

# Saving Your Historic Treasure

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# Introduction

- The Great Branch Teacher's Home (Teacherage) was constructed in 1924-25 under the Julius Rosenwald School Project
  - The home was used to house the principal and any teacher who taught at the Great Branch Rosenwald School but had no transportation.
    - The school was burned by arsonists in the 1950's.

# How We Got Started

- Frank Young and Jervey Kennerly, long time residents of the area, sought to find out information about the house.
  - They met with Leah Brown who was the African American Specialist at SC Archives and History.
  - She shared the basic information about the historical value of the home and encouraged them to begin work to preserve it.

# How We Got Started Cont.

- Mr. Young and Mr. Kennerly spoke with the local politicians and informed them about the value of the project.
- State Budget and Control
- allocated \$25,000 as seed money.

# A Steering Committee Was Formed

- We met and discussed what to do.
  - We contacted architects from the list submitted by the state and selected Joseph C. Munnerlyn.
  - Once we had an estimate of the restoration, we began submitting grants, soliciting donations, and having fund raisers.

# Places that We Found Funding

- Orangeburg County Councilmen and State Senators
- National Trust Alice Rosenwald Flexible Fund
- Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Preservation Fund
- Wal-Mart
- State Budget and Control Competitive Grant
- SC National Heritage Corridor
- Albemarle Corporation
- Churches
- Banks
- Alumni of the School
- Zeus Corporation

# Creating an Awareness for Your Project

- We wrote letters to:
- Alumni of the school
- Our County Delegation
- Local businesses
- Local churches

We also met with local business officials

# Don't Forget Donations

- For supplies like wood, paint, labor
- For fund raisers like raffles
- For food and supplies
- Sponsoring mailing, etc.