

# Temporary Exhibits

The courthouse hallways house a number of temporary exhibits available to museum visitors. These changing exhibits highlight various aspects of Chatham County History. Currently on display:

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## Chatham County Fair...from the beginning



Artifacts from Chatham County's unique and long-lived county fair—which began as the Chatham County Colored Agricultural Fair—are the focus of this display. See photos, programs, news clippings, ribbons, and other memorabilia from this event, which is a testament to the talents and strengths of Chatham County's black community. The display will be up through March 2018.

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## Chatham County Mills

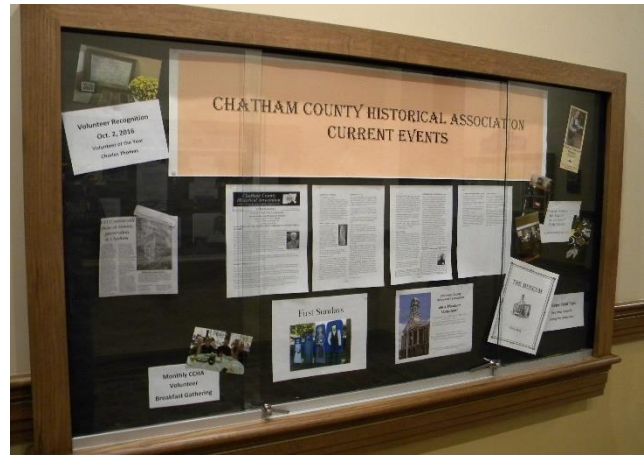


This exhibit shows the locations of fifty Chatham County mills, along with several historical photographs. Research by Louise Hobbs, Charles Thomas, and Clinton Walker.

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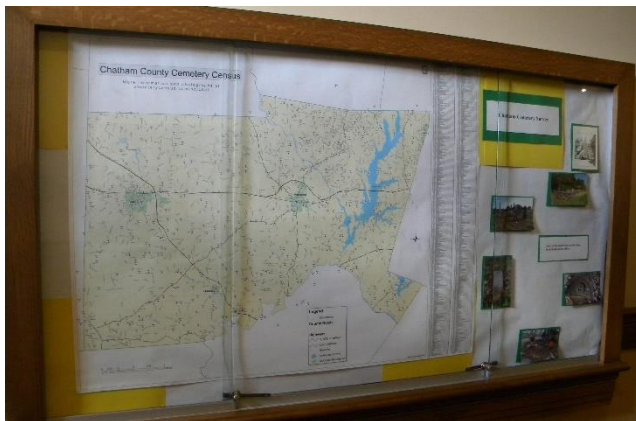
## CCHA's Current Events

If you're in the Historic Courthouse and wonder what the Chatham County Historical Association is up to, check out the Current Events display.



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## Chatham Cemetery Map Exhibit



The Chatham Cemetery Map in the courthouse hallway shows the locations and names of all known cemeteries in Chatham County. If you know of a cemetery that doesn't appear to be on the map, please let us know! Our goal is to document every gravesite in the county. To learn more about our Chatham Cemetery Survey, [click here](#).

Contact us at  
[CemeterySurvey@chathamhistory.org](mailto:CemeterySurvey@chathamhistory.org)

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## Chatham Courthouse Fire 2010

In recent years, one of the most significant historical events in Chatham County was the 2010 courthouse fire. This exhibit tells the story of the fire and the subsequent reconstruction of the courthouse in pictures.



The fire began in the attic on March 25, 2010 due to a construction accident during a renovation of the structure. Firefighters battled the blaze for several days. The interior of the building was extensively damaged, but the heavy masonry walls were found to be structurally sound.

The building's significance to the community was evident in the strong desire that residents expressed to have the building restored rather than replaced. County officials acted on that wish and the courthouse was reconstructed over the next two years. It reopened in April of 2013, housing CCHA's office and museum on the first floor and a courtroom on the upper floor.

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## Mobile Display Cabinet

The museum's mobile display cabinet is made from mahogany from the historic courthouse that survived the fire in 2010. It was designed and built by CCHA volunteer Rouse Wilson III and contains items from the Museum's Collection. The display changes as the archivist accepts new artifacts into the collection.

