

Guide to Collections

Chapel Hill Historical Society

December 2023

This document is a guide to processed collections held by the Chapel Hill Historical Society as of December 2023. Collections are primarily analog material, although the Society currently maintains one exclusively digital collection. Unless otherwise noted, these collections are open for research. Many collections also have online inventories available, which members can search using the procedures outlined in this document: [How to Search Inventories](#).

Our most used reference books, photographs, vertical files, and Society records are now housed in our small reading room at the Midway Business Center on North Graham Street, where they are available for research by appointment. Other materials, including our newspaper collections, remain in remote storage but can be made available for specific research requests. Please contact us via email (chhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or our office phone (919-929-1793) if you need access to our collections, and we will make arrangements for you to use them.

Analog Collections

CHHS.000: Chapel Hill Historical Society Records

- Description: The Historical Society's institutional records.
- Format: Paper
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102
- Restrictions: This collection is partially restricted.
- Inventory Available?: No

CHHS.001: Vertical File Collection

- Description: A paper collection covering various subjects in the history of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.
- Format: Paper
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.002: Prints and Photographs Collection

- Description: A photographic collection covering various subjects in the history of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.
- Format: Photographic prints; negatives; color transparency slides
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102; Remote storage unit #0137, some negatives and slides
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.003: The Chapel Hill Newspaper Collection

- Description: Bound volumes of newspapers from 1923-2011, including *Chapel Hill Weekly* and *Chapel Hill News*.
- Format: Paper (bound volumes)
- Location: Remote storage unit #0150
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.004: The Anvil Collection

- Description: Volumes 9-17 of *The North Carolina Anvil*, an independent newspaper published in Durham 1967-1983.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.005: The Tar Heel Collection

- Description: Bound volumes of *The Daily Tar Heel*, UNC's independent student newspaper, 1926-1928.
- Format: Paper (bound volumes)
- Location: Remote storage unit #0150
- Restrictions: None.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.006: The News and Leader Collection

- Description: Bound volumes of the newspaper *The News and Leader*, published in Chapel Hill 1954-1959.
- Format: Paper (bound volumes)
- Location: Remote storage unit #0150
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.007: The News of Orange County

- Description: Bound volumes of the newspaper *The News of Orange County*, 1962-1966.
- Format: Paper (bound volumes)
- Location: Remote storage unit #0150
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.008: Chapel Hill Yearbooks Collection

- Description: Yearbooks and directories from Chapel Hill High School and other area schools.
- Format: Books
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.009: Maps and Posters Collection

- Description: Maps of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Partial; Inventory currently in progress. ([Link](#))

CHHS.010: Reference Books

- Description: Reference library of books covering various subjects in the history of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.
- Format: Books and journals
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102; CHHS Business Office, Midway Suite 104, small subset
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.011: Postcards and Greeting Cards Collection

- Description: Postcards of Chapel Hill.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: No

CHHS.012: Audiovisual Materials Collection

- Description: Cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, flash drives, ZIP drives, VHS tapes, and other analog audiovisual materials.
- Format: Cassette tapes, VHS tapes, vinyl records (45 rpm), CD and DVD discs, ZIP drives, flash media
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Partial; Inventory currently in progress. Cassette tapes ([Link](#)); DVDs ([Link](#))

CHHS.013: Claudia Cannady Papers

- Description: Papers and photographs of Claudia Cannady.
- Format: Paper, photographic prints
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.014: Chapel Hill Museum Collection

- Description: Materials from the former Chapel Hill Museum.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.015: Civil Rights Arrest Records and Photographs

- Description: Arrest records kept by the Chapel Hill Police, in addition to evidence photographs.
- Format: Paper; photographic prints
- Location: Chapel Hill Public Library
- Restrictions: Returned to CHPL. Legally, ownership and possession must remain with the Town. CHHS may obtain copies.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.016: Charles Blake Collection

- Description: Research and correspondence of Chapel Hill historian Charles Blake.
- Format: Paper
- Location: CHHS Reading Room, Midway Suite 102
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

CHHS.017: Kings Mill-Morgan Creek Neighborhood Collection

- Description: Materials gathered from residents, the neighborhood association, and other sources for the book, *The Copperline Chronicles*, published by CHHS in 2020.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: Yes ([Link](#))

2019.002: Friends of the Public Library Scrapbook Collection

- Description: Materials from scrapbooks kept by the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library, 1978-1990.
- Format: Paper
- Location: Remote storage unit #0137
- Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.
- Inventory Available?: No

Digital Collections

CHHS.D.001: COVID-19 in Chapel Hill Digital Archive

- Description: Digital archive covering the effect of the global pandemic, COVID-19, on Chapel Hill, beginning in March 2020.
- Format: Google Docs; archived Internet links; digital photograph files
- Location: CHHS Google Drive
- Restrictions: Since the collection is currently in progress, this collection will be restricted until after the Archivist decides to cut off the collection of links and other digital artifacts.
- Inventory Available?: No; Inventory currently in progress.

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