

## **Oral History / Anecdotal Stories Project**

The Chatham Historical Society *Oral History / Anecdotal Stories* project aims to collect remembrances of growing up and living in Chatham. Our goal is to have a collection of these stories spanning decades that will be archived to share with future generations of Chathamites. Each person who contributes to the project has a unique point of view and together these memories create a picture of Chatham for that point in time.

Please consider contributing your memories.

We have a list of some questions to get you started. Feel free to answer al/some/none of them. We are looking for vignettes that give a sense of what it was like to be a child in Chatham. If you feel comfortable including your name, please do, but it is not necessary. If you know anyone who would like to be included in the project please send this to him or her.

You can send your stories to us via the "Contact Us" page on our website, email (chathamhistory@mac.com) or land mail:  
Chatham Historical Society, P.O. Box 682, Chatham, NJ 07928.

The Historical Society is also looking for photographs to add to our digital collection and perhaps be teamed with your memory story for possible future publication or posting on our website. If you have any photos you'd like to share, we will scan them and return the original or you can send us a digital copy.

*Thank you for your memories!*

**Your Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Profession:**

**Questions to help you start remembering about growing up in Chatham, NJ (particularly the Borough of Chatham):**

When did you move to Chatham?

How long did you live in Chatham?

Where did you live?

Where did you go to elementary school in Chatham?

Middle School?

High School?

What was your daily school routine like? Did you walk to school, come home for lunch, etc.?

Did you have any influential teachers? What made them special?

Favorite subjects? Why?

Did you play sports?

Any memories of your team?

What was Chatham like when you were growing up?

What did you do for fun?

Where did you “hang out”?

### **Memories of special events in Chatham**

Happiest memory of growing up in Chatham:

Saddest memory of growing up in Chatham:

Funniest memory of growing up in Chatham:

Most unusual thing about growing up in Chatham:

Chatham people who were important to you:

What influence did Chatham have on the person you became?

Anything else you would like to share about your life in Chatham?

*Fee free to write as much or as little as you please. Of course, the more detailed your story, the more interesting it is for readers.*

*Thank you for participating.*