To schedule a Clemson Bicentennial Speaker’s Bureau presentation, available throughout the 2007 calendar year, and to determine special equipment needs, please contact the individual speaker directly via phone or email as listed below.

FROM FORT HILL TO THE WILL
Jerome Reel
University historian and long-time Clemson history professor Jerry Reel can discuss virtually any aspect of Thomas Green Clemson’s life and legacy, going back as far as the founding of Fort Hill (well before Mr. Clemson’s birth) to his last will and testament that laid out not only a vision but very specific guiding principles for an agricultural college — principles that continue to guide Clemson’s leaders today.
Contact: (864) 656-2283 or jreel@clemson.edu

THE EUROPEAN YEARS
James Cross
Vice Provost for International Affairs Jim Cross discusses Thomas Green Clemson’s education in the 1830s in Paris and the French educational and political contexts that influenced him. He also focuses on the role Mr. Clemson played when he served in the 1840s as the senior U.S. diplomat to the court of King Leopold I in Brussels, Belgium.
Contact: (864) 656-1435 or jpcross@clemson.edu

THE WASHINGTON YEARS
Alan Grubb
History professor Alan Grubb explores the years Thomas Green Clemson spent in Washington, D.C., particularly his role in establishing the Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Agricultural College (which later became part of the University of Maryland at College Park). It seems that Terrapins as well as Tigers owe their founding to Mr. Clemson’s passion for agricultural research and education.
Contact: (864) 656-5360 or agrub@clemson.edu

RACE RELATIONS
Abel Bartley
African American history professor Abel Bartley explores race relations during the lifetime of Thomas Green Clemson, who — like most plantation owners of the era — owned slaves. Bartley discusses the role of race through the reconstruction and antebellum periods.
Contact: (864) 656-5372 or abartly@clemson.edu

FORT HILL TODAY
THE CLEMSON/CALHOUN CONNECTION
Will Hiott
Historic houses curator Will Hiott discusses recent efforts to protect and renovate Thomas Green Clemson’s Fort Hill and takes audiences on a “virtual tour” of Fort Hill and the historic items and artifacts it contains. Hiott’s presentation on the Clemson-Calhoun family bond is a long-time favorite of alumni and civic clubs.
Contact: (864) 656-7920 or hiottw@clemson.edu

MUSIC AT FORT HILL
Andrew Levin
Andrew Levin, associate professor of music and conductor of the University orchestra, discusses the role of music in the Clemson and Calhoun families, including Thomas Green Clemson’s own fiddle playing! Includes recordings of Civil War-era music by Clemson faculty members. Sound equipment required.
Contact: (864) 656-0381 or alevin@clemson.edu

CLEMSON’S HEIRS
Drew Land
History graduate student Drew Land’s areas of expertise are Thomas Green Clemson’s legacy and the Clemson heirs — a study of the core values of the Clemson family as expressed through Clemson’s last will and testament and practiced by Clemson alumni throughout the years.
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THE WILL AND TOP 20
Cathy Sams
How does Thomas Green Clemson’s vision for an agricultural college established to serve the state of South Carolina align with Clemson University’s current vision of becoming one of the nation’s top-20 public universities? Chief Public Affairs Officer Cathy Sams discusses similarities and differences between the 19th century will and 21st century national rankings.
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THOMAS GREEN CLEMSON:
A LIFE AND A LEGACY
The enclosed video production explores the young Thomas Green Clemson, an “outside-the-box” thinker and Renaissance man, during his formative years, how he met and fell in love with Anna Calhoun, and his passion for education and scientific advancement. The stand-alone video production introduces viewers to a highly educated, well-read and articulate man who believed that education was the path to prosperity.
The 200th birthday of founder Thomas Green Clemson is cause for all friends and constituents of Clemson University to celebrate. The Clemson Bicentennial Speaker's Bureau offers alumni clubs, civic organizations and school groups an opportunity to learn more about this visionary statesman, scientist and artist whose influence on South Carolina continues through the educational, research and public service programs of Clemson University.