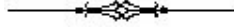


**YES, I WOULD LIKE TO  
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**ANNUAL DUES**

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Family ..... 25.00  
Student .....5.00  
(through high school)  
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(1 to 100 employees)  
Corporation .....250.00  
(more than 100 employees)  
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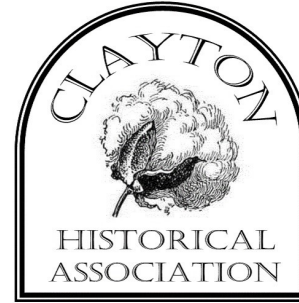
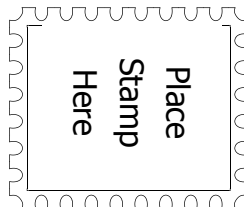
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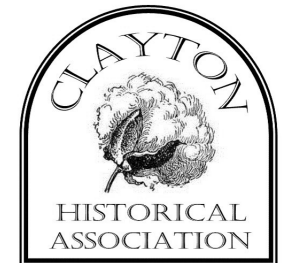
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**Meeting information:**

Please feel free to join us!  
2nd Tuesday Every Month  
Clayton Library—Library History Room  
6:30pm





Clayton High School, circa 1909

## CLAYTON HISTORY

In 1701, John Lawson, explorer/surveyor, described the Iroquoian Tuscarora tribe inhabiting the area where Clayton is today. Siouan tribes also occupied this region prior to major European settlement.

After the Tuscarora War (1711-1715), colonial settlement of the area increased greatly. Johnston County was formed from part of Craven County in 1746 and needed a new courthouse by 1759. William Hinton offered 2 acres of land near present day US 70 and 42 East as a site. Hinton's Quarter, as it was known, served as Johnston County's courthouse from 1759-1771. A "smart skirmish" occurred during the court session of August 1768 at Hinton's Quarter when eighty men "came to the court, with intentions to turn the Justices off the bench." Court was adjourned and the insurgents were driven back.

Governor Tryon and his troops used the road to the courthouse as they marched from New Bern to Hillsborough against the Regulators in 1771. They camped at Hinton's Quarter on the night of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1771.

Early businesses included Gregory's Tavern, built near the old courthouse and later Gulley's Store, where the areas first Post Office was established in 1845.

With construction of the North Carolina Railroad in 1853 development centered around the new depot built on Mrs. Sarah Stallings' land, about 2 miles further west near present day O'Neil and Front Streets. The PO was relocated closer to 'Stallings Station', and the community officially renamed Clayton on January 30, 1856. On the morning of April 12, 1865, a "brisk skirmish" occurred at the edge of town between the remnants of Confederate General Joseph E.

Johnston's army and advancing troops under Union General William T. Sherman. Sherman and 16,000 of his 88,000 man army, advancing on Raleigh, encamped here near Stallings' Station. That evening, a commission sent by NC Gov. Zebulon B. Vance arrived by train and met with Sherman. The commissioners left at dawn with assurances of safe conduct for the Governor, and protection for the city of Raleigh, its people and institutions.

Clayton faced great hardships during the Civil War; however with the help of the railroad, it became a reputable merchant town. The Town of Clayton was incorporated on April 12, 1869. Businesses that flourished after the war were a turpentine distillery, lumber plants, a brick kiln, cotton gins, grist mills, sawmills, tobacco warehouses and two cotton mills. By April 22,



1907 Main Street Clayton NC, circa 1915 Clayton was featured in the Raleigh Evening Times as being "The Wealthiest City for its Size in the World."

Clayton's economy was hit hard by the Great Depression of the 1930's. The cotton mills operated for the next forty years as principle employers for the area, but the economy remained modest compared to the boom at the beginning of the century.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Clayton Historical Association is to preserve and share the history of Clayton and to recognize and preserve the historic properties of Clayton.

## SHORT TERM GOALS:

- ◆ Recruit interested members
- ◆ Historical Information Markers
- ◆ Work with Downtown Development Association
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Schedule events, programs and activities
- ◆ Provide visitor information and self-guided tour brochure
- ◆ Historic Home Plaques for homeowners and businesses



## LONG TERM GOALS:

- ◆ Museum for Clayton
- ◆ Collect historical artifacts from Clayton
- ◆ Purchase and restore historic properties
- ◆ Recording history through oral and video interviews
- ◆ Clayton History Day

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ◆ Historic Home Plaques for homeowners and businesses - Ongoing
- ◆ Flag of Truce Ceremony—the Surrender of Raleigh to Union Army
- ◆ Civil War Trails Marker
- ◆ Historic Tax Credit Seminars
- ◆ Historic District Presentations
- ◆ Clayton Center History Concerts
- ◆ Harvest Festival Demonstrations

Membership Application is on the reverse side.

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