

The Historic Colors of South Carolina



Buildings themselves are a time capsule of information and are the primary resource for understanding the chromatic history of our state.

Architecture evolves over time. The change is influenced by the culture, decorative trends and inspiration of the craftspeople of the day and the current inhabitants who replace and alter elements of their buildings. Historic structures in South Carolina vary in scale, but each uses color as a means of expression.

Through the analysis of painted surfaces on buildings from various time periods and locations in South Carolina, we can determine which materials were preferred and readily available during specific years. The color palette research for *The Historic Colors of South Carolina* will add significantly to our understanding of the aesthetic, cultural, and economic influences of the people who settled and built South Carolina.

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