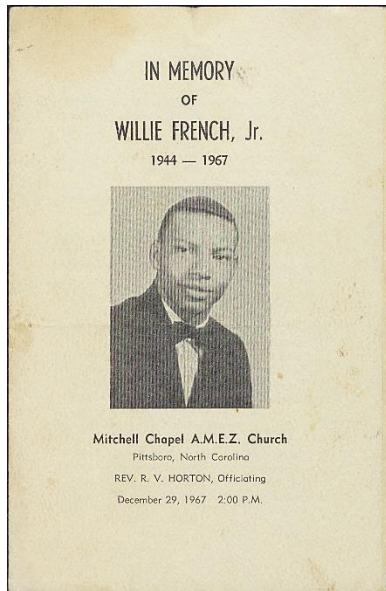


African-American Funeral Programs – Seeking Donations

While African-Americans in Chatham are less likely, especially in the past, to have published obituaries in local newspapers, there is a rich tradition in the black community of elaborate funeral programs that capture much of interest about the deceased. The Chatham County Historical Association is fortunate to have a large and growing collection of these programs.



The Chatham County African-American Funeral Program Collection is just one of the ways that CCHA works to preserve the stories of Chatham's various communities. We are delighted that collaboration with UNC's Digital Heritage Program has allowed us to make access to these programs--which represent a part of our community whose stories may not have been told elsewhere--so widely available. You can search or browse the collection online. [Learn more here.](#)

Please help by contributing funeral programs of black Chatham County residents to the collection, or encourage others who may have collected programs to do so. Don't let these important documents be lost!

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