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Mt. Carmel Baptist Church No. 2

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church No. 2 was built by the Cooper River residents on the north end of the island. The first church was built in 1901 and destroyed by a hurricane in 1940. The current second building, which houses the main museum exhibits, was built shortly after on a new site. In time the declining population of the island caused the church to close.

In 2001 the Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation bought the property, restored the building, and opened the Billie Burn Museum, named after long-time resident and island historian, Billie Burn. The museum complex now also includes a carriage barn, housing the restored carriage of Sarah Grant, and the Jane Hamilton School, which serves as the Gullah cultural center and community library.

