

A Sampling of Facts about HCF

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- 1952-53 HCF helped restore the Old Exchange Building
HCF paid off the mortgage of the Heyward-Washington House
- 1955 HCF purchased the Nathaniel Russell House
- 1957 HCF established the first Revolving Fund in the Country and focused initially on the Ansonborough neighborhood
- 1974 Frances Edmunds and HCF were instrumental in saving Drayton Hall by raising funds for its subsequent purchase by the National Trust. Frances gave the financial award she received in conjunction with the NTHP's Crowninshield Award for that purpose
- 1977 HCF was instrumental in guiding the design portion of Charleston Place Hotel
- 1982 HCF established the Easements and Covenants Program
- 1984 HCF opened the Frances Edmunds Center of Historic Preservation
- 1984-95 HCF helped preserve and open Snee Farm to the public. Snee Farm was the home of Charles Pinckney, a framer of the U.S. Constitution
- 1986 HCF, under the leadership of Lawrence Walker, helped establish the Lowcountry Open Land Trust
- 1988-11 HCF led the effort to restore the historic Charleston County Courthouse to its 1792 grandeur and keeping the building at the Four Corners of Law
- 1989 HCF worked with the City of Charleston to develop the Calhoun Corridor Study
- 1993-11 HCF preserved and protected McLeod Plantation until its sale to Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.
- 1994 HCF was instrumental in creating the Tourism Management Plan adopted by the City
- 1995 HCF bought the Aiken-Rhett House from the Charleston Museum and re-opened it as a museum site
- 1999-02 HCF wrote the National Register of Historic Places nomination to protect the Cooper River Historic District

- 2003 HCF returned stewardship of the Old Powder Magazine to the Colonial Dames after completing a major restoration and operating it as an educational museum for over seven years
- 2007 HCF's 60th Anniversary. HCF provides \$75,000 to City of Charleston to co-sponsor Preservation Plan for Charleston
- 2008 HCF received Angel Award from SC Secretary of State in recognition of "exceptional service to the cause they represent...."
- 2009 HCF received honor award from National Trust for Preservation Plan
- 2010 HCF wrote the National Register of Historic Places nomination to expand the Ashley River Historic District
- 2011 HCF's Market Shop opened for business
- 2011-12 HCF provided legal and economic analysis in regard to the impacts of the cruise industry in Charleston

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Attached are some items you can add to your "Facts about HCF". As I said in my E-mail, with our 5-second sound bite world, it is good to have a "bullet-point" list of HCF history.

I'm sure others can add other points

I have no pride of ownership, so change as you see fit.

😊 Maybe we ought to add — The repossession of Gordon Langley Hall/Dwain (whatever) and poor Alicia Walker had to get fumigation contractor to clean the house which was covered with dog mess. 😊

— Mommy

Add to "Facts about HCF" (Not in date order)
Staff can find the dates & improve on my descriptions

1. HCF founded as a result of a study done by the Caroline Art Assn. (Gibbes Art Museum) and the Preservation Society with the help of Colonial Williamsburg.

2. Started Historic Homes Tours to become the principal income generator for the foundation.

3. 1957-1969 Restored or initiated restoration of the 10-plus blocks of Ansonborough. The first such area restoration in America without the use of government funds.

4. Funded a study of the effects of building heights on the city's preservation and economy, and, presented to City the first height ordinance adopted by a major city.

5. Approval and promotion of a plan to demolish the St. John Hotel and rebuild with its historic facade as the Mills House.

6. Established an historic reproduction program gaining royalties from manufacturer's copies of historic material and opened the first retail shop at Church & Trade Sts.

7. (1994?) Helped the City write the country's first tourism ordinance for the control of buses, carriages, and other tours in the Historic District.

8. (1982?) Established an easement program as an outgrowth of the Ansonborough project to extend to properties on and away from the peninsula city. Prominent among the plantations granting easements were Auld Brass, near Beaufort, and Mulberry & Medway in Berkeley County.

3/ Add to "Facts about HCF" (Cont.)

9. Lead an archaeological excavation of the City Seal Wall and established a "Walk the Wall" tour.
10. Recommended to the City the site for the city auditorium (later named "Gaillard Auditorium") and as a slum-clearance program (under - - - Federal - - -) saved six important buildings, moving five of them into Ansonborough. The largest being the 4-story brick house now at the corner Anson and Laurens Sts. which previously stood in the center of what is now George St. which was extended from Anson St. to E. Bay.
11. HCF purchased the Misroon House for its headquarters and moved from the Russell House office.