

Lancaster County Seal

The irregular shape of Lancaster County is used for the field, this distinctive shape is easily recognizable as that of Lancaster County by anyone familiar with South Carolina geography, its configuration is a most unique one, and lends itself to interesting design possibilities. Also the determination of its boundaries has played an interesting part in our history.

Our National Colors, Red, White & Blue of the field is in honor of all those brave and patriotic Citizens of Lancaster County who gave their lives in the defense of their homes and Country, and who may be called upon to do so in the future.

The four white stars on the blue field symbolizes the original four counties. The seven red and white stripes on the field symbolizes the original seven judicial districts.

The thirteen blue stars at the base of the shield symbolizes that Lancaster County was part of the original 13 colonies.

Geologically, Lancaster County lies over a great slab of granite. The field, or shape of the county, is shown raised by shading on the right side to impart a third dimension or thickness. The color of the shading symbolizes that the field was cut from a slab of native granite.

In the upper right of the shield the red rose of Lancaster, England is shown, not as a dominate feature, but to symbolize the county's history from its origin when our ancestors, or original settlers, migrated from this area of England to America and to South Carolina.

From the rose at the base of the cartouche, or scrolls of gold cord, intertwining, and rising on each side to support the date of our county's birth(1785) symbolizes the nearly four hundred years of history from the first Lancaster in 1399 to the Birthday of Lancaster County, South Carolina in 1785.

The shape of the escutcheon, or shield, is a modified lozenge, with a white background. The border of gold symbolizes that Lancaster County was an important producer of gold (1827-1942). The Haile Gold Mine alone yielded gold with a total value of about 7,000,000. At one time it was the largest gold mine east of the Mississippi River.

Over the gold border black letters, Lancaster County, South Carolina, are shown in Colonial Style to implement the historical theme of the design. The blue outer border is to frame the seal.

