



Waynesville

1. Founding Documents | 285 N Main Street

A stunning display of the nation's founding documents — The Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights — crowns the lobby of the Haywood County Justice Center, paying homage to the bedrock of American freedom. Barnwood salvaged from barns of the Ensley, Caldwell, Boyd, and Messer families frame the larger-than-life documents, with warm internal lighting that evokes the sense of sunlight streaming through the parchments. Installed in April 2026 coinciding with America 250, the two-sided display funded by community donations is visible from both inside and outside.



2. Monument honoring Revolutionary War veterans buried in Haywood County | 285 N Main Street

Just outside the entrance to the Justice Center, a bronze tablet mounted to a boulder names 10 American Revolution War veterans buried in Haywood County. It is likely not a complete list, but were those known at the time in 1922 when the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected the monument. There were no white settlers in what's now Haywood County at the time of the Revolutionary War. Some of those listed were militiamen who served in the Rutherford Expedition or with the Overmountain Men in campaigns of the Carolinas that were pivotal in the fight for independence — and settled Haywood County after the war.