# Board of Trustees History Task Force Implementation Team Report 4-19-18





#### Action Item

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW & UPDATE BIOGRAPHIES OF FOUNDERS AND OTHER HISTORICAL FIGURES

An updated biography of Richard Wright Simpson, written by Sally Mauldin and edited by Dr. Paul Anderson, associate professor of history, is submitted for review and approval.

Upon Board approval, the biography will be added to the history website.



## Updates since last meeting

Gantt Circle markers installed



STORY WAS MADE IN 1963 WHEN CHARLESTON ATIVE HARVEY B. GANTT BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO ENROLL AT ANY PREDOMINANTLY WHITE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE RECONSTRUCTION.



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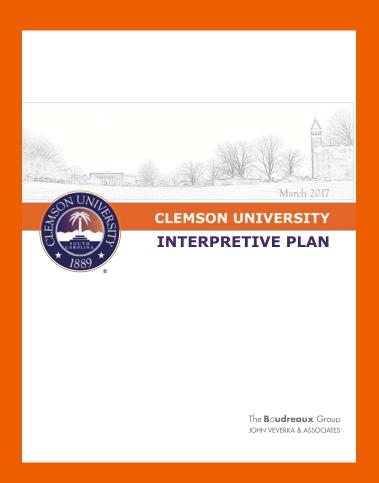
- An ad hoc group has been established to discuss ways to preserve the history and legacy of the Clemson House - one of the recommendations in our report on monuments, statues and commemorations.
- Student tour guides are working to organize regular history tours to be offered through the Visitors Center.

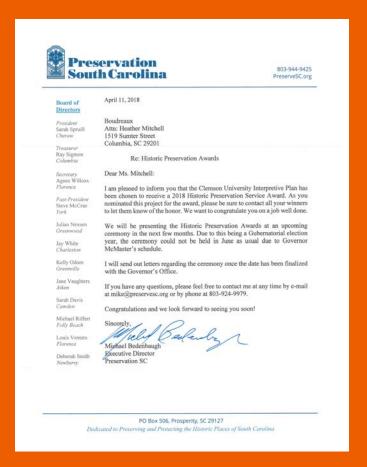


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- The Provost has provided funding for a Clemson History academic course to be offered this summer.
- A "Clemson History in Plain Sight" event is under discussion as part of an archeological field school planned at Fort Hill this summer.

# The Clemson University Interpretive Plan, approved by the Board in April 2017, has been awarded a 2018 Historic Preservation Award







#### Future Priorities

- Working with University Planning and Design, develop a concept and recommendation for a Clemson History Museum.
- Develop a "sustainability plan" for the administration to ensure that efforts to tell the full story of Clemson's history continue after the Implementation Team's work is done.