

## CATALOOCHEE AND HAYWOOD COUNTY, NC RESOURCES

Reminder: always verify information by checking the original record or a source as close to that as possible. Links current as of March 10, 2022.

### WEBSITES

1. **Haywood County Historical and Genealogical Society:** dedicated to helping individuals discover the rich history of Haywood County, NC and its people.  
<http://www.nchchgs.org/>  
The Genealogy page provides research suggestions and links to helpful materials.  
<https://www.nchchgs.org/genealogy/>
2. **Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society:** purpose is to provide genealogical education through publications, programs, a library and research support. "Old" Buncombe, the original county formed in 1792, included the area that became Haywood County in 1808.  
<https://www.obcgs.com/>
3. **Family Search, Wiki.** List and links to extensive research sources.  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Haywood County, North Carolina Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Haywood_County,_North_Carolina_Genealogy)  
Family Search, Online records-Haywood County.  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=191099&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20North%20Carolina%2C%20Haywood%22%20%2Bavailability%3AOnline>
4. **NCGenWeb.** Lists local sources and books.  
<http://www.ncgenweb.us/haywood/resources/haywdres.htm>
5. **Valley of Memories.** Article in National Parks Conservation Association  
<https://www.npca.org/articles/2021-valley-of-memories>
6. **GSMNP Visitors Guide**  
<http://www.mysmokymountainvacation.com/historicbuildings/catalogoochee.html>
7. **Visit NC Smokies**  
<https://visitncsmokies.com/blog/closer-look-historic-cataloochee-valley/>
8. **GSMNP Archives**  
<https://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/historyculture/collections.htm>
9. **Great Smoky Mountains Association-Cataloochee DVD.** Katherine Bartell; produced by Haywood County Historical and Genealogical Society. Tells the story of paradise lost and the birth of a new national park.  
Available to purchase at <https://www.smokiesinformation.org/catalogoochee-dvd>  
Available to borrow at several Haywood County Public Libraries  
<https://haywood.nccardinal.org/eg/opac/record/3906815>
10. **"Word from the Smokies: African American project is making the invisible visible,"** Dorfield, Atalaya, Citizen-Times, Feb 19, 2022. <https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2022/02/19/great-smoky-mountains-nc-african-american-project-national-park-service/6830584001/>

## LIBRARIES

1. **Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society**  
Collection of books on Haywood County history, vital records, censuses, deed abstracts, cemetery surveys and family histories. Search Card Catalog, Haywood County for a list of holdings.  
<https://www.obcgs.com/library/card-catalog-search/>
2. **Ramsey Library/UNCA**  
<https://wncln.wncln.org/search/?searchtype=X&SORT=D&searcharg=Cataloochee&searchscope=3>
3. **Haywood County Public Library**  
<https://www.haywoodlibrary.org/635/Genealogy-Local-History>
4. **Hunter Library Digital Collections/Western Carolina University**  
<https://wcudigitalcollection.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16232coll10/search/searchterm/Cataloochee%20schools>  
  
Cataloochee: Life in a Remote Mountain Valley  
<https://wcudigitalcollection.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16232coll10/id/10927>

## BOOKS

1. **Medford, Robert. *Families of Haywood County***, 5 books, 1810-1840, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 censuses. These books, located in OBCGS library, are useful for finding persons whose names have been badly transcribed. 1850 census book located in Haywood County Public library.
2. **Caldwell, Wayne. *Cataloochee*** (New York, 2007). A fictional account of early life in Cataloochee.
3. **Caldwell, Wayne. *Requiem by Fire*** (New York, 2020). A fictional account of the first years of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.
4. **Davis, Hattie Caldwell. *Reflections Of Cataloochee Valley & Its Vanished People*** (1999); *Step Back In Time See Historic Cataloochee Valley Of The Elk* (2002). *Cataloochee Valley: Vanished Settlements of the Great Smoky Mountains* (1997); *Historic Cataloochee: Tour Guide, Great Smoky Mountain National Park* (2001)-has a good map. The author was born in Cataloochee and tells many family stories.
5. **Powers, Elizabeth. *Lost Settlement of the Smokies*** (1982). Copy available at Haywood County Library System.
6. **OBCGS Bookstore:** Haywood County books for sale: see list on pages 5-6.

## MAPS LISTING FAMILY NAMES AND LOCATION OF HOME IN CATALOOCHEE:

1. ***Cataloochee Settlements, 1835-1940***, Wingate Hannah, 1970. Available at GSMNP Research Library <http://dots.lib.utk.edu/?q=biblio/cataloochee-settlements-1835-1940>
2. ***Homesteads On Big and Little Cataloochee As Remembered By Horace, Floyd and Jonathan Woody***. circa early 1900s. OBCGS library, Map Drawer B.

3. **Cataloochee Valley**, T. Frank Davis, Registered Land Surveyor. Map recorded in the Register of Deeds Office, Haywood County, NC, Cabinet "C" Slot 606. Aug 8, 1991. OBCGS Library, Map Drawer B. (on back of "Homesteads" map).

## CENSUS RECORDS

Family Search provides free, searchable census records. There is also the option to browse the census records, filtered by state and county. Consult "How to Use This Collection" for directions. First settlers in Cataloochee arrived mid-1830. Most residents left the valley by 1940.

1. **1840 Census**, search by name, location, age if known.  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1786457>  
 Browse Haywood County records: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YB9-9CK7?wc=31SK-FMH%3A1588669322%2C1588670073%2C1588665902&cc=1786457>
2. **1850 Census**, search by name  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1401638>  
 Browse Haywood County records: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6LD7-Z6M?wc=95RC-4W5%3A1031311901%2C1032323101%2C1032323102&cc=1401638>
3. **1860 Census**, search by name  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181>  
 Browse Haywood County records: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BS4-KJ7?wc=7QSN-67F%3A1589432691%2C1589433090%2C1589433093&cc=1473181>
4. **1870 Census**, search by name  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1438024>  
 Browse Haywood County records: Cataloochee listed as a community for first time.  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-679S-M37?wc=KPM2-SP8%3A518653801%2C519158301%2C519160101&cc=1438024>
5. **1880 Census**, search by name  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1417683>  
 Browse, Cataloochee ED91 <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YB6-9HXB?wc=XCH5-C68%3A1589411027%2C1589411397%2C1589411450%2C1589395509&cc=1417683>  
 Browse, Cataloochee ED92 (Jonathan Creek)  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBD-9ZGJ?cc=1417683>
6. **1900 Census**, search by name  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1325221>  
 Browse Cataloochee, ED22 <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6GBW-YC7?wc=9BWZ-3Y5%3A1030551601%2C1033095901%2C1033098401&cc=1325221>  
 Browse Cataloochee ED29 (Jonathan Creek)  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6GBW-RB6?wc=9BWZ-3YB%3A1030551601%2C1033095901%2C1033112101&cc=1325221>

7. **1910 Census**, search by name

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1727033>

Browse Cataloochee ED58 <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RK4-S1C?wc=QZZ4-1NK%3A133642301%2C139164401%2C139382201%2C1589089102&cc=1727033>

Browse Cataloochee (Jonathans Creek) ED65

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RK4-S1C?wc=QZZ4-1NK%3A133642301%2C139164401%2C139382201%2C1589089102&cc=1727033>

8. **1920 Census**, search by name

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1488411>

Browse Cataloochee ED67

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9R6Y-WQT?wc=QZJ5-WJ3%3A1036474001%2C1037907801%2C1037915401%2C1589332483&cc=1488411>

Browse Cataloochee ED68 (Big Creek Precinct)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR6Y-WTK?wc=QZJ5-WWJ%3A1036474001%2C1037907801%2C1037915401%2C1589332552&cc=1488411>

Browse Cataloochee ED77 (Jonathans Creek)

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR6B-97H?wc=QZJ5-43B%3A1036474001%2C1037907801%2C1037930301%2C1589332569&cc=1488411>

**LAND RECORDS**1. **Eddleman, Bill. *Abstracts of Haywood County, North Carolina Deeds, 1808—1838.***

Southern Historical Press, Greenville, SC, 2005. Available in OBCGS library. Contact [info@obcgs.com](mailto:info@obcgs.com) to request a lookup.

2. **Family Search, Record of deeds, 1809-1901**; index to real estate conveyances; grantor, grantee, 1808-1958.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/159767?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

3. **Family Search, Record of deeds, 1874-1966.**

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/160013?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

4. **Family Search, Record of land entries, 1809-1887.**

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/160025?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

5. **North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data.** <https://nlandgrants.com/>

Haywood County property was first owned by several men who received land grants for large tracts. Some grantees were Robert Love, John Strother, John Gray Blount, and others.

## CEMETERIES:

1. **Find a Grave:** list of cemeteries in Cataloochee [https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/North-Carolina/Haywood-County/Cataloochee?id=city\\_85806](https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/North-Carolina/Haywood-County/Cataloochee?id=city_85806)
2. **Miller, George Augustus, Sr. *Cemeteries & Family Graveyards in Haywood County, NC.***, June 1, 1979. Survey lists cemetery and burials with name, birth & death dates, if legible. Excellent resource when online sources fail. Book available at OBCGS library. Contact [info@obcgs.com](mailto:info@obcgs.com) to request a lookup.
3. **Hannah-Hoglen Cemetery** (not included in Find a Grave list), located off gravel road, Old Cataloochee Turnpike. Many unmarked graves.  
<http://smokymountaincemeterycreeping.blogspot.com/2014/10/hannah-cemetery.html>  
Location: <https://mapcarta.com/21285390>

## CATALOOCHEE VALLEY SCHOOLS

1. **Ola School:**  
<https://wcudigitalcollection.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16232coll10/id/9492>
2. **Caldwell School:**  
<https://wcudigitalcollection.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16232coll10/id/6778/rec/16>
3. **Cataloochee School/Beech Grove School:**  
<https://wcudigitalcollection.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16232coll10/id/9200/rec/6>

## FACEBOOK GROUPS

1. **Cataloochee Valley in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina**,  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/81839088929>
2. **Haywood Co. N.C. Family Genealogy**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/haywoodgenealogy>

## OBCGS BOOKSTORE—HAYWOOD COUNTY BOOKS

Available for purchase from OBCGS eBay bookstore <https://www.ebay.com/str/obcgsbookstore> or in-person at OBCGS library, 128 Bingham Rd, Suite 950, Asheville.

1. **Early Marriage Bonds of Haywood County, 1808-1870**, by James & Vivian Wooley (1974)  
This list was abstracted from microfilm in 1974 and is printed by groom and cross-referenced by bride alphabetically.
2. **Haywood Co. NC 1810 Census**, compiled by Sandy Samz (2010)  
Haywood Co, NC was formed in 1808 and included present day counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Swain and part of Transylvania. Samz has incorporated names from missing pages in the current microfilm which makes this edition complete.

3. **Haywood County, NC Court Records, Vol. I (1809-1815) Volume 1.**

Abstracted by Ann Marie Broadbent (2018) The records were abstracted from microfilm of the original records of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Session minutes from the first two books that were recorded. They contain jury lists, road crews, deed registrations, estate filings, etc.

4. **Permanent Roll of Registered Voters of Haywood County, North Carolina 1902** by Charles Biddix (1990)

Prior to 1913, the state of North Carolina did not require the certified registration of births and deaths. This book provides an excellent supplement to the census schedules.

5. **Portrait of a Mountain Community Haywood Co NC.**, by Curtis W. Wood, Jr (2009)

This book was commissioned by the 2006-07 Haywood Co. Board of Commissioners. It was collaboratively produced by many committees assigned by the Historical Society of Haywood Co. It includes lots of pictures, copies of actual documents and extensive endnotes.

6. **Haywood County, NC Court Records Volume II - 1820-1827 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Minutes** - Transcribed by Ann Broadbent

This transcription was made from the first of three reels on microfilm of the Haywood County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. The court records in this volume cover the period from 1820-1827. Records for additional years will be published at a later date. In this transcription, the spelling, capitalization and abbreviations are exactly as written in the minutes. (Curved) brackets were used in the minutes by the Clerk of Court and have been retained in the transcription. The microfilm of these original records is available online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), film #008152453. I have included the microfilm image number for each image in addition to the page number, so that researchers can refer to the original image if they wish. I have also added notes throughout to point out duplicate images, missing pages or mis numbering where that occurs. In some places I have added [square] brackets when I inserted a corrected word or phrase. The only change to the punctuation was to add commas in a list of names. A Glossary is included, and words found in the court records that are included, are indicated with an asterisk\*. A full name index is included, and all spellings of given and surnames have been indexed.

7. **William Sitton's Store Ledger: Haywood County, North Carolina 1829-1844** (2018)

Transcribed by Ann Marie Broadbent. (2018) William Sitton operated a general store in Haywood Co, NC in the 1830s. This is a transcription of the transactions made in the store including the names of the purchasers, the items sold and prices. Contains a glossary of unfamiliar terms and a short biography of William Sitton.

8. **WNC Bastardy Bonds Haywood County, NC 1820- 1899.** (2020)

Transcribed by Ann Broadbent & OBCG volunteers. This book was produced from original documents filmed at the NC Archives by OBCGS volunteers. It contains varying records for each bastardy case that came before the Justices of the Peace. These include warrants for arrest, examinations, bastardy bonds, depositions, etc. There are also a small number of unrelated court proceedings such as divorce, assault, and apprenticeship that were misfiled and included with these records.