

# Chatham County Yearbooks

High school yearbooks preserve an aspect of the past not found elsewhere, reflecting the perspectives and aspirations of different generations, and can also be very helpful tools for family research. They provide detail that is not available in other record types and help to place people in historical context.

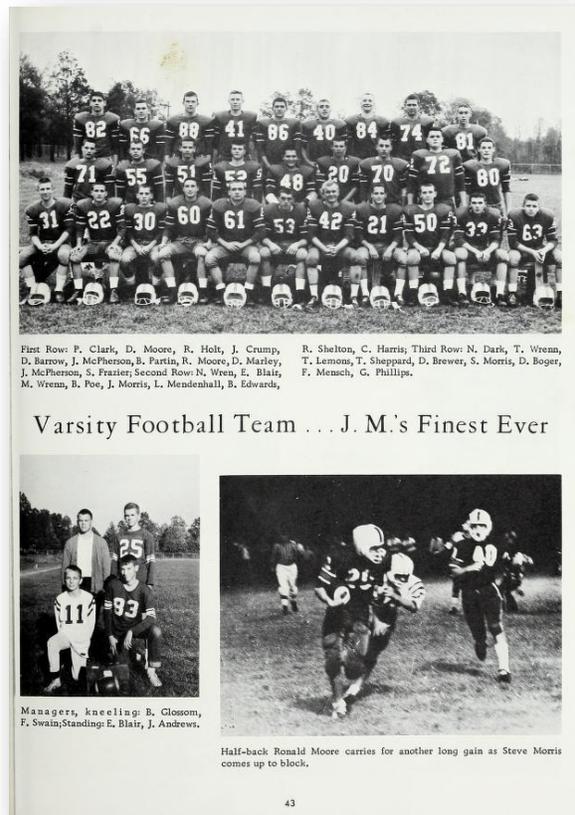
CCHA and the Chatham County Public Libraries have collaborated to make Chatham County yearbooks accessible. All three Chatham libraries have yearbook collections, and many of the older yearbooks are also available online.

## Digitized Yearbooks

The yearbooks in the library collections that were published at least 50 years ago have been digitized by the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center and are available online. The digitized yearbooks can be searched by county and school [here](#). Chatham County's collection currently contains issues from [Bear Creek High School](#), [Bonlee High School](#), [Goldston High School](#), [Horton High School](#), [Jordan Matthews High School](#), [Pittsboro High School](#), [Siler City High School](#), and [Silk Hope High School](#). Additional volumes will be added to the digital collection as they are donated to the libraries and/or "age in" to meet the 50-year- or-older standard for inclusion.

## Yearbooks at Chatham County Libraries

The Chatham yearbook collections are not on the shelves at the libraries, and most do not show up in the library catalog, but the list below indicates what is available at each branch. To check out yearbooks for in-library use, take your library card or photo-id to the circulation desk at Wren or Goldston, or the reference desk at the Chatham Community Library.



Here's what's available at the library locations:

- Chatham Community Library's Yearbook Collection

Pittsboro High School

Dragonian: 1960 – 1970

Pihisca: 1949 – 1950

PI-HI-SCA: 1959

Northwood High School

Imprints: 1974 – 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982 – 1987, 1992 – 2009

Horton High School

Thunderbolts: One volume 1935 – 1970

Creations 1970

- Goldston Library's Yearbook Collection

Chatham Central High School

Gold-stone: 1947 – 1950, 1952 - 1958

Centralia: 1959 – 1965

J.S. Waters High School

2003 – present

- Wren Memorial Library's Yearbook Collection

Chatham Central High School

Centralia: 1959 – 1965

Siler City High School

1939, 1947 – 1956

Silk Hope High School

1958, 1959

Bonlee High School

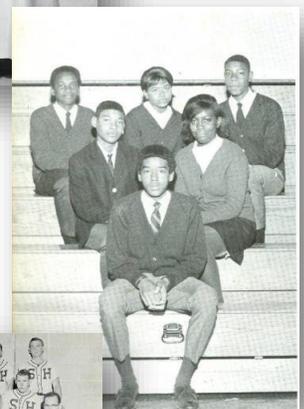
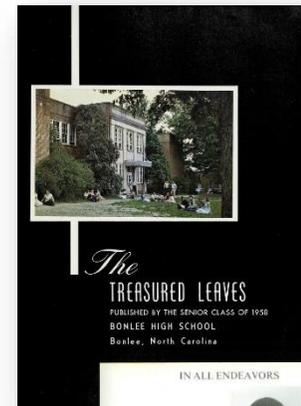
1958

Jordan Matthews High School

1957, 1962 -1967, 1974, 1978, 1986, 1988

Pittsboro High School

1960, 1962



## How You Can Help



Do you have a yearbook from a Chatham County school gathering dust or packed away somewhere? Consider sharing it with others by making it a part of the collection at one of Chatham County's libraries. Library staff and the Chatham County Historical Association are collaborating to build the collection—and they are asking for help.

If you have Chatham County school yearbooks that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the Chatham Community Library reference desk, the

circulation desks at Wren Memorial

Library or Goldston Library, or to the Chatham Historical Museum during museum hours (Wed-Fri 11-4). Help us fill gaps and bring the collections up-to-date. Duplicate copies are welcome and will be used to fill out the collections at all three branches or put to good use as backup copies. A tax receipt for donated materials will be provided upon request.



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