

The Reidville Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit member-supported organization formed in 1995 by a small group of citizens who wanted to preserve and become the chief caretaker of the rich history of Reidville. They saw memories being gobbled up by progress and some of the oldest remnants of Reidville's history being torn away. They wanted to save Reidville's historic buildings. They sought to educate, inform, and engage the public through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the past. These citizens believed that history matters.



In 1995, the original members pooled their money and purchased the Reidville Academy Faculty House, also known as the Wood House, located at 110 Main Street. Due to their substantial financial contribution, these original members are known as "life" members and serve as the Directors of the Society. In 1996, the Faculty House was submitted to the National Registry of Historic Places and subsequently accepted in

1997. National Register listing is primarily an honor; however, it is a recognition by the federal government that a property is important in our nation's past and worthy of preservation. Today, the Faculty House is the home of the Society, houses a Historical Museum and an antiques shop, and is used for community activities and gatherings.



In 2005, the members purchased from Spartanburg School District 5 the Reidville Female Academy Dormitory, also known as the Teacherage, located at 200 College Street. Today, the Dormitory houses a dance studio and is used for community activities. The Society has submitted the Dormitory to the National Registry.

Today, the Society numbers around 50 members, all devoted to the original purpose of preserving and being the chief caretaker of the history of Reidville. The Society owns and maintains the two historic houses, preserving their historical significance to the community. The Society maintains a Historical Museum in the Faculty House, collecting, preserving, and presenting documents, maps, books, photographs, ledgers, and other materials documenting the history of Reidville. The



Society is actively involved in the education of the community's children, including conducting tours of the two Historic Houses and participating in including Reidville's history into the school curriculum. The Society helps the community connect to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing Reidville's history. The Society offers opportunities for thought-provoking entertainment, learning, sharing thoughts and ideas, and



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