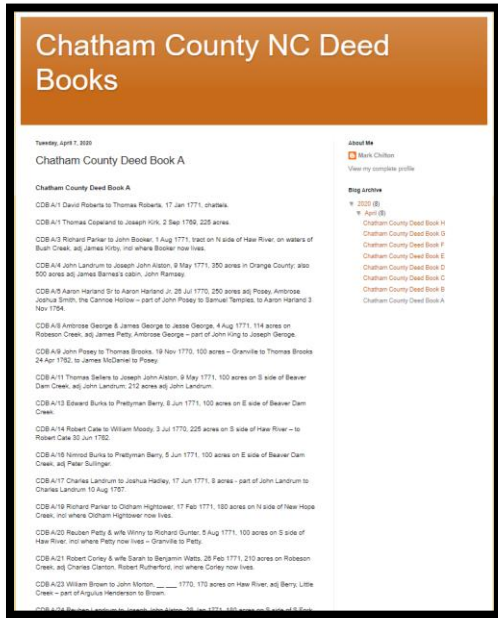


# Early Chatham County Deed Abstracts 1771-1798



Local historian, Mark Chilton, has created abstracts of early Chatham County Deed Books in order to make a searchable resource. He has completed Chatham County Deed Books A through J (1771-1798) and has posted them to so that others may make use of them.

Chilton has been researching the Regulator uprising of 1768-1771. In particular, he has been working on making maps of where the Regulators lived/owned property. Of course, many of them lived in what is now Chatham County, so his research has necessitated looking at old Chatham County deeds. Even though the Regulation was over by the time Chatham County was created in 1771, the old deed books of Chatham County contain a lot of relevant information about the Regulators' post-1771 land sales, etc.

Mark was aware that Marilyn Poe Laird made typed abstracts of Chatham County Deed books A through C (and part of D), but notes that her work is difficult to obtain and is also not as well indexed as one might hope. Consequently, he began abstracting Chatham County Deed Books himself.

Mark hopes this resource will be of use to genealogists and historians researching Chatham County. To search, use <ctrl>F to open a search box and type the search term of interest.

Mark would be glad to hear from anyone who has made maps of old Chatham County land grants. (He has looked at A. B. Markham's excellent maps, though they cover only the NE corner of Chatham County). He will share his mapping results with us in the future.

Mark's blog also includes other aspects of Orange County history—of interest because Orange is Chatham's parent county.

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