

We are dedicated to preserving and sharing information, stories, and artifacts of Haywood County and to serving people connected to or interested in Haywood County history and genealogy.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1936

The purpose of HCH&GS is to...

- discover, collect, preserve, and share historical materials, primarily related to Haywood County;
- make historic materials accessible for scholarly research;
- promote an interest in family history and genealogy and teach the methods and sources necessary for successful family research;
- collect genealogical books, family records, and relevant materials that will aid its patrons and non-resident researchers;
- provide a means to exchange genealogical information and to collect and preserve genealogical data.

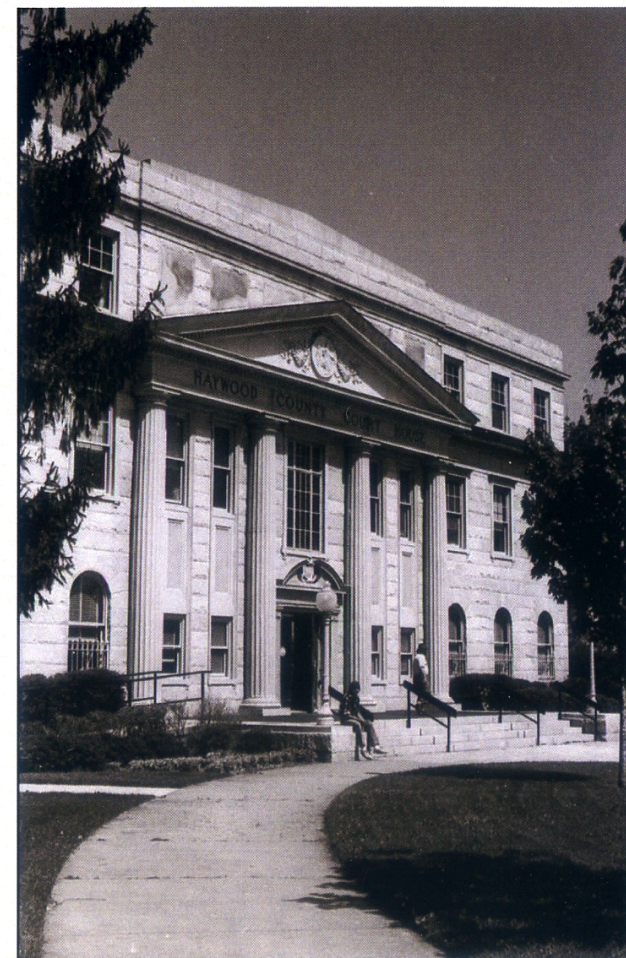
HCH&GS is proud to own the **Museum of Haywood County History** in Clyde, North Carolina. The Museum is in the Historic Shook-Smathers House which dates c.1795 and is the oldest timber framed structure west of the Blue Ridge. The Museum shares the rich history of Haywood County through artifacts, books, and stories. Each room in the museum has a different theme for visitors to learn about the culture and the people who have created and sustained this mountain community. Each room has various exhibits which relate to the theme of the room and shares a bit of the county's history. The museum is located at 178 Morgan Street, Clyde, NC 28721. (828) 565-0073



First established in 1808 from Buncombe County, Haywood County was named for John Haywood, the North Carolina Treasurer from 1787 to 1827. Originally, Haywood County encompassed all the lands west of Buncombe County to Tennessee, with the exception of the Indian Territories. Haywood remained the western most county until 1828 when Macon County was formed.

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