

Fort Hill Plantation c.1803

Home of John C. Calhoun &
Thomas G. Clemson

Clemson, South Carolina



*National Historic Landmark
National Register of Historic Places*

John Caldwell Calhoun lived at Fort Hill from 1825 to 1850. Calhoun was a 19th century statesman and served as United States representative (1811-1817); secretary of war to James Monroe (1817-1825); vice president to John Quincy Adams (1825-1829); vice president to Andrew Jackson (1829-1832); United States senator (1832-1843); secretary of state to John Tyler (1844-1845); and United States senator (1845-1850) at the time of his death. Calhoun and his wife, Floride, raised seven children at Fort Hill, including Anna Maria Calhoun, who later married Thomas Clemson.

Thomas Green Clemson was a scientist, mining engineer, diplomat to Belgium and considered the first secretary of agriculture. Founder of Clemson University, he willed that Fort Hill “shall always be open for the inspection of visitors” as a museum. Clemson willed his European art collection to adorn the museum’s walls.

The antebellum plantation house, office, kitchen and art gallery are restored with original artifacts. Fort Hill interprets the Calhoun-Clemson family and the African-American experience, and it is a featured heritage attraction along the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor.



Location

Fort Hill is located in Clemson, S.C., near the intersection of Fort Hill Street and Calhoun Drive in the center of the Clemson University campus. It is 11 miles from I-85, two hours north of Atlanta, Ga., and one hour south of Greenville, S.C. Fort Hill is in the South Carolina Heritage Corridor.

Hours

Fort Hill is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m. Fort Hill is closed on University holidays.

Admission

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for children. School and group tours are given by reservation only. Call 864-656-2475 to schedule a group tour.

Parking

Metered parking is available on Fort Hill Street and elsewhere on campus. Look for the white "P" sign to find the multi-space pay station, which accepts cash, coins, debit cards and credit cards.

Preservation

Thomas Green Clemson envisioned "the preservation of the home in perpetuity". Gifts may be made for the preservation and restoration of Fort Hill. Contact the Clemson Fund, 110 Daniel Drive, Clemson, S.C. 29631-1520 or call 864-656-5896.

Information

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