Thalme (T.M.) Cook

Cook was born and raised in Rion, Fairfield County. He went to New Hope Elementary School, which was run by his church and is a Fairfield High School graduate. He attended Allen University and completed four years of college in two years.

He was the first African-American Magistrate in Fairfield County, since Reconstruction. He was a member of the Fairfield County Council and a member of the State Guard. He was a long time principal of Geiger Elementary School in Ridgeway, S.C. Thalmer (T.M.) Cook has spent a lifetime quietly giving to Fairfield County.