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Digital Collections

DOC is an online catalog, like a digital version of a card catalog, and contains no images. If you are looking for images of maps from our collections visit [NC Maps](#), a joint project between the State Archives of North Carolina, Outer Banks History Center, and the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill. Some maps related to World War I or World War II can be found in their digital collections within the [North Carolina Digital Collections](#).

Browsing the Map Collection

If you don't know the name or call number of the map you're looking for, try browsing the catalog.

1. Go to <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc/search-doc>
2. On the left hand side of the screen are sorting and browsing options we call facets. Scroll past the Repository options to Collections. Click on "More..." to open other collection options.
3. Scroll down and click on the Map Collection link.
4. DOC will give you a list of materials identified as part of the Map Collection (see below). You can browse this list to find items of interest.

Repository
 State Archives of North Carolina (5283)
 Outer Banks History Center (1526)

Collection
 Map Collection
 NC Railroad Surveys (1)

Creator Type
 Person (42)
 Private

Record Series and Collections

Find:

Show advanced search options

6809 results **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 454 Next

Sort:
 View:

State Highway System of North Carolina
 Creator Entity: North Carolina State Highway Commission 1933
 Record ID: MC.150.1933n
 This map was prepared by C. M. Sawyer and W. W. Hampton for the State Highway Commission and printed by the Williams & Heintz Co. of Washington on "paper made in North Carolina." A legend appears in the lower right corner of the map and an index to ...
 Parent Records:
 North Carolina Maps | North Carolina Colony and State Maps

Searching the Map Collection

If you don't want to browse the entire Map Collection, you can also search it.

1. Follow all the steps listed above to browse the Map Collection.
2. Once you have a browsable list of maps, type the word or phrase you wish to search for in the Search Box (beside the word "Find") and either press "Enter" on your keyboard or click on the magnifying glass in the search box. This will search only the Map Collection for that word or phrase.

Series Home | Collection: map collection

Repository
 State Archives of North Carolina (93)
 Outer Banks History Center (7)

Collection
 Map Collection

Creator Type
 Person (42)
 Private

Record Series and Collections

Find:

Show advanced search options

100 results **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 Next

Sort:
 View:

Charlotte's trading territory
 Creator Entity: Charlotte Chamber of Commerce [ca. 1918 - 1928]
 Record ID: MC.195.C479.1923c
 Map includes three maps showing Charlotte as the geographic, industrial, and trading center of the Carolinas. Map shows mills, factories, textile mills, paper mills, manufacturing plants, cotton mills.
 Parent Records:
 North Carolina Maps | Municipal Maps | Charlotte, NC

5. In the above example, we searched on "Charlotte" and got a smaller set of results that reference that word. You can use the same method to search the maps by county.

Browsing the Map Collection by County and Viewing Child Records

1. Follow all the steps listed to browse the Map Collection.
2. Type the name of the county you want to browse as “[county name] County” (for example, “Catawba County”) in the Search Box (beside the word “Find”) and either press “Enter” on your keyboard or click on the magnifying glass in the search box.

The screenshot shows the 'Record Series and Collections' page for 'Catawba County'. The page is part of the 'Map Collection' and is titled 'Series Home | Collection: "Map Collection"'. The search bar contains 'Catawba County' and shows 49 results. The results are sorted by 'Relevance' and displayed in 'Detail View'. The first result is 'Catawba County' with a record ID of MC.021.1940u, created by the Federal Writers' Project around 1940. The description states that the map shows cities and towns, U.S. and state highways, and major waterways. Below the description are links to 'Parent Records' including 'North Carolina Maps', 'North Carolina County Maps', and 'Catawba County Maps'. The second result is 'Catawba County Maps' with a record ID of MC.021, created by an unknown entity.

3. As you scroll through, you may see that some search results have a number and the phrase “child records” in blue underneath their description. In those instances, you can click that phrase to see more maps underneath the level that showed up in your results.

The screenshot shows the 'Catawba County Maps' page. The page is titled 'Catawba County Maps' and has a record ID of MC.021. The description states that these are maps showing all or parts of Catawba County. The first portion of the call number (MC.021) assigned to these maps is the same numerical class assigned to the original county records and county reference books. The second line is the date or ...

Below the description, there are 24 child records. The first result is 'Catawba County, North Carolina' with a record ID of MC.021.1938n, created by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in 1938. The page also includes a sidebar with filters for 'Record Begin Date' and 'Record End'.

Collection 24 results 1 2 Next View:

Map Collection (24)

Creator Type

State Government (18)

Person (4)

United States Government (2)

Record Begin Date

1800 - 1899 (3)

1900 - 1999 (20)

Record End Date

1900 1900 (2)

Map of Catawba County, North Carolina 1886

Creator Entity: Yoder, Robert Anderson

Record ID: MC.021.1886y2

This map was surveyed, drawn, and published by Robert Anderson Yoder (1853-1911) and engraved by Gaylord Watson of New York. It portrays Catawba County and shows landowners, mills, post offices, ferries, churches, schools, roads, and waterways. ...

Parent Records:
[North Carolina Maps](#) | [North Carolina County Maps](#) | [Catawba County Maps](#)

[Geodetic Survey map of] Catawba County 1968

Creator Entity: Dept. of Conservation and Development. Division of Geodetic Survey

Record ID: MC.021.1968ng

This map is one of a series of maps published by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Geodetic Survey to show triangulation or traverse points and bench marks of the state coordinate system in each county. These ...

Parent Records:
[North Carolina Maps](#) | [North Carolina County Maps](#) | [Catawba County Maps](#)

Catawba County, North Carolina 1938

Creator Entity: State Highway and Public Works Commission

Browsing the Map Collection by Series or Level

1. Type "North Carolina Maps" in the search box and either press "Enter" on your keyboard or click on the magnifying glass in the search box.
2. Scroll down to the North Carolina Maps (Record ID 3) and click on the collection's name.

North Carolina (148728) Find:

Outer Banks History Center (7216) Sort:

Western Regional Archives, State Archives of North Carolina (254) View:

156309 results 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 10421 Next

North Carolina Map 1958

Creator Entity: Futrell, Madlin

Record ID: N.58.10.38-39

Drawing of the state of North Carolina, showing the county names and the county borders.

[view finding aid](#)

Parent Records:
[General Negative Collection](#) | [Negatives Received in 1958](#)

North Carolina Maps 1584

Creator Entity: Unknown

Record ID: 3

The State Archives of North Carolina's Map Collection consists of manuscript maps, reproduced maps, blueprints, lithographs, engravings, blue line prints, tracings, soil surveys, geological surveys, culture maps, road maps, railroad maps, etc. These ...

23 child records

Collection

County Records (60933)

State Records (40827)

Audiovisual Materials (14432)

Military Collections (7593)

Foreign Archives

- This will take you to the description of the Map Collection. Scroll down and click on the record's child list to expand it.

North Carolina maps

Record ID: 3
From Date: 1584

Extent: 3097.479 gigabytes
Creator: [Unknown](#)
Repository: State Archives of North Carolina

Scope and Content
The State Archives of North Carolina's Map Collection consists of manuscript maps, reproduced maps, blueprints, lithographs, engravings, blue line prints, tracings, soil surveys, geological surveys, culture maps, road maps, railroad maps, etc. These maps are quite diverse in size, condition, and quality, both in terms of the work involved in the map's creation and in the medium it is on. When preparing the Map Collection for online access, some re-cataloging has been necessary to bring order to the collection and to make it more accessible. First, the archival materials of evidential value to their integrity, that had been removed from their original collection and placed in the Map Collection, have been separated when possible and treated as separate units. Secondly, material in the Map Collection such as building plans and elevations of buildings and forts have been removed from the Map Collection and added to the collection of building plans and ...

[More](#)

▶ **Child Records (23)**

▼ Child Records (23)

Record Id	Series Title	Date From	Date To	Entity Name
MC.150	North Carolina Colony and State Maps	Not available	Not available	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.
MC.151 - MC.157	Regional Maps	Not available	Not available	Unknown
MC.158	Sandhills Area	Not available	Not available	Unknown
MC.195	Municipal Maps	Not available	Not available	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.
MC.159	Piedmont Plateau Region	Not available	Not available	Unknown

- At this point you can scroll through all the child records or levels below the Map Collection. When you find one you want to read more about, click on the Series Title.

Municipal Maps

[North Carolina Maps](#) > Municipal Maps

Record ID: MC.195

Extent: 591.000 gigabytes

Creator: [Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.](#)

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina

Scope and Content

These are maps and plans of individual cities and towns in North Carolina or parts thereof. They are cataloged alphabetically by the name of the municipality and then chronologically. The category MC.195 has been assigned to all of these maps. The second part of the call number is an alphanumeric designation from the Cutter-Sanborn Author-Marks that reflects the name of the city or town. The last section of the call number reflects the date of the map and the initial or initials of the mapmaker

Arrangement

Alphabetical, then chronological

Physical Access

Select records in this series have been duplicated electronically to facilitate access. Please consult the reference staff for more information.

5. If you scroll down and see a child records tab at this level, you can repeat the process to browse and select additional records.

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▼ Child Records (167)

Record Id	Series Title	Date From	Date To	Entity Name
MC.195.A285	Ahoskie, NC	Not available	Not available	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.
MC.195.A329	Albemarle, NC	Not available	Not available	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.
MC.195.A819	Asheboro, NC.	Not available	Not available	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.

Albemarle, NC

[North Carolina Maps](#) > [Municipal Maps](#) > Albemarle, NC

Record ID: MC.195.A329

Creator: [Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Office of Archives and History. Division of Archives and Records.](#)

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina

Scope and Content

These are maps of all or part of municipality of Albemarle. The category MC.195.A329 has been assigned to all of these maps. MC.195 is assigned to all municipal maps. The second part of the call number (A329) is an alphanumeric designation from the Cutter-Sanborn Author-Marks for the name of the city or town. The last section of the call number reflects the date of the map and the initial or initials of the mapmaker.

Arrangement

Chronological

▶ [Child Records \(4\)](#)

Beyond the Map Collection

While the Map Collection may have the largest concentration of maps in our holdings, maps can be found in other collections as well. For example, if you're looking for maps related to military campaigns, you should check the Military Collection.

What to Do When You Find Something

1. Whether you search or browse, you can click on the names of the materials in your results to see more information about them.
2. Once you have found an item you want to see, you can either visit the repository that holds the item to see it in person or you can email archives@ncdcr.gov to order a copy. Learn more about the procedures and costs of [ordering copies](#) on our website.