

South Carolina Historical Repository Directory

Chester

Chester County Historical Society Museum

Mailing and Facility Address

PO Box 811
Chester, SC 29706

Facility Address: 107 McAliley St.
Chester

Appointments: Required

Telephone: 803-385-2330

Fax:

Scope: 1917 to present

Estimated Overall Linear Feet: 5.5

Chiefly, the Henry O. Nichols Photograph Collection consisting of over 100,000 photographs and negatives depicting Chester area local events, buildings and people. Nichols was a local photographer for over 60 years. Also, genealogical materials on many Chester families such as military discharge papers, diplomas and licenses. Materials related to the Brainerd Institute, an African American educational institution for freed slaves established in 1866 by the Board of Missions for Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church USA.

Collection Highlights:

One of the finest Indian collections in the Southeast; the bench Aaron Burr slept on in 1807; A copy of the Ordinance of Secession and portraits of Chester County's four signers of the document; farm collections dating from the early 1800s; Civil War Collections of flags, guns and other artifacts; Civil War, World War II and Nazi medals.

Chester County Library Archives

S. Lewis Bell Room

Mailing and Facility Address

100 Center Street
Chester, SC 29706

Appointments: Not Needed

Telephone: 803-377-8145

Fax: 803-377-8146

www.chesterlibsc.org

Scope: 1760 to present

Estimated Overall Linear Feet: 500

Records pertaining to Chester County and surrounding areas, including emigrant destinations from the area.

Collection Highlights:

Jean C. Agee Vertical File of genealogical records; microfilm holdings of Chester newspapers
