## **Chatham County Cemeteries Preserve Family and County History**



**Progress Report** 

A list of the Chatham cemeteries that have been added or updated recently and a nod of thanks to some of Chatham folks who have provided photos and information.

How can you help preserve Chatham history?
Help us photograph Chatham County gravemarkers.

In addition to the church cemeteries that are the resting places for many Chatham residents, hundreds of small, family cemeteries dot Chatham's landscape, although most are hidden from view. All of these sites contain important historical information—about births, deaths, marriages, and family connections—that, in some cases, can be found nowhere else. Chatham County Historical Association volunteers have been working for more than 30 years to save this information. But some sites have never been visited and others require updating because they were visited so long ago.

Winter and early spring provide a good time to do this work. There are fewer bugs and other critters, and the woods are more open to let in light to overgrown sites and to make them more easily accessible.

Have the markers in your church cemetery been photographed? Perhaps you know of a church or family cemetery nearby that you'd be willing to photograph? Or maybe you would enjoy exploring another part of the county by helping with this project?

Round up a friend—or a few—and choose a site. Or contact us to get an assignment. We're happy to get you started and tell you what we need to make sure your photos work on the CemeteryCensus.com website where we make all of our cemetery information available.

We hope you'll join the cemetery team! You'll be saving Chatham history for current and future generations—and exploring the county in this way can be fun!

Learn more the cemetery project on our website

For questions, or to volunteer, contact us at: CemeterySurvey@chathamhistory.org