

COUNTIES AND

Counties and Their Governments

Alamance

124 W. Elm St., Graham, 27253 www.alamance-nc.com

county seat: Graham
clerk of court: (336) 438-1002

formed: 1849
population: 152,531

North Carolina Senate

Richard Gunn, *republican*

24th-Alamance

North Carolina House of Representatives

Alice L. Bordsen, *democrat*
Dan W. Ingle, *republican*

63rd-Rockingham
64th-Alamance

Alamance County gets its name from Alamance Creek on the banks of which was fought the battle between the Colonial troops under Governor Tryon and the Regulators on May 17, 1771.

Alexander

621 Liledoun Rd., Taylorsville, 28681 www.co.alexander.nc.us

county seat: Taylorsville
clerk of court: (828) 632-2215

formed: 1847
population: 37,528

North Carolina Senate

Daniel F. Soucek, *republican*

45th-Watauga

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mark W. Hollo, *republican*

88th-Alexander

Alexander County was named in honor of William J. Alexander of Mecklenburg County, several times a member of the Legislature and speaker of the House of Commons.

Alleghany

P.O. Box 366, Sparta, 28675 www.alleghanycounty-nc.gov

county seat: Sparta
clerk of court: (336) 372-8949

formed: 1859
population: 11,069

North Carolina Senate

Don East, *republican*

30th-Surry

North Carolina House of Representatives

Sarah Stevens, *republican*

90th-Surry

Alleghany County was named for a Native American Indian tribe. The name is derived from the Delaware tribe's name for the Alleghany and Ohio Rivers and is said to have meant "a fine stream."

Anson

Courthouse, 114 N. Greene St., Wadesboro, 28170 www.co.anson.nc.us

county seat: Wadesboro
clerk of court: (704) 694-2314

formed: 1750
population: 25,822

THEIR GOVERNMENTS

North Carolina Senate

William R. Purcell, *democrat* 25th-Scotland

North Carolina House of Representatives

Pryor A. Gibson, III, *democrat* 69th-Montgomery

Anson County was named in honor of George, Lord Anson, a celebrated English admiral who circumnavigated the globe.

Ashe

150 Government Circle, Jefferson, 28640

www.ashecountygov.com

county seat: Jefferson

formed: 1799

clerk of court: (336) 246-5641

population: 27,423

North Carolina Senate

Daniel Soucek, *republican* 45th-Watauga

North Carolina House of Representatives

Jonathan C. Jordan, *republican* 93rd-Watauga

Ashe County was named in honor of Samuel Ashe, a Revolutionary patriot, superior court judge and Governor of the state.

Avery

Admin. Bldg., P.O. Box 640, Newland, 28657

www.averycountync.gov

county seat: Newland

formed: 1911

clerk of court: (828) 733-2900

population: 17,834

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, *republican* 47th-Mitchell

North Carolina House of Representatives

Phillip D. Frye, *republican* 84th-Mitchell

Avery County was named in honor of Colonel Waightstill Avery, a soldier of the Revolution and Attorney General of North Carolina.

Beaufort

121 W. 3rd St., Washington, 27889

www.co.beaufort.nc.us

county seat: Washington

formed: 1712

clerk of court: (252) 946-5184

population: 47,854

North Carolina Senate

Stan White, *democrat* 1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bill Cook, *republican* 6th-Beaufort

Beaufort County is named in honor of Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, who, in 1709, became one of the Lords Proprietor.

Bertie

P.O. Box 530 Windsor, 27983

www.co.bertie.nc.us

county seat: Windsor

formed: 1722

clerk of court: (252) 794-3030

population: 20,890

North Carolina Senate

Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Hertford

North Carolina House of Representatives

Annie W. Mobley, *democrat* 5th-Hertford

Bertie County was named in honor of James Bertie, Lord Proprietor.

Bladen

106 E. Broad St., Rm. 105, Elizabethtown, 28337 www.bladeninfo.org

county seat: Elizabethtown *formed:* 1734
clerk of court: (910) 872-7201 *population:* 35,148

North Carolina Senate

Wesley Meredith, *republican* 19th-Cumberland

North Carolina House of Representatives

William D. Brisson, *democrat* 22nd-Bladen

Bladen County was named in honor of Martin Bladen, one of the members of the Board of Trade and Plantations, which had charge of colonial affairs.

Brunswick

Government Ctr., Box 249, Bolivia, 28422 www.brunsko.net

county seat: Bolivia *formed:* 1764
clerk of court: (910) 253-8502 *population:* 110,140

North Carolina Senate

William Rabon, *republican* 8th-Brunswick

North Carolina House of Representatives

Frank Iler, *republican* 17th-Brunswick
 Dewey L. Hill, *democrat* 20th-Columbus

Brunswick County was named in honor of the town of Brunswick, which in turn was named for King George I, Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg.

Buncombe

60 Court Plaza, Asheville, 28801 www.buncombecounty.org

county seat: Asheville *formed:* 1791
clerk of court: (828) 232-2600 *population:* 243,855

North Carolina Senate

Tom Apodaca, *republican* 48th-Henderson
 Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr., *democrat* 49th-Buncombe

North Carolina House of Representatives

Susan C. Fisher, *democrat* 114th-Buncombe
 Patsy Keever, *democrat* 115th-Buncombe
 Tim Moffitt, *democrat* 116th-Buncombe

Buncombe County was named in honor of Colonel Edward Buncombe, a Revolutionary soldier who was wounded and captured at the battle of Germantown, October 4, 1777, and, in May of 1778, died a paroled prisoner in Philadelphia.

Burke

200 Avery Ave., Morganton, 28680-0219 www.co.burke.nc.us

county seat: Morganton *formed:* 1777
clerk of court: (828) 432-2806 *population:* 90,722

North Carolina Senate

Warren Daniel, *republican* 44th-Burke

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mitch Gillespie, *republican* 85th-McDowell

Hugh Blackwell, *republican* 86th-Burke

Burke County was named in honor of Dr. Thomas Burke, a member of the Continental Congress and Governor of North Carolina from 1781-1782.

Cabarrus

65 Church St., SE, Box 707, Concord, 28025 www.cabarruscounty.us

county seat: Concord *formed:* 1792
clerk of court: (704) 786-4137 *population:* 181,253

North Carolina Senate

Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr., *republican* 36th-Cabarrus

North Carolina House of Representatives

Jeffrey L. Barnhart, *republican* 82nd-Cabarrus

Linda P. Johnson, *republican* 83rd-Cabarrus

Cabarrus County was named in honor of Stephen Cabarrus of Edenton, several times a member of the legislature and four times Speaker of the House of Commons.

Caldwell

905 West Avenue, NW, P.O. Box 2200, Lenoir, 28645 www.co.caldwell.nc.us

county seat: Lenoir *formed:* 1841
clerk of court: (828) 759-8403 *population:* 83,117

North Carolina Senate

Warren T. Daniel, *republican* 44th-Burke

North Carolina House of Representatives

Phillip D. Frye, *republican* 84th-Mitchell

Edgar V. Starnes, *republican* 87th-Caldwell

Caldwell County was named in honor of Joseph Caldwell, the first president of the University of North Carolina. He strongly advocated a public school system and a railroad which would run across the center of the state from Morehead City to Tennessee.

Camden

Courthouse, 117 N. 343, Camden, 27921 www.camdencountync.gov

county seat: Camden *formed:* 1777
clerk of court: (252) 331-4871 *population:* 9,921

North Carolina Senate

Stan White, *democrat* 1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

William C. Owens, Jr., *democrat* 1st-Pasquotank

Camden County was named in honor of Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden, British jurist and Member of Parliament. Camden opposed taxation of the American colonies.

Carteret

Courthouse Square, Beaufort, 28516

www.co.carteret.nc.us

county seat: Beaufort
 clerk of court: (252) 838-8151

formed: 1722
 population: 67,696

North Carolina Senate

Jean R. Preston, *republican* 2nd-Carteret

North Carolina House of Representatives

Pat McElraft, *republican* 13th-Carteret

Carteret County is named in honor of Sir John Carteret, Earl of Granville, and one of the Lords Proprietor.

Caswell

144 Courthouse Square, Yanceyville, 27379

www.caswellcountync.gov

county seat: Yanceyville
 clerk of court: (336) 694-4171

formed: 1771
 population: 23,654

North Carolina Senate

Richard W. Gunn, *republican* 24th-Alamance

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bill Faison, *democrat* 50th-Orange

Caswell County was named in honor of Richard Caswell, member of the first Continental Congress, first Governor of North Carolina after the Declaration of Independence and Major General in the Revolutionary Army.

Catawba

P.O. Box 389, Newton, 28658-0389

www.catawbacountync.gov

county seat: Newton
 clerk of court: (828) 466-6100

formed: 1842
 population: 154,992

North Carolina Senate

Austin M. Allran, *republican* 42nd-Catawba

North Carolina House of Representatives

Ray Warren, *democrat* 88th-Alexander
 Mitchell S. Setzer, *republican* 89th-Catawba
 Mark K. Hilton, *republican* 96th-Catawba

Catawba County was named for a Native American Indian tribe that lived in that part of the state.

Chatham

P.O. Box 1809, Pittsboro, 27312

www.co.chatham.nc.us

county seat: Pittsboro
 clerk of court: (919) 542-3240

formed: 1771
 population: 64,553

North Carolina Senate

Bob Atwater, *democrat* 18th-Chatham

North Carolina House of Representatives

Joe Hackney, *democrat* 54th-Orange

Chatham County was named in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, an eloquent defender of the American cause in the English Parliament during the Revolution.

Cherokee

Courthouse, 75 Peachtree St., Murphy, 28906 www.cherokeecounty-nc.gov

county seat: Murphy *formed:* 1839
 clerk of court: (828) 837-2522 *population:* 27,300

North Carolina Senate
 James W. Davis, *republican* 50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Roger West, *republican* 120th-Cherokee

Cherokee County was named in honor of the Native American Indian tribe which still inhabits the western part of the state.

Chowan

P.O. Box 1030, Edenton, 27932 www.chowancounty-nc.gov

county seat: Edenton *formed:* 1670
 clerk of court: (252) 482-2323 *population:* 14,796

North Carolina Senate
 Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Halifax

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Timothy L. Spear, *democrat* 2nd-Washington

Chowan County was named in honor of the Native American Indian tribe that inhabited the northeastern part of North Carolina at the time of colonial settlement.

Clay

Courthouse, P.O. Box 118, Hayesville, 28904 www.claycounty-nc-chamber.com

county seat: Hayesville *formed:* 1861
 clerk of court: (828) 389-8334 *population:* 10,460

North Carolina Senate
 James W. Davis, *republican* 50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Roger West, *republican* 120th-Cherokee

Clay County was named in honor of Henry Clay, an antebellum U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate.

Cleveland

311 E. Marion St., Shelby, 28150 www.clevelandcounty.com

county seat: Shelby *formed:* 1841
 clerk of court: (704) 484-4851 *population:* 98,209

North Carolina Senate
 Debbie Clary, *republican* 46th-Cleveland
 Wes Westmoreland, *republican* 46th-Cleveland

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Kelly E. Hastings, *republican* 110th-Cleveland
 Tim K. Moore, *republican* 111th-Cleveland
 Bob England, M.D., *democrat* 112th-Cleveland

Cleveland County was named in honor of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, a noted

partisan leader of the western Carolina frontier during the Revolutionary War era and one of the commanding officers of the American patriot forces at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Columbus

111 Washington St., Whiteville, 28472

www.columbusco.org

county seat: Whiteville

formed: 1808

clerk of court: (910) 641-3000

population: 57,657

North Carolina Senate

William P. Rabon, *republican*

8th-Brunswick

North Carolina House of Representatives

Dewey L. Hill, *democrat*

20th-Columbus

Columbus County was named in honor of the discoverer of the New World.

Craven

Adm. Bldg., 406 Craven St., New Bern, 28560

www.cravencounty.com

county seat: New Bern

formed: 1705

clerk of court: (252) 639-9004

population: 104,965

North Carolina Senate

Jean Preston, *republican*

2nd-Carteret

North Carolina House of Representatives

Norman Sanderson, *republican*

3rd-Pamlico

William L. Wainwright, *democrat*

12th-Craven

Craven was first created as the Archdale Precinct of Bath County in 1705. The name was changed about 1712 to honor William, Lord Craven, one of the Lords Proprietor of Carolina. The county seat was first called Chattawaka (or Chattoocka), then changed to Newbern in 1723. State legislators legalized the current spelling, New Bern, in 1897.

Cumberland

Courthouse, 117 Dick St., Fayetteville, 28301

www.co.cumberland.nc.us

county seat: Fayetteville

formed: 1754

clerk of court: (910) 678-2902

population: 327,643

North Carolina Senate

Wesley Meredith, *republican*

19th-Cumberland

Eric Mansfield, *democrat*

21st-Cumberland

North Carolina House of Representatives

William D. Brisson, *democrat*

22nd-Bladen

Marvin W. Lucas, *democrat*

42nd-Cumberland

Elmer Floyd, *democrat*

43rd-Cumberland

Diane Parfitt, *democrat*

44th-Cumberland

Rick Glazier, *democrat*

45th-Cumberland

Cumberland County was named in honor of William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, third son of King George, III of Great Britain. Cumberland crushed the Jacobite uprising in Scotland at Culloden in 1746. The subsequent clearance of the Scots Highlands launched a wave of emigrants to the North Carolina frontier.

Currituck

Courthouse, Currituck, 27929

www.co.currituck.nc.us

county seat: Currituck

formed: 1668

clerk of court: (252) 232-2010

population: 23,643

North Carolina Senate

Stan White, *democrat*

1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

W. C. "Bill" Owens, Jr., *democrat*

1st-Pasquotank

Currituck County is traditionally said to be named after a Native American Indian word for the region's indigenous wild geese, "Coratank."

Dare

Admn. Bldg., 954 Marshall Collins Drive, Manteo, 27954 www.co.dare.nc.us

county seat: Manteo

formed: 1870

clerk of court: (252) 475-9100

population: 34,216

North Carolina Senate

Stan White, *democrat*

1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

Timothy L. Spear, *democrat*

2nd-Washington

Dare County was named in honor of Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in North America.

Davidson

Governmental Center, 913 Greensboro St., Lexington, 27293

www.co.davidson.nc.us

county seat: Lexington

formed: 1822

clerk of court: (336) 249-0351

population: 163,364

North Carolina Senate

Stan Bingham, *republican*

33rd-Davidson

North Carolina House of Representatives

Larry Brown, *republican*

73rd-Forsyth

Joyce Krawiec, *republican*

73rd-Forsyth

Jerry C. Dockham, *republican*

80th-Davidson

Rayne Brown, *republican*

81st-Davidson

Davidson County was named in honor of General William Lee Davidson, an American patriot commanding officer killed in action at Cowan's Ford.

Davie

123 S. Main St., Mocksville, 27028

www.co.davie.nc.us

county seat: Mocksville

formed: 1836

clerk of court: (336) 751-3507

population: 41,560

North Carolina Senate

Andrew C. Brock, *republican*

34th-Davie

North Carolina House of Representatives

Julia C. Howard, *republican*

79th-Davie

Davie County was named in honor of William Richardson Davie, Revolutionary

soldier, a member of the Federal Convention of 1787, Governor of North Carolina, special envoy extraordinaire and minister plenipotentiary to France and one of the founders of the University of North Carolina.

Duplin

P.O. Box 910, Kenansville, 28349

www.duplincountync.com

county seat: Kenansville
 clerk of court: (910) 296-1686

formed: 1750
 population: 59,476

North Carolina Senate

Brent Jackson, *republican*

10th-Duplin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Jimmy Dixon, *republican*

4th-Duplin

Duplin County was named in honor of Thomas Hay, Lord Duplin, an English nobleman and member of the Board of Trade and Plantations.

Durham

Gov. Administration Complex, Durham, 27701

www.co.durham.nc.us

county seat: Durham
 clerk of court: (919) 564-7070

formed: 1881
 population: 272,314

North Carolina Senate

Bob Atwater *democrat*

18th-Durham

Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., *democrat*

20th-Durham

North Carolina House of Representatives

Larry D. Hall, *democrat*

29th-Durham

Paul Luebke, *democrat*

30th-Durham

Henry M. Michaux, Jr., *democrat*

31st-Durham

W.A. "Winkie" Wilkins, *democrat*

55th-Person

Durham County takes its name from the county seat, which in turn was named in honor of Dr. Bartlett Snipes Durham, who donated the land on which the railroad station was located.

Edgecombe

P.O. Box 10, Tarboro, 27886-5100

www.edgecombecountync.gov

county seat: Tarboro
 clerk of court: (252) 823-6161

formed: 1741
 population: 56,089

North Carolina Senate

Clark Jenkins, *democrat*

3rd-Edgecombe

North Carolina House of Representatives

Joe P. Tolson, *democrat*

23rd-Edgecombe

Jean Farmer-Butterfield, *democrat*

24th-Wilson

Edgecombe County was named in honor of Richard Edgecombe, an English nobleman, Member of Parliament and a lord of the Treasury who became Baron Edgecombe in 1742.

Forsyth

201 N. Chestnut St., Winston-Salem, 27101

www.co.forsyth.nc.us

county seat: Winston-Salem
 clerk of court: (336) 761-2250

formed: 1849
 population: 354,878

North Carolina Senate

Peter Samuel Brunstetter, *republican* 31st-Forsyth
 Linda Garrou, *democrat* 32nd-Forsyth

North Carolina House of Representatives

Larry W. Womble, *democrat* 71st-Forsyth
 Earline W. Parmon, *democrat* 72nd-Forsyth
 Larry R. Brown, *republican* 73rd-Forsyth
 Joyce Krawiec, *republican* 73rd-Forsyth
 Dale R. Folwell, *republican* 74th-Forsyth
 William C. "Bill" McGee, *republican* 75th-Forsyth

Forsyth County was named in honor of Colonel Benjamin Forsyth, a native of Stokes County who was killed on the Canadian border in the War of 1812.

Franklin

113 Market St., Louisburg, 27549

www.co.franklin.nc.us

county seat: Louisburg *formed:* 1779
clerk of court: (919) 496-5104 *population:* 61,651

North Carolina Senate

Doug Berger, *democrat* 7th-Franklin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Glen Bradley, *republican* 49th-Franklin

Franklin County was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

Gaston

P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, 28053-1578

www.co.gaston.nc.us

county seat: Gastonia *formed:* 1846
clerk of court: (704) 852-3100 *population:* 207,506

North Carolina Senate

James Forrester, *republican* 41st-Gaston
 Chris Carney, *republican* 41st-Gaston
 Kathy Harrington, *republican* 43rd-Gaston

North Carolina House of Representatives

John Torbett, *republican* 108th-Gaston
 William A. Current, Sr., *republican* 109th-Gaston
 Kelly Hastings, *republican* 110th-Gaston

Gaston County was named in honor of William Gaston, a member of the U.S. Congress and a Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Gates

202 Court St., Gatesville, 27938

www.gatescounty.govoffice2.com

county seat: Gatesville *formed:* 1779
clerk of court: (252) 357-1365 *population:* 11,944

North Carolina Senate

Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Chowan

North Carolina House of Representatives

Annie W. Mobley, *democrat* 5th-Hertford

Gates County was named in honor of General Horatio Gates, who commanded the American Army at the Battle of Saratoga during the Revolutionary War.

Graham

Courthouse, Robbinsville, 28771

www.grahamcounty.org

county seat: Robbinsville
 clerk of court: (828) 454-6501

formed: 1872
 population: 8,942

North Carolina Senate

James Davis, *republican*

50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives

Roger West, *republican*

120th-Cherokee

Graham County was named in honor of William A. Graham, United States Senator, Governor of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy and a Senator in the Confederate Congress.

Granville

P.O. Box 906, Oxford, 27565

www.granvillecounty.org

county seat: Oxford
 clerk of court: (919) 693-2649

formed: 1746
 population: 60,863

North Carolina Senate

Doug Berger, *democrat*

7th-Franklin

North Carolina House of Representatives

James W. Crawford, Jr., *democrat*

32nd-Granville

Granville County was named in honor of John Carteret, Earl of Granville and Lord Proprietor, who owned the Granville District.

Greene

229 Kingold Boulevard, Suite D, Snow Hill, 28580

www.co.greene.nc.us

county seat: Snow Hill
 clerk of court: (252) 747-3505

formed: 1799
 population: 21,489

North Carolina Senate

Louis M. Pate, Jr., *republican*

5th-Wayne

North Carolina House of Representatives

Stephen LaRoque, *republican*

10th-Lenoir

Karen Kozel, *republican*

10th-Lenoir

Greene County was originally named in honor of James Glasgow, North Carolina Secretary of State during the Revolutionary War era. When Glasgow became publicly involved in land frauds, however, state legislators changed the county's name to honor Gen. Nathanael Greene, whose leadership of the American patriot army in South Carolina and North Carolina frustrated British attempts to hold onto the two colonies and ultimately led to the surrender of Lord Charles Cornwallis' British army at Yorktown.

Guilford

301 W. Market St., Greensboro, 27402

www.co.guilford.nc.us

county seat: Greensboro
 clerk of court: (336) 412-7300

formed: 1771
 population: 495,231

North Carolina Senate

Philip Berger, *republican*

26th-Rockingham

Don Vaughn, *democrat*

27th-Guilford

Gladys Robinson, *democrat*

28th-Guilford

Stan Bingham, *republican* 33rd-Davidson

North Carolina House of Representatives

Pricey Harrison, <i>democrat</i>	57th-Guilford
Alma S. Adams, <i>democrat</i>	58th-Guilford
Margaret M. Jeffus, <i>democrat</i>	59th-Guilford
Marcus Brandon, <i>democrat</i>	60th-Guilford
John Faircloth, <i>republican</i>	61st-Guilford
John M. Blust, <i>republican</i>	62nd-Guilford

Guilford County was named in honor of Francis North, first Earl of Guilford. He was father of the Lord North who was Prime Minister under George III during the Revolution.

Halifax

Historic Courthouse, P.O. Box 38, Halifax, 27839 www.halifaxnc.com

<i>county seat:</i> Halifax	<i>formed:</i> 1758
<i>clerk of court:</i> (252) 583-5061	<i>population:</i> 54,397

North Carolina Senate

Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Halifax

North Carolina House of Representatives

Angela R. Bryant, <i>democrat</i>	7th-Nash
Glen Bradley, <i>republican</i>	49th-Franklin

Halifax County was named in honor of George Montagu, second Earl of Halifax and president of the Board of Trade and Plantations in London during the later colonial era.

Harnett

County Admin. Bldg., P.O. Box 759, Lillington, 27546 www.harnett.org

<i>county seat:</i> Lillington	<i>formed:</i> 1855
<i>clerk of court:</i> (910) 814-4600	<i>population:</i> 118,615

North Carolina Senate

Harris Blake, *republican* 22nd-Moore

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mike Stone, <i>republican</i>	51st-Lee
David R. Lewis, <i>republican</i>	53rd-Harnett

Harnett County was named in honor of Cornelius Harnett, an eminent Revolutionary patriot, president of the Council of Safety, president of the Provincial Council, delegate to the Continental Congress and author of the Halifax Resolves of April 12, 1776.

Haywood

Courthouse, 215 N. Main St., Waynesville, 28786 www.haywoodnc.net

<i>county seat:</i> Waynesville	<i>formed:</i> 1808
<i>clerk of court:</i> (828) 454-6501	<i>population:</i> 59,684

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, <i>republican</i>	47th-Haywood
James Davis, <i>republican</i>	50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives

Ray Rapp, <i>democrat</i>	118th-Madison
R. Phillip Haire, <i>democrat</i>	119th-Jackson

Haywood County is named in honor of John Haywood, Treasurer of North Carolina,

1787-1827.

Henderson

1 Historic Courthouse Sq., Ste. 1, Hendersonville, 28792
www.hendersoncountync.org

county seat: Hendersonville *formed:* 1838
 clerk of court: (828) 697-4100 *population:* 108,448

North Carolina Senate
 Tom Apodaca, *republican* 48th-Henderson

North Carolina House of Representatives
 W. David Guice, *republican* 113th-Transylvania
 Chuck McGrady, *republican* 117th-Henderson

Henderson County was named in honor of Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina during the 1830s.

Hertford

P.O. Box 116, Winton, 27986 **www.co.hertford.nc.us**

county seat: Winton *formed:* 1759
 clerk of court: (252) 358-1711 *population:* 24,466

North Carolina Senate
 Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Halifax

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Annie W. Mobley, *democrat* 5th-Hertford

Hertford County was named in honor of Francis Seymour Conway, Earl (later Marquis) of Hertford, Lord of the Bedchamber and Knight of the Garter during the reign of George II.

Hoke

227 N. Main St., Box 210, Raeford, 28376 **www.hokecounty.org**

county seat: Raeford *formed:* 1911
 clerk of court: (910) 875-3728 *population:* 49,065

North Carolina Senate
 Michael P. Walters, *democrat* 13th-Robeson

North Carolina House of Representatives
 G.L. Pridgen, *republican* 46th-Scotland
 Garland E. Pierce, *democrat* 48th-Scotland

Hoke County was named in honor of Robert F. Hoke, a major-general in the Confederate States Army.

Hyde

P.O. Box 188, Swan Quarter, 27885 **www.hydecountry.org**

county seat: Swan Quarter *formed:* 1712
 clerk of court: (252) 926-4101 *population:* 5,815

North Carolina Senate
 Marc Basnight, *democrat* 1st-Dare
 Stan White, *democrat* 1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

Timothy L. Spear, *democrat* 2nd-Washington

Hyde County was named in honor of Edward Hyde, a colonial Governor of North Carolina and grandson of the Earl of Clarendon, one of the original Lords Proprietor.

Iredell

P.O. Box 788, Statesville, 28687

www.co.iredell.nc.us

county seat: Statesville *formed:* 1788
clerk of court: (704) 878-4204 *population:* 161,522

North Carolina Senate

Fletcher Hartsell, <i>republican</i>	36th-Cabarrus
James Forrester, <i>republican</i>	41st-Gaston
Chris Carney, <i>republican</i>	41st-Gaston
Austin M. Allran, <i>republican</i>	42nd-Catawba

North Carolina House of Representatives

Julia C. Howard, <i>republican</i>	79th-Davie
Mitchell S. Setzer, <i>republican</i>	89th-Iredell
Darrell G. McCormick, <i>republican</i>	92nd-Yadkin
Grey Mills, <i>republican</i>	95th-Iredell

Iredell County was named in honor of James Iredell of Edenton. He was one of the earliest post-colonial leaders in the state and advocated the adoption of the federal Constitution. President George Washington appointed him a judge of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1790.

Jackson

401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, 28779

www.jacksonnc.org

county seat: Sylva *formed:* 1851
clerk of court: (828) 586-7512 *population:* 40,606

North Carolina Senate

James W. Davis, <i>republican</i>	50th-Cherokee
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North Carolina House of Representatives

R. Phillip Haire, <i>democrat</i>	119th-Jackson
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Jackson County was named in honor of Gen. Andrew Jackson, who won an overwhelming victory over the British at New Orleans in 1815 and was twice elected President of the United States.

Johnston

Courthouse, Box 1049, Smithfield, 27577

www.johnstonnc.com

county seat: Smithfield *formed:* 1746
clerk of court: (919) 209-5400 *population:* 172,570

North Carolina Senate

David Rouzer, <i>republican</i>	12th-Johnston
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North Carolina House of Representatives

N. Leo Daughtry, <i>republican</i>	26th-Johnston
James H. Langdon, <i>republican</i>	28th-Johnston

Johnston County was named in honor of Gabriel Johnston, a colonial Governor of North Carolina.

Jones

PO Box 340, Trenton, 28585

www.johnstonnc.com

county seat: Trenton
clerk of court: (252) 448-7351

formed: 1779
population: 10,327

North Carolina Senate

Harry Brown, *republican*

6th-Onslow

North Carolina House of Representatives

Pat McElraft, *republican*

13th-Carteret

Jones County was named in honor of Willie Jones of Halifax, who was one of the leaders of the Revolution and president of the Council of Safety. Jones later opposed the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. It was due chiefly to his influence that the Convention of 1788 refused to ratify a federal Constitution.

Lee

Box 1968, Sanford, 27331-1968

www.leecountync.com

county seat: Sanford
clerk of court: (919) 708-4414

formed: 1907
population: 58,304

North Carolina Senate

Bob Atwater, *democrat*

18th-Chatham

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mike Stone, *republican*

51st-Lee

Lee County was named in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander-in-chief of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.

Lenoir

P.O. Box 3289, Kinston, 28502

www.co.lenoir.nc.us

county seat: Kinston
clerk of court: (252) 520-5300

formed: 1791
population: 59,314

North Carolina Senate

Brent Jackson, *republican*

10th-Duplin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Stephen LaRoque, *republican*

10th-Lenoir

William L. Wainwright, *democrat*

12th-Craven

Lenoir County was named in honor of William Lenoir, one of the commanders of the American patriot army at the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War.

Lincoln

115 W. Main St., Lincolnton, 28092

www.lincolncounty.org

county seat: Lincolnton
clerk of court: (704) 736-8568

formed: 1779
population: 79,026

North Carolina Senate

James Forrester, *republican*

41st-Gaston

Chris Carney, *republican*

41st-Gaston

N.C. House of Representatives

Jonathon Rhyne, Jr., *republican*

97th-Lincoln

Lincoln County was named in honor of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, a distinguished general

of the Revolution whom Gen. George Washington appointed to receive the sword of Lord Charles Cornwallis when he surrendered his army at Yorktown.

Macon

5 W. Main St., Courthouse, Franklin, 28734

maconnc.org

county seat: Franklin *formed:* 1828
clerk of court: (828) 349-2042 *population:* 34,459

North Carolina Senate

James Davis, *republican* 50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives

R. Phillip Haire, *democrat* 119th-Jackson
 Roger West, *republican* 120th-Cherokee

Macon County was named in honor of Nathaniel Macon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, United States Senator and president of the state's Constitutional Convention of 1835.

Madison

PO Box 579, Marshall, 28753

www.madisoncountync.org

county seat: Marshall *formed:* 1851
clerk of court: (828) 649-2531 *population:* 21,193

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, *republican* 47th-Buncombe

North Carolina House of Representatives

Raymond C. Rapp, *democrat* 118th-Madison

Madison County was named in honor of James Madison, fourth President of the United States.

Martin

P.O. Box 668, Williamston, 27892

www.martincountyncgov.com

county seat: Williamston *formed:* 1774
clerk of court: (252) 792-2515 *population:* 24,083

North Carolina Senate

S. Clark Jenkins, *democrat* 3rd-Edgecombe

North Carolina House of Representatives

Edith D. Warren, *democrat* 8th-Pitt

Martin County was named in honor of Josiah Martin, the last Royal Governor of North Carolina. It is probable that this county's name would have been changed like those of Dobbs and Tryon but for the popularity of Alexander Martin, North Carolina governor from 1782-1785 and again from 1789-1792.

McDowell

60 E. Court St., Marion, 28752

www.mcdowellgov.com

county seat: Marion *formed:* 1842
clerk of court: (828) 652-7717 *population:* 45,462

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, *republican* 47th-Haywood

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mitch Gillespie, *republican* 85th-McDowell

McDowell County was named in honor of Colonel Joseph McDowell, an officer of the American patriot army who fought at Kings Mountain and later served in the U.S. Congress and as a member of the commission established to settle the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mecklenburg

600 E. 4th St., P.O. Box 31787, Charlotte, 28231 www.co.mecklenburg.nc.us

county seat: Charlotte *formed:* 1762
clerk of court: (704) 686-0420 *population:* 940,697

North Carolina Senate

Tommy Tucker, <i>republican</i>	35th-Union
Daniel Clodfelter, <i>democrat</i>	37th-Mecklenburg
Charlie S. Dannelly, <i>democrat</i>	38th-Mecklenburg
Robert A. Rucho, <i>republican</i>	39th-Mecklenburg
Malcolm Graham <i>democrat</i>	40th-Mecklenburg

North Carolina House of Representatives

Thom Tillis, <i>republican</i>	98th-Mecklenburg
Rodney Moore, <i>democrat</i>	99th-Mecklenburg
Tricia Cotham, <i>democrat</i>	100th-Mecklenburg
Beverly Earle, <i>democrat</i>	101st-Mecklenburg
Rebecca A. Carney, <i>democrat</i>	102nd-Mecklenburg
William Brawley, <i>republican</i>	103rd-Mecklenburg
Ruth Samuelson, <i>republican</i>	104th-Mecklenburg
Ric Killian, <i>republican</i>	105th-Mecklenburg
Martha B. Alexander, <i>democrat</i>	106th-Mecklenburg
Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., <i>democrat</i>	107th-Mecklenburg

Mecklenburg County was named in honor of Queen Charlotte Sophia of Mecklenburg, wife of King George III.

Mitchell

26 Crimson Laurel Circle, Ste. 1 Bakersville, 28705-0409

www.mitchellcounty.org

county seat: Bakersville *formed:* 1861
clerk of court: (828) 688-2161 *population:* 15,501

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, *republican* 47th-Haywood

North Carolina House of Representatives

Phillip D. Frye, *republican* 84th-Mitchell

Mitchell County was named in honor of Dr. Elisha Mitchell, a professor at the University of North Carolina. While on an exploring expedition of Mt. Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi, Dr. Mitchell fell and was killed. He is buried on top of the mountain.

Montgomery

P.O. Box 425, Troy, 27371

www.montgomerycountync.com

county seat: Troy *formed:* 1779

clerk of court: (910) 576-4211 *population:* 27,864

North Carolina Senate

Jerry W. Tillman, *republican* 29th-Randolph

North Carolina House of Representatives

Ken Goodman, *democrat* 66th-Richmond
Justin P. Burr, *republican* 67th-Stanly

Montgomery County was named in honor of Richard Montgomery who, in 1775, lost his life at the Battle of Quebec during Gen. Benedict Arnold's disastrous attempt to conquer Canada.

Moore

P.O. Box 905, Carthage, 28327

www.moorecountync.gov

county seat: Carthage *formed:* 1784
clerk of court: (910) 947-2396 *population:* 89,395

North Carolina Senate

Harris Blake, *republican* 22nd-Moore

North Carolina House of Representatives

James A. Boles, *republican* 52nd-Moore
Joe Hackney, *democrat* 54th-Orange

Moore County was named in honor of Captain Alfred Moore of Brunswick County, a soldier in the American patriot army and a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Nash

120 W. Washington St., Nashville, 27856

www.co.nash.nc.us

county seat: Nashville *formed:* 1777
clerk of court: (252) 459-4081 *population:* 96,122

North Carolina Senate

E.S. "Buck" Newton, *republican* 11th-Nash

North Carolina House of Representatives

Angela R. Bryant, *democrat* 7th-Nash
Jeff Collins, *republican* 25th-Nash
Glen Bradley, *republican* 49th-Franklin

Nash County was named in honor of General Francis Nash of Hillsborough, who was mortally wounded while fighting under George Washington at the Battle of Germantown.

New Hanover

230 Chestnut St., Wilmington, 28403

www.nhcgov.com

county seat: Wilmington *formed:* 1729
clerk of court: (910) 341-1300 *population:* 206,774

North Carolina Senate

Thom Goolsby, *republican* 9th-New Hanover

North Carolina House of Representatives

Carolyn H. Justice, *republican* 16th-Pender
Susi Hamilton, *democrat* 18th-New Hanover
Daniel F. McComas, *republican* 19th-New Hanover

New Hanover County was named in honor of the royal family of England during the 18th and early 19th centuries, the House of Hanover.

Northampton

P.O. Box 808, Jackson, 27845

www.northamptonnc.com

county seat: Jackson
clerk of court: (252) 534-1631

formed: 1741
population: 21,844

North Carolina Senate

Ed Jones, *democrat*

4th-Halifax

North Carolina House of Representatives

Michael H. Wray, *democrat*

27th-Northampton

Northampton County was named in honor of James Crompton, Earl of Northampton, an English nobleman.

Onslow

4024 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville, 28540

www.co.onslow.nc.us

county seat: Jacksonville
clerk of court: (910) 455-4458

formed: 1731
population: 184,228

North Carolina Senate

Harry Brown, *republican*

6th-Onslow

North Carolina House of Representatives

Jimmy Dixon, *republican*

4th-Duplin

George C. Cleveland, *republican*

14th-Onslow

Phil Shepard, *republican*

15th-Onslow

Onslow County was named in honor of Sir Arthur Onslow who, for more than thirty years, was Speaker of the House of Commons in the British Parliament during the mid-17th Century.

Orange

PO Box 8181, Hillsborough, 27278

www.co.orange.nc.us

county seat: Hillsborough
clerk of court: (919) 245-2200

formed: 1752
population: 135,776

North Carolina Senate

Eleanor Kinnaird, *democrat*

23rd-Orange

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bill Faison, *democrat*

50th-Orange

Joe Hackney, *democrat*

54th-Orange

Verla Insko, *democrat*

56th-Orange

Orange County was named in honor of the infant William V of Orange, grandson of King George II of Great Britain.

Pamlico

Courthouse, P.O.Box 776, Bayboro, 28515

www.pamlicocounty.org

county seat: Bayboro
clerk of court: (252) 745-6000

formed: 1872
population: 13,214

North Carolina Senate

Jean Preston, *republican* 2nd-Carteret

North Carolina House of Representatives

Norman Sanderson, *republican* 3rd-Craven

Pamlico County was named after the sound of the same name. Pamlico was the name of a Native American Indian tribe settled along the sound.

Pasquotank

Courthouse, Room E201, Elizabeth City, 27909 www.co.pasquotank.nc.us

county seat: Elizabeth City *formed:* 1668
clerk of court: (252) 331-4751 *population:* 40,438

North Carolina Senate

Marc Basnight, *democrat* 1st-Dare
 Stan White, *democrat* 1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

William C. Owens, Jr., *democrat* 1st-Pasquotank

Pasquotank County was derived from an Indian word, “pask-e’tan-ki,” which meant “where the current of the stream divides or forks.”

Pender

PO Box 5, Burgaw, 28425

www.pender-county.com

county seat: Burgaw *formed:* 1875
clerk of court: (910) 259-1229 *population:* 53,437

North Carolina Senate

William Rabon, *republican* 8th-Columbus

North Carolina House of Representatives

Carolyn H. Justice, *republican* 16th-Pender
 Susi Hamilton, *democrat* 18th-New Hanover

Pender County was named in honor of General William Dorsey Pender of Edgecombe County. Pender, a commanding officer in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Perquimans

P.O. Box 45, Hertford, 27944

www.co.perquimans.nc.us

county seat: Hertford *formed:* 1668
clerk of court: (252) 426-1505 *population:* 13,537

North Carolina Senate

Ed Jones, *democrat* 4th-Chowan

North Carolina House of Representatives

Annie W. Mobley, *democrat* 5th-Hertford

Perquimans County was named in honor of a Native American Indian tribe that inhabited the northern shores of the Albemarle sound.

Person

304 S. Morgan St., Roxboro, 27573

www.personcounty.net

county seat: Roxboro *formed:* 1791

clerk of court: (336) 503-5200 *population:* 39,700

North Carolina Senate

Eleanor Kinnaird, *democrat* 23rd-Orange

North Carolina House of Representatives

W.A. “Winkie” Wilkins, *democrat* 55th-Person

Person County was named in honor of General Thomas Person, an American patriot leader during the Revolution, member of the Council of Safety and benefactor of the University of North Carolina.

Pitt

1717 West Fifth St., Greenville, 27834-1696

www.co.pitt.nc.us

county seat: Greenville

formed: 1760

clerk of court: (252) 695-7100

population: 170,263

North Carolina Senate

S. Clark Jenkins, *democrat*

3rd-Edgecombe

Louis M. Pate, Jr., *republican*

5th-Wayne

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bill Cook, *republican*

6th-Beaufort

Edith D. Warren, *democrat*

8th-Pitt

Marian N. McLawhorn, *democrat*

9th-Pitt

Pitt County was named in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, Secretary of State for the British crown and de facto prime minister of Britain in the mid-18th Century.

Polk

Box 308, Columbus, 28722

www.polknc.org

county seat: Columbus

formed: 1855

clerk of court: (828) 894-8231

population: 20,453

North Carolina Senate

Tom Apodaca, *republican*

48th-Macon

North Carolina House of Representatives

W. David Guice, *republican*

113th-Transylvania

Polk County was named in honor of Colonel William Polk “who rendered distinguished service in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, and Eutaw, in all of which he was wounded.”

Randolph

P.O. Box 4728, Asheboro, 27205-4728

www.co.randolph.nc.us

county seat: Asheboro

formed: 1779

clerk of court: (336) 328-3095

population: 142,901

North Carolina Senate

Jerry W. Tillman, *republican*

29th-Randolph

North Carolina House of Representatives

Pat B. Hurley, *republican*

70th-Randolph

Harold J. Brubaker, *republican*

78th-Randolph

Randolph County was named in honor of Peyton Randolph of Virginia, who was president of the Continental Congress.

Richmond

PO Box 504, Rockingham, 28380

www.richmondnc.com

county seat: Rockingham
clerk of court: (910) 997-9100

formed: 1779
population: 46,459

North Carolina Senate

William R. Purcell, *democrat*

25th-Scotland

North Carolina House of Representatives

Ken Goodman, *democrat*

66th-Rockingham

Richmond County was named in honor of Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond and a principal secretary in William Pitt's second administration. Richmond was a staunch friend of the American colonies and made a motion in the House of Lords that the colonies be granted their independence.

Robeson

701 N. Elm St., Lumberton, 28358

www.co.robeson.nc.us

county seat: Lumberton
clerk of court: (910) 671-3377

formed: 1787
population: 134,651

North Carolina Senate

Michael Walters, *democrat*

13th-Robeson

North Carolina House of Representatives

G.L. Pridgen, *republican*
Charles Graham, *democrat*
Garland E. Pierce, *democrat*

46th-Scotland
47th-Robeson
48th-Scotland

Robeson County was named in honor of Colonel Thomas Robeson, a soldier of the Revolution. He was one of the leaders at the Battle of Elizabethtown in September, 1781.

Rockingham

371 N Hwy. 65, Reidsville, 27320

www.co.rockingham.nc.us

county seat: Wentworth
clerk of court: (336) 342-8700

formed: 1785
population: 93,558

North Carolina Senate

Philip E. Berger, *republican*

26th-Rockingham

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bert Jones, *republican*
Bryan R. Holloway, *republican*

65th-Rockingham
91st-Stokes

Rockingham County was named in honor of Charles Watson-Wentworth, Second Marquis of Rockingham, who was a leader of a party in the British Parliament which advocated American independence. Rockingham was Prime Minister when the Stamp Act was repealed.

Rowan

130 W. Innes St., Salisbury, 28144

www.co.rowan.nc.us

county seat: Salisbury
clerk of court: (704) 797-3001

formed: 1753
population: 138,309

North Carolina Senate

Andrew C. Brock, *republican*

34th-Davie

North Carolina House of Representatives

Fred F. Steen, II, *republican* 76th-Rowan
 Harry Warren, *republican* 77th-Rowan

Rowan County was named in honor of Matthew Rowan, a prominent North Carolina leader before the Revolution and, for a short time after the death of Governor Gabriel Johnston, acting governor of the colony.

Rutherford

289 N. Main St., Rutherfordton, 28139 www.rutherfordcountync.gov

county seat: Rutherfordton *formed:* 1779
clerk of court: (828) 286-9136 *population:* 68,392

North Carolina Senate

Wes Westmoreland, *republican* 46th-Rutherford

North Carolina House of Representatives

Mike Hagar, *republican* 112th-Rutherford

Rutherford County was named in honor of Griffith Rutherford, one of the most prominent of the Revolutionary patriots. Rutherford led the expedition that crushed the Cherokees in 1776 and rendered important services both in the colonial legislature and on the battlefield as a general officer.

Sampson

406 County Complex Rd., Clinton, 28328 www.sampsonnc.com

county seat: Clinton *formed:* 1784
clerk of court: (910) 592-5191 *population:* 63,746

North Carolina Senate

Brent Jackson, *republican* 10th-Duplin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Larry M. Bell, *democrat* 21st-Sampson
 James H. Langdon, Jr., *republican* 28th-Johnston

Sampson County was named in honor of Colonel John Sampson. Sampson served in the colonial House of Commons and was a member the governor’s council under Govs. Dobbs, Tryon and Martin.

Scotland

507 W. Convington St., Laurinburg, 28353 www.scotlandcounty.org

county seat: Laurinburg *formed:* 1899
clerk of court: (910) 277-3240 *population:* 36,029

North Carolina Senate

William R. Purcell, *democrat* 25th-Scotland

North Carolina House of Representatives

G.L. Pridgen, *republican* 46th-Scotland
 Garland. E. Pierce, *democrat* 48th-Scotland

Scotland County was named for the country of Scotland, the northern portion of the British Isles. Many of the county’s earliest settlers were Scots.

Stanly

201 S. Second St., Albemarle, 28001

www.co.stanly.nc.us

county seat: Albemarle *formed:* 1841
clerk of court: (704) 982-2161 *population:* 60,936

North Carolina Senate

William R. Purcell, *democrat* 25th-Scotland

North Carolina House of Representatives

Justin P. Burr, *republican* 67th-Stanly

Stanly County was named in honor of John Stanly who, for many years in the early 19th Century, was a member of the General Assembly — several times Speaker of the House of Commons — and a member of the U.S. Congress.

Stokes

Government Center, P.O. Box 20, Danbury, 27016

www.co.stokes.nc.us

county seat: Danbury *formed:* 1789
clerk of court: (336) 593-9173 *population:* 47,551

North Carolina Senate

Don East, *republican* 30th-Surry

North Carolina House of Representatives

Bryan R. Holloway, *republican* 91st-Stokes

Stokes County was named in honor of Captain John Stokes, a soldier in the American patriot cause who was seriously wounded at the Waxhaw Massacre during the Revolutionary War. After the war, President George Washington appointed him a judge of the United States District Court of North Carolina. Stokes also served in the colonial legislature and as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1789.

Surry

118 Hamby Road, Dobson, 27017

www.co.surry.nc.us

county seat: Dobson *formed:* 1771
clerk of court: (336) 386-3700 *population:* 73,575

North Carolina Senate

Don East, *republican* 30th-Surry

North Carolina House of Representatives

Sarah Stevens, *republican* 90th-Surry
Darrell G. McCormick, *republican* 92nd-Yadkin

Surry County was named in honor of the county Surrey in England, birthplace of then-Gov. William Tryon.

Swain

P.O. Box 2321, Bryson City, 28713

www.swaincounty.org

county seat: Bryson City *formed:* 1871
clerk of court: (828) 488-2288 *population:* 14,263

North Carolina Senate

James Davis, *republican* 50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives

R. Phillip Haire, *democrat* 119th-Jackson

Swain County was named in honor of Gov. David L. Swain, who also served as president of the University of North Carolina.

Transylvania

21 E. Main St., Brevard, 28712

www.transylvaniacounty.org

county seat: Brevard
clerk of court: (828) 884-3120

formed: 1861
population: 33,275

North Carolina Senate

James Davis, *republican*

50th-Cherokee

North Carolina House of Representatives

W. David Guice, *republican*

113th-Transylvania

Transylvania County was derived from the Latin words “trans,” meaning “across,” and “sylva” meaning “woods.”

Tyrrell

108 S. Water St., Columbia, 27925

www.visittyrrellcounty.com

county seat: Columbia
clerk of court: (252) 796-6281

formed: 1729
population: 4,342

North Carolina Senate

Marc Basnight, *democrat*
Stan White, *democrat*

1st-Dare
1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

William C. Owens, Jr., *democrat*

1st-Pasquotank

Tyrrell County was named in honor of Sir John Tyrrell, Lord Proprietor.

Union

Courthouse, 500 N. Main St., Monroe, 28112

www.co.union.nc.us

county seat: Monroe
clerk of court: (704) 296-4610

formed: 1842
population: 205,717

North Carolina Senate

Tommy Tucker, *republican*

35th-Union

North Carolina House of Representatives

Justin P. Burr, *republican*
Craig Horn, *republican*
Pryor A. Gibson, *democrat*

67th-Stanly
68th-Union
69th-Anson

At the time the county was formed, there was a dispute between local Whigs and Democrats over whether it should be named Clay or Jackson. The name “Union” was suggested and adopted as a compromise.

Vance

122 Young St., Ste. B, Henderson, 27536

www.vancecounty.com

county seat: Henderson
clerk of court: (252) 738-9000

formed: 1881
population: 45,558

North Carolina Senate

Doug Berger, *democrat*

7th-Franklin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Michael H. Wray *democrat*

27th-Northampton

James W. Crawford, Jr., *democrat* 32nd-Granville

Vance County was named in honor of Zebulon Baird Vance, member of Congress, Governor of North Carolina and a United States Senator.

Wake

P.O. Box 550, Raleigh, 27602

www.wakegov.com

county seat: Raleigh

formed: 1771

clerk of court: (919) 755-4000

population: 925,938

North Carolina Senate

Dan Blue, *democrat*

14th-Wake

Neal Hunt, *republican*

15th-Wake

Joshua Stein, *democrat*

16th-Wake

Richard Stevens, *republican*

17th-Wake

Tamara Barringer, *republican*

17th-Wake

North Carolina House of Representatives

Rosa Gill, *democrat*

33rd-Wake

Grier Martin, *democrat*

34th-Wake

Jennifer Weiss, *democrat*

35th-Wake

Nelson Dollar, *republican*

36th-Wake

Paul Stam, *republican*

37th-Wake

Deborah K. Ross, *democrat*

38th-Wake

Darren G. Jackson, *democrat*

39th-Wake

Marilyn Avila, *republican*

40th-Wake

Tom Murry, *republican*

41st-Wake

Wake County was named in honor of Margaret Wake, wife of colonial Governor William Tryon.

Warren

P.O. Box 619, Warrenton, 27589

www.warrencountync.com

county seat: Warrenton

formed: 1779

clerk of court: (252) 257-3261

population: 20,883

North Carolina Senate

Doug Berger, *democrat*

7th-Franklin

North Carolina House of Representatives

Michael H. Wray, *democrat*

27th-Northampton

Warren County was named in honor of Gen. Joseph Warren, a Massachusetts physician and American patriot leader who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Washington

P.O. Box 1007, Plymouth, 27962

www.washconc.org

county seat: Plymouth

formed: 1799

clerk of court: (252) 793-3013

population: 13,060

North Carolina Senate

Marc Basnight, *democrat*

1st-Dare

Stan White, *democrat*

1st-Dare

North Carolina House of Representatives

Timothy L. Spear, *democrat*

2nd-Washington

Washington County was named in honor of George Washington.

Watauga

814 W. King St., Suite 205, Boone, 28607 www.wataugacounty.org

county seat: Boone *formed:* 1849
clerk of court: (828) 265-5364 *population:* 52,111

North Carolina Senate
 Daniel Soucek, *republican* 45th-Watauga

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Jonathan Jordan, *republican* 93rd-Watauga

Watauga County was named for the Watauga River whose name came from a Cherokee phrase meaning “beautiful water.”

Wayne

P.O. Box 227, Goldsboro, 27530 www.waynegov.com

county seat: Goldsboro *formed:* 1779
clerk of court: (919) 731-7910 *population:* 123,710

North Carolina Senate
 Louis M. Pate, Jr., *republican* 5th-Wayne
 David Rouzer, *republican* 12th-Johnston

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Stephen LaRoque, *republican* 10th-Lenoir
 Efton M. Sager, *republican* 11th-Wayne
 Larry M. Bell, *democrat* 21st-Sampson

Wayne County was named in honor of Gen. Anthony Wayne, Revolutionary War hero and one of Gen. George Washington’s most trusted soldiers.

Wilkes

Wilkes County Office Bldg., Wilkesboro, 28697 www.wilkescounty.net

county seat: Wilkesboro *formed:* 1777
clerk of court: (336) 667-1201 *population:* 69,592

North Carolina Senate
 Daniel Soucek, *republican* 45th-Watauga

North Carolina House of Representatives
 Shirley B. Randleman, *republican* 94th-Wilkes

Wilkes County was named in honor of John Wilkes, an outspoken opponent of the ruling Tory party in England during the American Revolution. Because of his controversial stands in favor of American political rights, Wilkes was not allowed to take the seat in Parliament to which he had been elected. Many Americans at the time believed Wilkes was suffering in the cause of their liberty and named this county in his honor.

Wilson

P.O. Box 1728, Wilson, 27893 www.wilson-co.com

county seat: Wilson *formed:* 1855
clerk of court: (252) 291-7500 *population:* 81,380

North Carolina Senate

E.S. "Buck" Newton, *republican* 11th-Nash

North Carolina House of Representatives

Joe P. Tolson, *democrat* 23rd-Edgecombe

Jean Farmer-Butterfield, *democrat* 24th-Nash

Wilson County was named in honor of Louis Dicken Wilson, long-time representative from Edgecombe County in the General Assembly. Wilson served as a delegate to the state's Constitutional Convention of 1835. He died of fever near Vera Cruz, Mexico while serving as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Mexican War.

Yadkin

P.O. Box 146, Yadkinville, 27055

www.yadkincounty.gov

county seat: Yadkinville

formed: 1850

clerk of court: (336) 679-8838

population: 38,442

North Carolina Senate

Don East, *democrat* 30th-Watauga

North Carolina House of Representatives

Darrell G. McCormick, *republican* 92nd-Yadkin

Yadkin County's name was derived from the Yadkin River which runs through it.

Yancey

110 Town Square, Rm 11, Burnsville, 28714 www.main.nc.us/yanceycounty

county seat: Burnsville

formed: 1833

clerk of court: (828) 682-2122

population: 18,069

North Carolina Senate

Ralph Hise, *republican* 47th-Buncombe

North Carolina House of Representatives

Phillip Frye, *republican* 84th-Mitchell

Raymond C. Rapp, *democrat* 118th-Madison

Yancey County was named in honor of Bartlett Yancey, a long-time member of the General Assembly in the early 19th Century, Speaker of the North Carolina Senate and member of the U.S. Congress. Yancey was also one of the earliest advocates of the public school system in North Carolina.

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