

CCHA Accomplishments in 2017

It was a very good year!

- Reorganized the historic collection and updated collection policies.
- Opened Gallery 106 to increase display of images from collection.
- Consolidated and reduced offsite storage.
- Redesigned the CCHA website to make it a user-friendly and responsive source of information about both CCHA activities and historic resources.
- Continued the Smokehouse restoration and held a breakfast event to raise funds.
- Repainted the exterior of the Manly Law Office.
- Invested more than 2700 volunteer hours in our Museum programs and experienced increased attendance.
- For the fifth year, provided a courthouse learning experience for all Chatham County 4th graders—more than 900 students served in 2017.
- Increased availability of merchandise for sale through Internet and credit card sales.
- Continued providing historical and genealogical assistance to inquiries from the public.
- Participated in a variety of public events by staffing information booths and other activities.
- Updated and streamlined the CCHA membership lists and significantly increased new membership via internet mailings, outreach, and newsletters.
- Sponsored three interesting and informative public programs on local history, including Historic Preservation and Chatham Park, Coal Mining in Chatham County, and the location of Jones Ferry Crossing on the Haw River.
- Updated the CCHA computers, programs, and printing capabilities.
- Continued updating and adding photographs to our cemetery and burial database, which is easily accessible online and widely used. (2018 is the 30th year of our cemetery survey.)
- Maintained the CCHA genealogy and clipping files which are housed in the Chatham Community Library and worked with the library staff to make local history resources available.
- Continued collaboration with the Chatham County Planning Office and made several site visits to assess historic resources on land to be developed.