

Hanover House c. 1716

Historic French Huguenot Museum

Clemson, South Carolina



National Register of Historic Places

Hanover House, built in 1716 for French Huguenot Paul de St. Julien in Berkeley County, SC, is one of South Carolina's oldest wooden residences. The house remained in the St. Julien and Ravenel family for nearly 150 years. The family's influence and heritage remains in the house with the French proverb "Little by little the bird builds its nest" inscribed in the mortar of one chimney. The Historic American Buildings Survey of the Santee-Cooper basin noted that Hanover was of national significance. Threatened with flooding by Lake Moultrie in 1941, Hanover was preserved at Clemson University, home to the state's architectural school. It was relocated to the South Carolina Botanical Garden in 1994, now overlooking an heirloom vegetable garden.

The Spartanburg Committee of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America aided in furnishing Hanover museum with 18th- and 19th-century artifacts. Hanover House is restored as a monument of early French Huguenot colonial architecture. The museum interprets life at a Lowcountry South Carolina rice plantation.



Location

Hanover is located at 530 Garden Trail in Clemson, SC, near the intersection of Highway 76 and Silas N. Pearman Blvd. in the South Carolina Botanical Garden, adjacent to Clemson University. It is nine miles from I-85, two hours north of Atlanta, Ga., and less than one hour south of Greenville, SC. Hanover is in the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor.

Hours

Hanover is open Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m. Hanover is closed on University holidays and home football game days. Weekday hours vary by semester, so please call, email or check our website, Facebook and Google Business page.

Admission

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for children. School and group tours are given by reservation only. Call Historic Properties at 864-656-2475 or email hisprop@clemson.edu to schedule a group tour.

Parking

Visitor parking is conveniently located adjacent to the Hanover House. Handicapped parking and space for bus and motor coach is also available on site.

Preservation

Gifts may be donated for the preservation and restoration of Hanover House. Contact the Clemson Fund, P.O. Box 1889, Clemson, S.C. 29633, call 864-656-5896 or make a secure gift online at cualumni.clemson.edu/give/historicproperties.

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