article

- [Records from South Carolina federal district court](#) Format: Journal Article
- [Combined alphabetical index, 1695-1925 \[to early SC land records at the archives\]](#): consolidated index & spindex Authors: South Carolina. Department of Archives and History (Main Author) - indexes land and property, court, tax (1824 only) & Revolutionary War records, etc. to 1931.

Microfilm or FHL only

- [Surrogate's records, 1776-1783](#) Authors: South Carolina. Surrogate Court (Ninty Six District) (Main Author) - view at FHC only and FHL microfilm
- [Abstracts of general sessions court case rolls](#) : Washington District, South Carolina, 1792-1799; Greenville County, South Carolina, 1787-1799 Statement of Responsibility: by Anne K. McCuen, Jane E. Kirkman, Penelope Forrester - microfilm at FHL
- [Court records, 1716-1732](#) Authors: [South Carolina \(Colony\)](#) Court of Vice-admiralty (Main Author) - microfilm
- [The jury lists of South Carolina, 1778-1779](#) Statement of Responsibility: compiled by Ge Lee Corley Hendrix and Morn McKoy Lindsay
- [Minutes, Circuit and District of South Carolina, 1789-1849](#) and index to judgments, Circuit and District Courts, 1792-1874 : National Archives microfilm publications pamphlet describing M1181 Statement of Responsibility: National Archives and Records Service
- [Pre-federal Admiralty Court records](#), province and state of South Carolina, 1716-1789 Authors: South Carolina. Court of Vice-Admiralty (Main Author)
- [Records of the Court of Chancery of South Carolina, 1671-1779](#) Statement of Responsibility: edited by Anne King Gregorie ; with an introd. by J. Nelson Frierson
- [South Carolina jury lists, 1718 through 1783](#): compiled by Mary Bondurant Warren
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Ethnic Records

[South Carolina African Americans](#) FamilySearch Wiki Article

[Native Americans in South Carolina](#) FamilySearch Wiki Article

Immigration and Naturalization

[Florida and South Carolina, Airplane Arrival Manifests, 1944-1945](#)

[South Carolina, Charleston U.S. Citizens Passenger Lists, 1919-1948](#)

[South Carolina, Georgetown, Passenger Lists, 1904-1942](#)

Ancestry.com collections

[U.S., Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates, 1916-1940](#)

320,331

South Carolina, Passenger Lists, 1906-1962	140,501
South Carolina, Naturalization Records, 1868-1991	105,952
U.S., Southeast Coastwise Inward and Outward Slave Manifests, 1790-1860	55,974
Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775	50,955
Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830	334
South Carolina Naturalizations 1783-1850	261
A Compilation of the Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763-1773	163
Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772	138

Land Records

[South Carolina, Freedmen's Bureau Field Office Records, 1865-1872](#) at FamilySearch
[South Carolina, Darlington County Records, 1798-1928](#) at FamilySearch

Ancestry.com Collections - Wills, probates, land, tax and criminal	
South Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1670-1980	231,784
U.S., Freedmen's Bureau Records of Field Offices, 1863-1878	27,526
Web: U.S., Slave Era Insurance Policies Index, 1640-1865	682
Warrants for Land in South Carolina, 1692-1711	263
Indexes to the County Wills of South Carolina	249
Warrants for Land in South Carolina, 1680-1692	224
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North Carolina Land Grants in South Carolina	190
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[Revolutionary War Land Grants](#) at Ancestry.com

Legislative Records

- [The laws of the province of South Carolina, in two parts](#)
- [The public laws of the state of South Carolina, from its first establishment as a British province to the year 1790, inclusive](#)
- [Gentlemen of the bar, lawyers in colonial South Carolina](#)
- [The First laws of the state of South Carolina](#)
- [Journals of the House of Representatives](#) - South Carolina General Assembly, House of Representatives

Military Records

[South Carolina Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865](#) at FamilySearch

[South Carolina, Confederate Home Records, 1909-1958](#) at FamilySearch

[United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers 1818-1872](#) at FamilySearch

Ancestry.com Collections

U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865	2,049,383
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U.S., Lists of Men Ordered to Report to Local Board for Military Duty, 1917-1918	613,480
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U.S., Confederate Service Records, 1861-1865	57,570
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South Carolina, Clemson University Student Military Service Records, 1894-1944	8,413
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Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774	1,272
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Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution	1,043
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Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783	718
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Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War, Vol. I	641
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South Carolinians in the Revolution . . .	242
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List of staff officers of the Confederate States Army	186
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Newspapers and Directories

[South Carolina Online Newspapers](#) - Ancestor Hunt

[Ancestry - South Carolina Newspapers](#)

[Genealogy Bank - South Carolina](#)

[Newspaper Archives - South Carolina](#)

[Newspapers.com - South Carolina](#)

[South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program](#)

University of South Carolina University Libraries

[Map of digitized Newspapers](#)

Probate Records

[South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977](#) at FamilySearch

[South Carolina Probate Records, Files and Loose Papers, 1732-1964](#) at FamilySearch

Ancestry.com Collections - Wills, probates, land, tax and criminal

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Vital Records (Birth, Marriage, Death)

List the start of registration for birth, marriage, and death records. List any gretna greens.

All

- [U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935](#) at Ancestry.com
- [South Carolina, Baptist Deaths and Marriages, 1866-1887](#) at Ancestry.com

Birth

- [South Carolina, Delayed Birth Records, 1766-1900 and City of Charleston, South](#) at Ancestry.com
- [Carolina, Birth Records, 1877-1901](#) at Ancestry.com
- [South Carolina Births and Christenings, 1681-1935](#) at FamilySearch
- [South Carolina, Delayed Birth Certificates, 1766-1900](#) at FamilySearch

Marriage

- [South Carolina, Compiled Marriage Index, 1641-1965](#) at Ancestry.com
- [South Carolina, County Marriage Records, 1907-2000](#) at Ancestry.com
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