Mission Statement

As a metropolitan university, the University of South Carolina Upstate has embraced the mission of serving the upstate area of South Carolina, defined as a ten-county area comprising Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union counties. The University recognizes that a close connection between the institution and the communities it serves is an important foundation for the defined mission.

The Library currently maintains an Archives of the historical records of the institution. By expanding the scope to create the Archives of the Upstate, the University’s mission is supported by serving as an official and final repository for the historical records in other designated areas of regional history. The Archives will collect, house, preserve and interpret primary source materials from the greater upstate area and will make the materials available to scholars, researchers, students, and individuals in the community.

The collection will initially focus on four subject areas of collection related to the University’s educational mission, community related activity, and public scholarship:

- Education
- Medicine and Healthcare
- Religion
- Military Service

Types of materials collected will include records, reports, publications, documentation, and memorabilia.

The Archives of the Upstate will work cooperatively with libraries, institutions, and other organizations in our region to establish joint collection development guidelines and policies in order to avoid duplication among our various collections.