

*The South Carolina*



*Historical Society*

November 1, 2016

Dear Friend of the SCHS:

On behalf of the Board of Managers, I want to thank you for supporting the South Carolina Historical Society. We are grateful for our many interested and active members. Your involvement enables us to continue the important work of promoting and protecting the rich and important history of our state.

We are proud of this year's accomplishments. Thousands of researchers and genealogists have utilized our collections at Addlestone Library and we have received a number of significant archival donations. The significance of our collection has been recognized by the Smithsonian, which requested several items for the new National Museum of African American History and Culture, and by grants provided by both the Library of Congress and National Archives. The Winter Lecture Series, our Liberty Week celebration, our traveling exhibit, and other programs have engaged people throughout South Carolina. With a new emphasis on education, we are encouraging students and teachers to use the Society's primary resources in order to bring history alive in the classroom. And our website has been enhanced and improved with lesson plans, a walking tour of Charleston, and online exhibits.

As we endeavor to reach people throughout the state, we are also focused on renovating and repurposing the Fireproof Building. When this project is complete in early 2018, our iconic building will not only serve as a home to the Historical Society, but will feature multimedia exhibits that share the fascinating history of our state with thousands of people. We will be able to showcase the invaluable items in our collection in new and exciting ways.

These are truly exciting times in the life of the South Carolina Historical Society and we need your support more than ever. As you probably know, our appropriation from the state legislature requires a 2:1 match. These funds must be raised to secure our future. As we approach the end of 2016, I hope you will help us continue our important mission. Enclosed with this letter is an envelope for you to use to respond to this appeal. Please give as generously as you can. Your tax-deductible gift will allow us to continue the important work of preserving, protecting and promoting the history of South Carolina.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Cain, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Cain, Jr., M.D.  
President, Board of Managers