



## **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, provides guidance and assistance for museum activities and events, and helps in fundraising activities. The museum budget is set and funded by the City of Cayce. Currently, additional funds are raised and provided through donations, sales of museum gift store items, and fundraising.

### **Collections and Exhibits**

The museum displays artifacts and interprets the historical, social, and cultural heritage of the area that includes the historical communities of the Native American Congarees, the German and Swiss-German settlement of Saxe Gotha, the river port of Granby, and the current community of the City of Cayce. A highlight of the museum is nearly 6,000 Native American objects including arrowheads, pottery, axes, tools, grinding stones, and more. The Cayce Historical Museum exhibits 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 2,300 people visited the museum from 2018-2021. Most of the visitors, 75-90%, are local but there have been visitors from 34 other states and 4 international countries.

The museum currently has one full time staff member. That staff member's title is curator. Currently there is also one part-time staff member who is the museum assistant.

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

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