

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:

The Paintings of Annie Lutterloh Bynum

Temporary Exhibit up May – July 2021

Annie Lutterloh Bynum began painting in her 70s, when her son gave her painting supplies to pass the time while she recovered from a broken leg. She painted for most of her remaining years, often the same Pittsboro street scene, but also others.

A dozen of Annie Bynum's paintings are currently on exhibit in the gallery at the Chatham Historical Museum. Many thanks to those who loaned paintings from their private collections for this exhibit.



[More about Annie Lutterloh Bynum.](#)

Toys of Old

Temporary Exhibit up February – May 2021



Toys that might have entertained you – or your ancestors!



Many thanks to the CCHA supporters who loaned artifacts for this exhibit.

Chatham County Mills



Mills played a vital role in the commercial and social life of Chatham County, and in the quality of life for the many families for whom they ground corn, wheat, oats, and other grains for cash, credit, or shares.

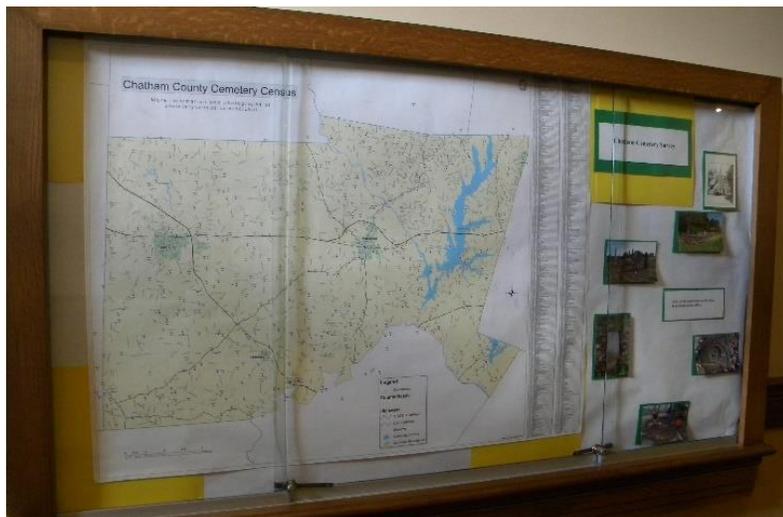
This exhibit shows the locations of fifty Chatham County mills on the Haw, Rocky and Deep Rivers, along with several historical photographs. Research by Louise Hobbs, Charles Thomas, and Clinton Walker.

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.



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](#).

The cemetery map was updated in January 2018. Several "new" old cemeteries have been added.

Please share your knowledge about cemeteries in Chatham! Help us document those identified and find those not previously reported.

Contact us at CemeterySurvey@chathamhistory.org

Chatham Preservation Successes



This display highlights some of Chatham County's recent preservation success stories. Currently, the three Pittsboro houses moved to Small Street when the county's new justice center was built are displayed—the Patrick St. Lawrence house, The Taylor house, and the McClenahan house. CCHA championed the preservation of all three of these houses, which had been vacant and neglected for years. Now, all three have been purchased by individuals committed to their renovation.

Also part of the display are two ongoing preservation projects: Reconstruction of the mid-1800s smokehouse found on the property now occupied by the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center is nearing completion by CCHA volunteers. CCHA continues to work toward a preservation solution for the Griffin-White house on US 64 East, which must be moved from Chatham Park property.

Learn more about these preservation projects and the history of the houses:

[St. Lawrence house](#)

[Taylor house](#)

[McClenahan house](#)

[Smokehouse](#)

[Griffin-White house](#)

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.



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