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Pre 1500	1540	1600	1756	1760	1764	1766	1773	1775	1776	1791	1797	1800	1804	1852	1857	1860	1882	1884	1886	1898	1899

Historical Timeline of McCormick County, South Carolina ||| Courtesy of the McCormick County Visitors Council

<p>McCormick Messenger weekly newspaper established.</p> 	<p>Plum Branch incorporated.</p> 	<p>Fire again destroys most of the business district of McCormick. Merchants rebuild using brick.</p>	<p>McCormick County formed. Chamber of Commerce organized.</p> 	<p>McCormick County produces 16,420 bales of cotton.</p> 	<p>Cotton production plummets to 1,723 bales due to boll weevil.</p> 	<p>McCormick County Court House built in neo-classical style.</p> 	<p>Huguenot Society of SC erects cross to mark worship site of 1769 settlement.</p>	<p>Dr. William S Mims establishes Mims High School. Town Hall built using WPA labor.</p>	<p>McCormick County office built.</p> 	<p>Clarks Hill Dam completed, providing hydro-electric power and flood control.</p>	<p>Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve identified as a unique nature site.</p>	<p>Baker Creek and Hickory Knob Resort State Parks open.</p> 	<p>First Gold Rush Festival celebrated.</p> 	<p>McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK) established.</p> 	<p>Savannah Lakes Village breaks ground.</p> 	<p>McCormick County Post Office is erected.</p> 	<p>McCormick County Library is built.</p> 	<p>McCormick County School complex completed.</p> 	<p>County Admin & Commission of Public Works buildings completed.</p>	<p>Savannah Valley Railroad trails connects nine miles of hiking & biking trail.</p>	<p>Mural depicting McCormick County by Jeffery Callaham.</p> 
1902	1908	1910	1916	1920	1922	1923	1937	1939	1950	1954	1957	1973	1977	1984	1988	2001	2004	2006	2011	2014	2017



The Town of McCormick is rich in history. We are proud of its heritage that includes gold mining, cotton growing and processing, grist mill operations and more.

We cherish past and present contributors and welcome future contributors as well.

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McCormick County is a diverse collection of communities connected by the historic rail line that winds its way through our county. Our rail towns are Mt. Carmel, Willington, McCormick, Plum Branch, Parksville, Modoc, and Clarks Hill.

The railroad tells tales of our early years and our connections to the region.