

Chatham County Historical Association

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CCHA Newsletter

Holiday 2020

2020 Is Almost Over!



A new year brings changes:

☐ This year the Board decided to move the **2021** CCHA annual meeting to May. After a long discussion about COVID, the vaccine, weather and getting together, the Board decided to postpone the meeting until some of those unknowns are more known. The Board regretted having to delay the meeting. The current Board members and officers' terms are extended until the meeting.

☐ **2021** is the **250th** Anniversary of Chatham County. The **250th** Anniversary Committee, despite COVID, is planning events to celebrate the Anniversary throughout the year. More information will be coming out in the local paper, the Chatlist and other venues throughout the year. Stay tuned!

The first event was the reading of a Resolution at the December 7th County Commissioners meeting declaring 2021 the year of the



Semiquincentennial! The reading was done by Gary Simpson reenacting John Brooks. A video will be posted on the website as well as Facebook.

☐ **2021** means you need to **update your membership** in The Chatham County Historical Association. Go online to <https://chathamhistory.org/membershipapplication.shtml> to complete your membership for 2021.

As a member, we know you believe in the importance of history, so please continue supporting the Chatham Historical Museum and the Chatham County Historical Association. Membership renewals, Single \$18, Family \$20, Patron \$50, Friend \$100, and donations in any amount can be sent to:

CCHA, PO Box 93
Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Memberships can be gifted to those you know care about Chatham History!

☐ In **2021**, in conjunction with the **250th**, the **Museum** is planning several changing exhibits. The subjects of the exhibits will be:

1. History of the impact of trees/timber/forests on Chatham County, including recent history.

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2. History of Education in Chatham County.
3. History of transportation (or the lack) including roads, waterways, crossroads communities in Chatham County.
4. Changing demographics in Chatham County; races, religions, kinds of work, changing land use, etc.
5. History of trading and shopping. Bartering at a 1780's Court week, co-ops and the Farmers Alliance to todays farmers markets, artisan galleries, and large producers.
6. How Holidays and the food that goes with them have been celebrated through the years.

Planning for all these exhibits is taking place and **we need your help**. Do you have old or new pictures that would help us with any of these topics? Do you have stories we could print and put with the exhibit? Do you have any artifacts we could use in the displays? Contact Cindy at Museum@chathamhistory.org. to contribute.

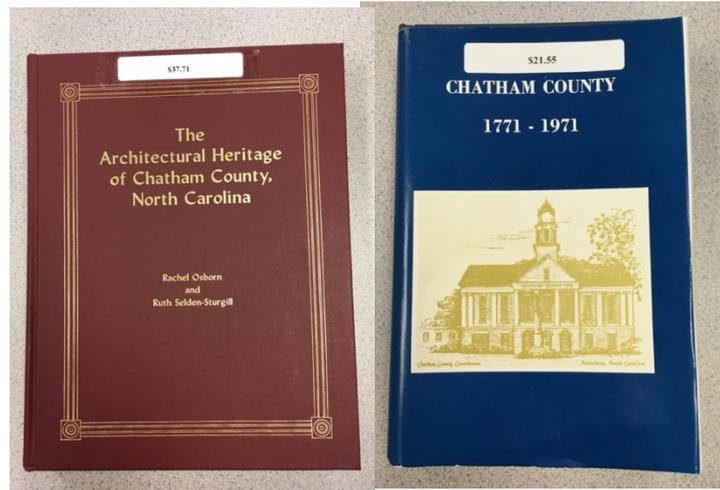


☐ **The Holiday season** gives you the opportunity to give the gift of Chatham County history of books, ornaments or maps to your favorite people. See what's available at the Museum by looking at the selection on the website:

ChathamHistory.org.

Two books about Chatham County are available:

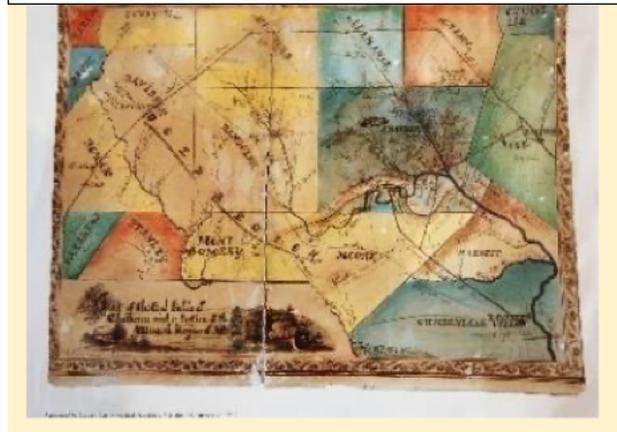
The Architectural Heritage of Chatham County, North Carolina and Chatham County 1771-1971.



Two maps that are very popular as gifts are the Capt. N.A. Ramsey map of 1870 and the Coal Fields map by Lucy Worth Jackson, 1874. ❖❖



Ramsey Map (above) Jackson Map (below)



GIVE THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME TO CCHA

⌘ We're looking for **Board Members** - Have you always wanted to participate in local history and preservation? The Board meets once a month, the second Tuesday at 11 am at the Historic Courthouse. If being on the Board appeals to you, as a member of CCHA, this is your chance! Email us at history@chathamhistory.org and we'll be in touch.

⌘ We are looking for someone to **design temporary displays** for the Museum. The general topics are defined, and the Collection is available to make up the display.

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

⌘ We're looking for **writers**. If you'd like to research and write about Chatham history, email us with a topic. We'll be in touch to talk about resources.

⌘ We are looking for speakers who want to share their knowledge of Chatham County.

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



Chatham County Historical Association is an all-volunteer organization. Which means we don't have expenses for staff, but we do have expenses. The phone and internet, the newsletter email application and the copies that are mailed by USPS, and the website are all expenses. CCHA depends on your membership and financial donations to continue to be able to do the mission of *"preserve and communicate the history of Chatham County, North Carolina"*.



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Museum Open: Wed, Thurs, Fri 11-4 pm year round

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