The concept for a medicinal garden came from the McCaa House, which is one of the buildings adjacent to the garden.

It's owner, John McCaa, was a native and prominent physician of Camden during the 19th century.

He used this building as his office during the early 1800s.

Historic Camden
SOUTH CAROLINA

The Historic Camden Medicinal Garden was conceived and completed as an Eagle Scout Project, courtesy of Garrett Lawson, from Troop 303 of Camden.

The Medicinal Garden is intended for the enjoyment and education of all visitors to Historic Camden.

Historic Camden Medicinal Garden

During the 18th and 19th centuries, medicinal plants were used to aid a plethora of wounds and diseases both minor and severe.

The Historic Camden Medicinal Garden showcases just a small number of herbal plants grown and cultivated for their medicinal purposes in South Carolina during Colonial times.

Bee Balm

Used to soothe bee stings and brew tea. Also known to help headaches and fever.

Lamb's Ear

Used as a band aid which could stop bleeding and keep wounds clean.

Yarrow

Leaves were often chewed for toothaches and carried with armies to treat battle wounds.

Spider Wort

Used by Native Americans for kidney and stomach ailments as well as insect bites and stings.

Echinacea

Used externally for wounds, burns and insect bites and internally for coughs, stomach cramps and snake bites.

Tansy

Seed used to kill internal parasites in children and root used to treat gout. Also used to treat migraines.

**** The Historic Camden Medicinal Garden is for your viewing pleasure only.*