

Genealogical Assistance and Inquiries

Genealogy Help at Chatham Community Library

Looking for your roots? Help is available from CCHA volunteers at Chatham Community Library on most Thursdays from 9 am to noon, and again from 1 to 3 pm to help patrons find library materials such as published family histories, newspaper articles on microfilm, census records, CCHA's family history and subject files, and more. The volunteers can also help patrons navigate the library's genealogy databases, which include *Ancestry Library Edition*, *HeritageQuest*, and *African American Heritage*. Call the library at 919-545-8086 to set up an appointment. Sessions take place in the Local History & Genealogy area of the Chatham Community Library.



Inquiries

CCHA volunteers will also respond to inquiries sent to Genealogy@chathamhistory.org to point researchers to local resources. Because we are an all-volunteer organization, it is not possible for us to conduct detailed research on individual requests.

Other Resources

- *The Chatham Community Library* has many resources available to the family and local history researcher. For more information about those resources, [click here](#).
- *CCHA's Cemetery Survey* project is another good source of family history information. The locations of cemeteries can help pinpoint the locations of former homesteads for those who wish to know more precisely where their ancestors lived. And, in some cases, information provided on gravemarkers exists in no other records. To learn more about the Cemetery Survey and how to access the online database, [click here](#).
- *Chatham County Deeds* contain much information of value to researchers. Chatham County researchers are fortunate that *all* registered Chatham County deeds are available online and are searchable by grantee and grantor. Deeds related to the division of estates are especially useful because many list all the heirs and describe their relationship to the deceased. To open the Chatham

County Register of Deeds website, [click here](#). If you need assistance searching the ROD website, visit the ROD office or call 919-542-8235.

- Here are some North Carolina links that Chatham genealogists find useful:

State Library of NC Genealogy Research

Extensive genealogy information including family histories.

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/genealogy.html>

NC State Archives Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS)

Estate files and other archived documents

<http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>

NC Land Grants

Searchable data for 216,000 land grants including names, dates and locations for years 1663 through 1960.

<http://nclandgrants.com/>

North Carolina Digital Collections

The North Carolina Digital Collections contain over 90,000 historic and recent photographs, state government publications, manuscripts, and other resources on topics related to North Carolina. The Collections are free and full-text searchable, and bring together content from the State Archives of North Carolina and the State Library of North Carolina.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/>

Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill

Includes collections in the Southern Historical Collection, Southern Folklife Collection, Rare Book Literary & Historical Papers, University Archives, and North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives.

<http://library.unc.edu/wilson/shc/>