

# Chatham County Architectural Update 2019-2020

Chatham County's historic architecture was the subject of an intensive survey that began in 1975 and resulted in the publication of *The Architectural Heritage of Chatham County, NC*, in 1991. Most of the comprehensive inventory took place between 1980 and 1986. That's more than 30 years ago and much has changed. Some of the structures included in the *Architectural Heritage* inventory are gone. Others may have deteriorated or have been restored. Still others were missed in the original survey.

In 2019, CCHA volunteer Kimberly Steiner indicated an interest in the historic structures she had observed in the county and proposed to photograph Chatham structures in four townships--Baldwin, Center, Williams, and New Hope--as well as within the town of Pittsboro, to provide an updated inventory. When she contacted CCHA about her proposal, she had already driven those parts of the county to list structures of interest and compared those to the structures listed in the *Architectural Heritage* book, as well as those on the State Historic Preservation Office map of historic places.

Ms. Steiner's plan is to photograph only the exteriors of structures built prior to 1930 (with some exceptions) and to produce a data sheet on each one that will include her photos. Those data sheets will be posted here on the CCHA website to make the information easily available to anyone interested.

The community of Bynum was Ms. Steiner's first area of focus and her data sheets for some twenty-six residential and commercial structures are now available. She has also completed her surveys of Williams and New Hope Townships. We have referenced State Historic Preservation files, where available, and the relevant page in the *Architectural Heritage* book for each structure. You can view the information now available on the historic architecture of the Bynum community and Williams and New Hope Townships here:

[Bynum Architectural Update](#)

[Williams Township Update](#)

[New Hope Township Update](#)

[Chatham County Township Map](#)



We will be posting similar information about structures in Baldwin and Center Townships, as well as in Pittsboro, as it becomes available from Ms. Steiner. We also welcome contributions of photographs and information—historical and current—about other historic Chatham County structures from any part of the county, from anyone who wishes to contribute. Please contact us at [preservation@chathamhistory.org](mailto:preservation@chathamhistory.org) if you are interested in sharing that kind of information with us for inclusion on our website.

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