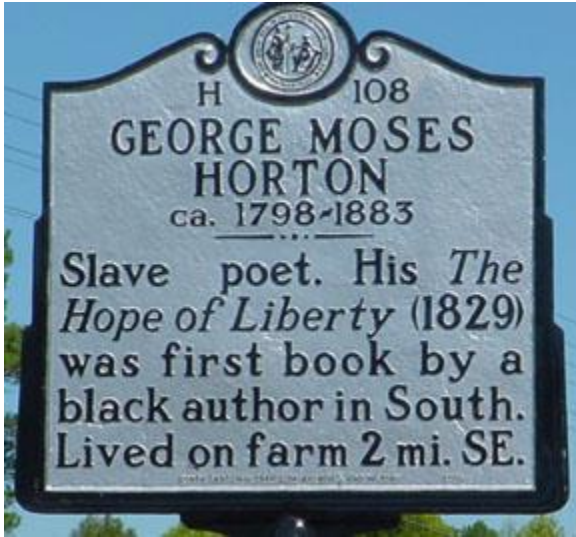


Historical Markers in Chatham County



Fifteen NC Highway Historical Markers celebrate aspects of Chatham County's history. All of the NC Highway Historical Markers in Chatham County can be viewed at <http://www.ncmarkers.com>. The site provides a description of the marker text, location, and a brief essay about the person or event commemorated. A link also shows the location on a GIS map.

CCHA supported the application for the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker honoring the achievements of slave poet, George Moses Horton, whose *Hope of Liberty* (1829) was the first book by a black author in the

South. Horton lived on a farm 2 miles southeast of the marker, which is erected near the intersection of Mt. Gilead Church Road and US 15-501 N. Approved in 1999, the placement of the marker was delayed until 2006, because of a highway improvement project in the area.

After CCHA supported a proposal to erect a [marker honoring the achievements of Simon Green Atkins](#), a notable African-American educator who founded the school that became today's Winston-Salem State University, the Chatham County Commissioners funded the private marker. Jane Pyle served on the planning committee to design the marker, find a site, and organize the dedication ceremony.