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Midlands Tech Center, Winnsboro, SC (1674 N. Bus. US 321)

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Is pleased to host

Mr. Bill Davies

Mr. Bill Davies was born in Greenwood, SC; graduate of the Citadel & University of South Carolina Law School; served 5 years in the U.S. Army; afterwards worked for a law firm in Columbia, SC; a member and on the board of the SC Historical Society.

Presenting a **FREE** program on

Robert Mills

- Robert Mills was America's first native born architect
- Fairfield County is fortunate to be one of the few remaining recipients of his courthouse designs in SC
- In 1820, Robert Mills was appointed as acting commissioner of the Board of Public Works in [SC](#)
- In 1823, he was the superintendent of public buildings
- In the next few years, he designed numerous buildings in [South Carolina](#) including court houses, the campus of the University of South Carolina, jails, and the [Fireproof Building](#) in Charleston
- In 1825, he authored an [Atlas of the State of South Carolina](#).^[1]
- One year later, he published *Statistics of South Carolina* ^{[2][3]}
- He reputedly designed the [Old Horry County Courthouse](#), [Union County Jail](#), and [Wilson House](#) listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) ^{[4][5]}
- Robert Mills' proposed design for the [Washington Monument](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#)
- In 1836 Robert Mills won the competition for the design of the [Washington Monument](#) on the future Mall of the National Capital, Washington D.C., which is his best known work; construction began in 1848, but was interrupted in 1854; construction of the monument resumed in 1879 and was dedicated in 1885, thirty years after the architect's death
- He also designed the [Department of Treasury](#) building, east of the Executive Mansion ([White House](#)) and several other federal buildings in [Washington, D. C.](#) including the [U.S. Patent Office Building](#), patterned after the [Parthenon](#) (now renovated into two adjoining museums of the [Smithsonian Institution](#), the [Smithsonian American Art Museum](#) and the [National Portrait Gallery](#)) and the old [General Post Office](#) ^{[6][7]}
- In South Carolina, Mills designed county [courthouses](#) in at least 18 counties, some of the public buildings in [Columbia](#), and a few private homes
- He also designed portions of the [Landsford Canal](#), [Chester County](#), on the [Catawba River](#) in South Carolina

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