

Chatham County~World War I



Several articles on our website provide information about the WWI experience in Chatham County.

[The WWI Draft in Chatham](#) Gives the history of the WWI draft registrations and how these were reported in Chatham newspapers, along with information about WWI draft cards for Chatham men.

[Chatham County WWI – Who Served?](#) Describes the draft process (lotteries and exemptions) and sources of information about who actually served in the military during WWI from Chatham. Displays images from Chatham County newspapers, reproduces a Chatham County draft board list and links to a list published in the *CCHA Historical Journal*, which was created from several sources.

[WWI the Chatham Homefront](#) Reproduces a number of clippings from the *Chatham Record* and *Siler City Grit* showing how civilians in Chatham were being asked to contribute to the war effort and the nature of the war news that was reaching them.

[Letters from Chatham County WWI Soldiers](#)

Letters from Chatham soldiers published in local newspapers were an important source of war news for Chatham residents. While soldiers often could not say much about the battlefield, they did describe camp life, training, and their impressions of far-away places.

[WWI Genealogical Resources](#) Gives links to general and Chatham-specific resources for genealogical research on WWI participants.

