

# Dedicated to Preserving and Protecting the Historic Structures of South Carolina

A Non-Profit Membership Organization Working for South Carolinians Since 1990

# PSC Year-End News

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Dear Friends,

Every organization has a history. I'd like to tell you about ours.

In 1990, a small group of not-so ordinary South Carolina private citizens met for the purpose of forming a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to identifying and preserving our state's historic buildings.



They envisioned an organization similar to those already established groups in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, and why not? Is not our state's history and landmarks the equal of those states?

So thought preservation minded South Carolinians from around the state.

Even as we look ahead to 2023, we are going to recognize and honor the people of our past, the places they saved, and the communities that they impacted. Be they churches or general stores, textile mills or courthouses, South Carolina landmarks are the ties that bind us all to the past and future.

On behalf of our board and staff, I am honored to not just be part of this current team but to represent those who served before me.

Thank you for your support of Preservation South Carolina.

-Bill Fitzpatrick Board Chair

## **Community Development Program** | Edgefield

In 2018, we acquired the Edgefield Hotel, a historic building that anchors Edgefield's city square. Its prominent location in the city, and the determination of Edgefield's leaders to refresh its downtown area, contributed to the acquisition decision.

# We are now studying the feasibility of reopening the property as a boutique hotel. *Read More*

Pictured: University of South Carolina, Tourism Class









#### **Community Development Program** | Union

In October 2022, Preservation South Carolina acquired the rights to the Dawkins House of Union at a property tax sale. The Dawkins House, circa 1845, is most notably regarded as the former home of Judge Thomas N. Dawkins (1807-1870) and his second wife Mary Poulton Dawkins (1820-1906). The 4,500+ square foot Federal style home sits prominently on the University of South Carolina-Union campus.

It is our intent to work with the community to not only find a purpose for this significant building, but to also ensure it will be standing for another 177 years.

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## **Sacred Spaces Program** | Mt. Olivet, Prosperity SC

In February of 2022, PreservationSC was approached by the remaining members of Mt. Olivet Church. Wishing to ensure the church will never be lost, the congregation donated it to PSC.

Through our Sacred Spaces Program, we are proud to say, a buyer was found for



the church and it will continue to be used as a place of worship. *Read More* 







## African American Heritage Program | Taveau Church

Located in Berkeley County sits Taveau, a landmark of national significance. While built as a Presbyterian church, upon the 1847 death of its founder, it became associated with Black Methodists. It remained an active place of worship until the early 1970s.

Within walking distance of Taveau is Mepkin Abbey, the burial place of founding father and slave trader Henry Laurens, and Strawberry Chapel, an Anglican church built ca. 1725.

Mepkin Abbey, the vestry of Strawberry Chapel, and Preservation SC, wish to help the Black community in the restoration of Taveau and the telling of its history. <u>*Read More*</u>

# **The Wolfe House**

For Sale

Located in Winnsboro, this circa 1825 Adam-style house, sits on one acre overlooking downtown Winnsboro. Said to have been built by a successful local tailor, this two-story house features original hand-carved moldings, mantels, fanlights, wainscotting, and heart-pine floors.





**What It Needs** | The roof has been replaced and most of the foundation stabilized. The house requires new systems, a new kitchen and bathrooms, and

carpentry repairs. It is zoned for residential or commercial use. THIS PROPERTY IS AVAILABLE FOR RESTORATION

Contact us for more details



*Thank You for Supporting PSC* We look forward to sharing more good news in 2023!

We can't do all of this amazing work without your continued support. Please join us in our efforts to ensure South Carolina's historic places are not lost!

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