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African Americans in Chatham County History



This display highlights the lives of eight Chatham County African Americans who contributed in various ways to the county's rich history from the 1700s to the present. Learn about Lewis Freeman, an early and successful free black settler in Pittsboro; Mildred Edna Cotton Council of Mama Dip's Kitchen in Chapel Hill; John Chavis, "Missionary to the Slaves;" Alexander Scarborough, a slave who served as sexton of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Gatha Horton Lassiter, "Conscience of the Community;" as well as Benjamin Joseph Lee; J.R.

Richardson; and Simon Green Atkins. Their stories are part of the tapestry of Chatham County's history. The display was exhibited in February and March 2017.

Goin' Home, Goin' Home



This display highlights a few of the African-American Funeral Programs in CCHA's collection. These programs represent a rich tradition in the black community and a valuable resource for those interested in family histories. Written by and about African Americans, the obituaries provide an important source of local history about African Americans in Chatham County, highlighting religious, occupational and educational affiliations, as well as personal traits that loved-ones noted about the deceased.

[Click here](#) for more about the Funeral Program collection. Exhibited 2016

