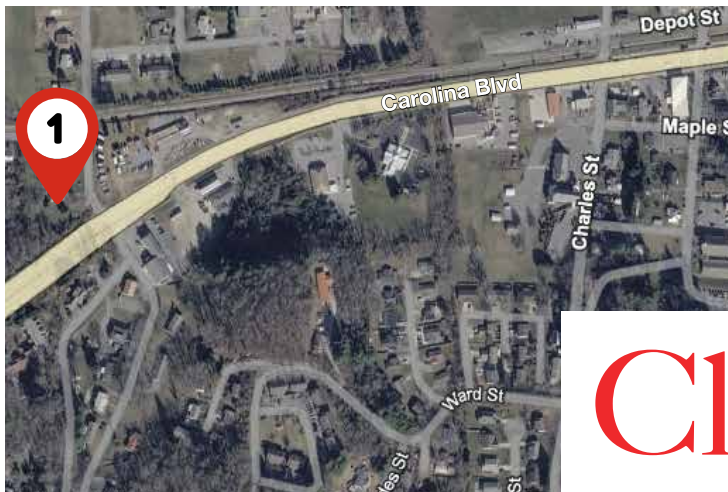


Haywood County Liberty Trail

DISCOVER SITES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY WITH TIES TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ERA

Journey back in time along this self-guided tour to learn about the people, places and events on our own soil that shaped our nation's path to independence. The American Revolution is entwined with Haywood County's origin story. Many of our earliest pioneers were among the ranks of Revolutionary War veterans, whose indelible spirit defined both our human and physical landscape for generations to come.

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Clyde

1. Museum of Haywood County History and historic Shook-Smathers House | 178 Morgan Street

Jacob Shook, a soldier with General Rutherford's Expedition that came through Haywood County in September 1776, later settled here in 1796. While added to over the years, a portion of the original house remains, making it the oldest frame house still standing west of the Eastern Continental Divide. It is home to the Museum of Haywood County History, open for docent guided tours.



Behind the house is a sapling designated as the Haywood County Liberty Tree in 2026. This tree grew from a seedling produced by the 300-year-old Osborne Boundary Oak in Bethel, a tree that "witnessed" Rutherford's march in 1776.

2. Grave of Jacob Shook | Intersection of Melody Street and Pleasant Hill Road

The grave of Jacob Shook, an American Revolution War veteran, is located at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, along with graves of his descendants. Like many of Haywood County's first pioneers, Jacob Shook returned to the virgin country after the Revolutionary War to make a new life in what was then the nation's western frontier.



Jacob Shook forged a homestead out of the wilderness, had 11 children with his wife Isabella, and gave rise to the settlement that would later become Clyde, living to the age of 90.