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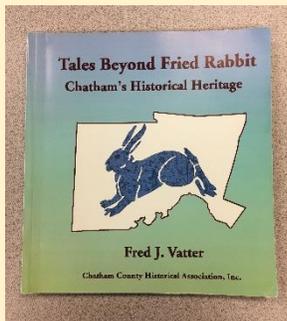
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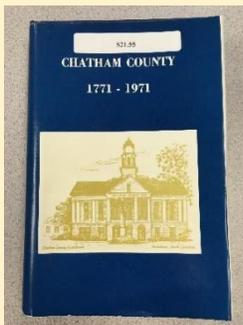
Publications

Tales Beyond Fried Rabbit by Fred J Vatter



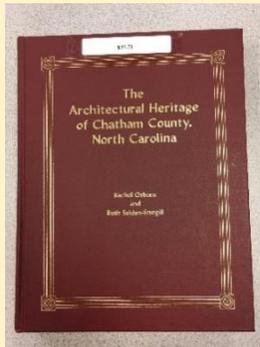
Fred Vatter's delightful saunter into some of the many corners of Chatham County's past tell us of old houses, aged country stores, church yards with intriguing gravestones, and venerable public buildings; settlements and cemeteries now lost due to dams and other effects of progress; ordinary people who know the county's past and would love to tell you about it, as well as prominent civic leaders now long dead.

Chatham County, 1771-1971 edited by Wade H. Hadley, Doris Horton, and Nell Strowd, 1971



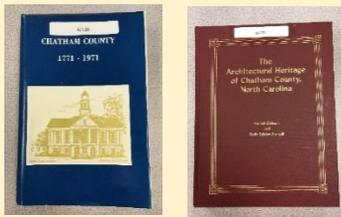
Now in its second facsimile reprinting, the book contains chapters on the colonial and Revolutionary War period, county government, politics, Civil War, transportation, town and county life, communities and post offices, churches, education, fraternal orders, African Americans, agriculture, industry, and brief summaries of well-known families. (6" x 9", 528 pg., photographs, index).

***The Architectural Heritage of Chatham County North Carolina
by Rachel Osborn and Ruth Selden-Sturgill, edited by Marjorie
Hudson, 1991***



Sections on the history and architectural development of Chatham County and of Pittsboro are followed by historic architecture inventories of Pittsboro, Siler City, Goldston, Mt. Vernon Springs and Ore Hill, and each of the county's townships. The book is lavishly illustrated with black & white photographs and thoroughly documented. (8.5" x 11", 391 pages, index).

***Chatham County 1771-1971 and The Architectural Heritage of
Chatham County North Carolina***



This two-book reference collection is offered at a substantial savings.

***Map of Chatham County, NC by Capt. N. A. Ramsey, 1970 by
Capt. N. A. Ramsey, 1870***



This reproduction of the original map by Capt. Nathan A. Ramsey shows rivers, bridges, mills, churches, roads and railroads, and many family locations. Ramsey was the Captain of Company D of the 61st Regiment, CSA. Organized in 1862, Co. D fought in battles in Virginia and North Carolina, and was sent several times to Chatham County to round up deserters. Their success depended on knowing the geography as well as the locations of families. In 1870 Ramsey put this information on a map. (17" x 22"). Includes index of names.

Maps available online, by mail, and in our Gift Shop. A limited number of framed prints available in the Gift Shop only.

Map of the Coal Fields of Chatham and a Portion of the Mineral Region of N.C. by Lucy Worth Jackson, 1874



A reproduction of the original hand-drawn, hand-colored map shows Chatham County and several nearby counties, emphasizing the coal fields near the Deep River. It was drawn by Lucy Worth Jackson (1828-1909), daughter of Governor Jonathan Worth, and wife of J.J. Jackson, Pittsboro lawyer and owner of a coal mine near Carbondon in Chatham County. (17" x 22", color). A limited number of framed prints available in the Gift Shop only.

Map Collection: Ramsey and Jackson



Captain Ramsey's 1870 Map of Chatham County and Lucy Worth Jackson's Coal Fields Map. The two-map set offered at a substantial savings.

Siler City, North Carolina, 1887-1987

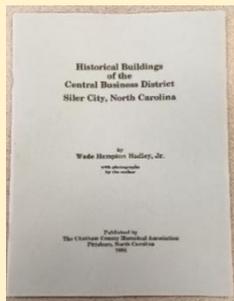
by Wade H. Hadley, Jr., 1986



A reprint of Siler City's centennial history, the book describes pioneer families, railroads, business and industry, schools, fairs and celebrations, early churches, in general following a chronological order. (8.5" x 11", photographs, index, 67+ pages) by Wade Hadley, 1996

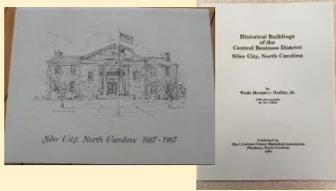
Historical Buildings of the Central Business District, Siler City

by Wade Hadley, 1996



Brief histories of twenty-eight buildings erected between 1909 and 1929 are illustrated with photographs by the author. (8.5" x 11", map, index, 24 pg.)

Siler City Collection: Siler City NC 1887-1987 and Historical Buildings of the Central Business District, Siler City



The two-book Siler City Collection is offered at a substantial savings.

Chatham Historical Journal back issues 1988 - 2008



Back issues of this occasional publication with previously unpublished articles related to Chatham County. Articles cover a variety of topics, such as the county courthouse, silk culture, coal, mills, the Chatham rabbit, and oral histories. (Most issues are four pages, 8.5" x 11", some with photographs). All issues are now available online on our website. See the annotated [list of journal issues](#) for additional info.

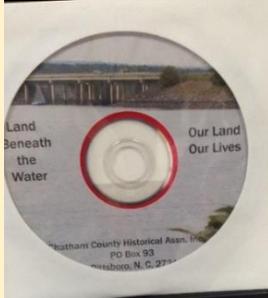
For those who prefer printed copies, the full set is available online and by mail, as well as in the Gift Shop. Single issues are available in the Gift Shop only.

The Gravesites of Chatham County, North Carolina by Will and Audrey Heiser



When published in 2005, this was the most complete survey ever done of all the cemeteries and family plots in Chatham County. Since then it has been replaced by our online database of gravesites at CemeteryCensus.com. The two-volume *Gravesites* is still a useful resource for genealogical researchers. There are more than 27,000 names from the early 19th century to present day. Price has been reduced.

**"Our Land, Our Lives" and "Land Beneath the Waters"
Combination DVD**



"Our Land, Our Lives" was produced from a 15-minute slide and tape documentary about the construction of Jordan Lake. "Land Beneath the Waters" is a 35-minute documentary tracing the history of the New Hope River valley through the development of Jordan Lake and covers native population, early settlement, Revolutionary and Civil Wars, acquisition of properties and construction of the dam, and present-day recreational activities. The two documentaries are available as a combination DVD.

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A General Store at St. Lawrence Post Office in Western Chatham County, NC, 1851-1852 and Notes on the History of the Community by Wade Hadley, 1974

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The main body of the booklet summarizes merchandise transactions recorded in an account book found in the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The text also gives a brief history of the store and post office at St. Lawrence, which was located about three miles east of present-day Siler City. (8.5" x 11", 16 pg., softcover).

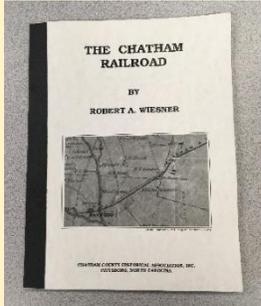
The Story of the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company, 1849-1873 by Wade Hadley, 1980

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The author's abstract reads: "The story records an heroic attempt to render almost one hundred miles of the upper Cape Fear and lower Deep rivers continuously and reliably navigable for steamboats." (8.5" x 11", 90 pg., bibliography, map).

The Chatham Railroad by Robert A. Wiesner

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Tracing the 16-year history of the Chatham Railroad, this book contributes to an understanding of the tumultuous economic affairs of North Carolina in the years preceding and during the Civil War era. Included are photographs of the main figures and a little-known map of 1858 showing proposed rail routes to the Deep River coal fields. (8.5" x 11", 54 pages, soft cover)

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Gift Items

Courthouse Ornament



Commemorates the 2013 reopening of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse following the devastating 2010 fire. Our first and most popular ornament.

Chatham Rabbit Ornament



Celebrates Chatham's famous wild rabbits and their contribution to Chatham's economy and history.

Courthouse Cupola Ornament



CCHA's 2016 ornament, celebrating the Courthouse Cupola.

Three Ornament Collection



All three CCHA ornaments, offered at a substantial savings.

Elaine O'Neil Print of Pittsboro Quilt



Textile artist Elaine O'Neil created the delightfully quirky quilt showing Pittsboro landmarks from which this print was made. We have prints for sale in several sizes. A limited number of framed prints is available.

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Historic Chatham County Note Cards



Twelve cards and envelopes, with duplicate cards depicting Mann's Chapel, Hotel Hadley, Baldwin's Mill, Kelvin, Aspen Hall, and the Manly Law Office. (4 1/4" x 5 1/2", black ink on cream cards).

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