

Chatham County Historical Association

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CCHA Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING Was Held Sunday February 23rd at 2 pm

The annual membership meeting program was Dr. Walt Wolfram with the results from his Language and Life Project team's study of the way Chatham's language is changing over time. The well attended program including examples of the changes in language and an appeal for others to volunteer to be interviewed. If you'd like to contribute to the study of the way language changes over time in Chatham County contact Dr. Wolfram's lead student at gbeer@ncsu.edu.



Dr. Walt Wolfram



Dr. Wolfram's Team



Grimsley Hobbs

After the program, CCHA membership heard and approved last year's minutes and the Treasurer's report. Grimsley Hobbs, CCHA VP, thanked Rich Szary and Kenneth Crabtree who

resigned from the Board during 2019. Rich was the CCHA Archivist and had arranged for many Chatham County pictures and documents to be digitized. Kenneth did a great deal of work on the Smokehouse restoration, which is now complete.

Grimsley then offered two recommendations for new Board members: Brantley Webster and Ray Carney. Mr. Brantley Webster was born, raised and resides in Chatham County. He's a full-time farmer who's always been interested in Chatham County history. He's a lifetime member of the NC Cattlemen's Association, a Mason, and a member of the Bonlee Baptist Church. Mr. Ray Carney purchased, and is restoring, the Patrick St. Lawrence house, the oldest building/house still standing in Pittsboro. This is not his first restoration. He is restoring it only after extensive research about the house, its builder, owner, and the era it was built. He and his wife Janet will live in the house. Ray is a professional cabinet maker and builder who taught for many years.

Ray and Brantley were approved as new members of the Board. Doug Berg, June Price, and Ruth Moose were approved for another term.

After the membership meeting, refreshments were served in the downstairs foyer where the program and meeting were discussed.



Postponeddue to COVID-19

*Program –

The next program will be in the fall out of concern for the safety of the audience.

*Smokehouse Grand Opening

was to be at the now cancelled

AgFest. The Grand Opening will be rescheduled. Look for the new date on our website: www.chathamhistory.org.



Cancelled..... ☹️ ☹️

The Museum hasn't been open since March 18th due to the Governor's order. It will be re-opened when the volunteers feel comfortable as most are in higher risk categories. Stayed tuned to the website or Facebook page (ChathamCountyHistoricalMusuem). Purchases from the website have been suspended as volunteers package items and take them to the post office for shipping, which is not possible right now.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK:

⌘ Looking for an old, short barrel on which to mount a checkers board.

⌘ Looking for someone to design temporary displays for the Museum.

⌘ Looking for volunteers to staff the Museum – we provide all the training! You learn about the history of Chatham County, get to meet people from all over the world and give back to your community.

⌘ Email Museum@chathamhistory.org for any of these opportunities.



NEW on the WEBSITE:

www.chathamhistory.org

1. The Stone/Elkins Family Civil War Letters. Dav Robertson did a great job sharing background and highlights of this important contribution to the CCHA Collection.
2. Hallie Beavers Allred Adventurer: Milli Hammer's story of her aunt Hallie who came from an unusual Siler City family and had an unusually adventuresome life for a woman of her time.
3. Bynum Bridge Awarded Historic Designation: Diane Swan and Debbie Tunnell cover Bynum Bridge history and the process of getting national Register status for the bridge.



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250th

**Chatham County is 250
years old in 2021!**

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suggestions for activities or fundraisers.



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First Sunday of the month, Mar – Dec, noon to 4:30