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[Connemara](#) [2], located in [Flat Rock](#). [3] was the last home of famed poet and historian [Carl Sandburg](#) [4]. [Christopher Gustavus Memminger](#) [5] of Charleston, S.C., former [Confederate](#) [6] secretary of the treasury, built the property as a summer house in 1838. Memminger called the property Rock Hill, but a later owner, Capt. [Ellison Smythe](#) [7], renamed it Connemara. Sandburg bought the property in 1945, seeking peace and solitude for his writing as well as a place for his wife Lilian to raise champion dairy goats. He wrote almost one-third of his works during his 22 years at Connemara. On 17 Oct. 1968, Congress established Connemara as the [Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site](#) [2] to be administered by the [National Park Service](#) [8]. The historic site consists of the antebellum house, a dairy goat barn complex and a representative goat herd, sheds, rolling pastures, mountainside woods, walking/hiking trails, two small lakes, ponds, flower and vegetable gardens, and an orchard.

### Additional Resources:

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site: <http://www.nps.gov/carl/index.htm> [2]

Carl Sandburg Tributes, UNC Libraries: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/s/Sandburg.Carl.html> [9]

Our State, UNC-TV Carl Sandburg: <http://www.unctv.org/ourstate/episode208/index.html#sandburg> [10]

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[3] <http://www.flatrockonline.com/>

[4] <http://www.biography.com/people/carl-sandburg-9470854>

[5] <http://ncpedia.org/biography/memminger-christopher>

[6] <http://ncpedia.org/confederate-party>

[7] <http://www.nps.gov/carl/faqs.htm>

[8] <http://ncpedia.org/www.nps.gov>

[9] <http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/s/Sandburg,Carl.html>

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