

Recently Added Research Articles

We're constantly adding material to our website about Chatham County history. What have you missed? We've recently added:

[Siler City Mills ~ A History](#)

Jerry Stone's detailed account of the people, processes and products of Siler City Mills, from the Mills' early days through its decline and closing.



[Two Bridges \(and a Culvert\)](#)



Chatham native, Bill Sharpe, traces the paths of old roads, bridges (and a culvert) in northeast Chatham and shares some memories along the way.

[Mattie Rogers Beavers ~ Chatham Rural Mail Carrier](#)

Meet Mattie Rogers Beavers, who became a rural mail carrier in 1908. Her mail route was from Siler City to Harper's Crossroads and Bear Creek. For more than 24 years she delivered the mail by horse and buggy. (Think about how awful the roads were in those days!) Women on Mattie's route gave her lists of things they needed which she purchased in town and delivered the next day. Mattie's story was told in the Greensboro Daily News (22 July 1928). Her granddaughter, Milli Hammer, has transcribed the article and provided additional information and photos about Mattie and her family.



[The Bynum Cotton Mill – In the Millworkers Words](#)



What was it like to work in the Bynum/Odell Cotton Mill? We can answer that question because in the 1970s, UNC's Southern Oral History Program interviewed mill workers and saved their words and voices for future generations. This article extracts sections of those interviews to answer questions about working at the mill.

[Tod R. Edwards – Crossing Racial Lines](#)

Celebrates the contributions of the Tod R. Edwards family to Chatham County. For 66 years, 1905-1961, the African-American family owned and operated the county's largest jewelry store in Siler City—the only black-owned business in the otherwise all-white business district on Chatham Street.



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