

**Challenges that have
been met since
restoration began in 1986:**

- Installing new windows & meeting historical preservation standards
- Replacing open staircases & light fixtures to replicate original structure
- Building a room in the attic to house the new equipment
- Removing asbestos under flooring
- Restoring areas destroyed by termites
- Repairing leaking slate roof
- Removing pigeons from attic
- Repairing basement leaks
- Replacing defective electrical wiring
- Installing UV protective film & shades on upper floor
- Repairing crack in front steps
- Repairing crumbling plaster
- Installing fire curtains
- Repairing brick mortar
- Repairing rotting window sills
- Repairing plumbing
- Replacing or restoring wood flooring
- Moving furnishings and exhibits
- Raising funds

**Jamestown
Alumni Archives**

Archives Open
Most Tuesdays 10 -12

- School Yearbooks
- Band Uniforms
- Antique School bell
- Original Pictures
- and Special collections

Call ahead for scheduled
tours.

Contact Us

Alumni/Archives Office:
336-454-3312

Please leave a message

Old Jamestown School Association
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**Old Jamestown
School Association**

Founded 1986

Mission Statement:

To Restore and preserve the Jamestown Public School as a historical structure representative of it's 1915 character and to provide the community of Jamestown with a public library, an archive of education, and a facility for ongoing education and cultural activities within the context of that architectural and historical heritage.



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Jamestown Public School



Jamestown Public School was the first accredited rural high school in North Carolina. The General Assembly of 1907 enacted a law for creation of public high schools in every county, the location to be determined by the environment most conducive to the current phase of education. After careful consideration, Jamestown was designated as the place most suitable for one of these schools.

Principals of Jamestown Public Schools

*E.J. Coltrane	1910-1919
John Woosley	
Ed Carrol	
Fred Arrowood	1919-1913
*W.H. White	1923-1942
*E.D. Idol	1942-1945
*Kenneth T. Miller	1945-1959
T.G. Madison	1959
	Ragsdale High
John Lawrence	1959
	Jamestown Elementary
Alice S. Armfield	1961
	Millis Road Elementary
*Olan Jackson	1965-1983
	Jamestown Elementary
Harold Crump	1967
	Jamestown Middle

***Portrait on exhibit**

1907

Guilford County Board of Education named Jamestown as one of the two sites for the county's first rural standard high schools; Jamestown High School & Farm Life School open

1915

February: Fire destroys main wood administrative building with classrooms
 October: Jamestown Public School completed; boys and girls dormitories moved to rear of new brick building Neo classical style with Greek Ionic columns under portico decorative brick
 Cost: \$18,117
 Contractors: A.F. Brooks & William B. Hunt
 Architect: Charles Hartage of Raleigh

1926

Auditorium and classrooms added to back of original building

1928

Fire destroys one of two dormitories that had been moved from 1907 school

1930

Annex addition

1942

Home Economics building

1945-46

Twelfth grade added

1948-49

Gymnasium and athletic field addition

1959

High school students moved to new Ragsdale High School

1961

Millis Road Elementary opened

1967

Middle school students moved to new Jamestown Middle School

1980

Alumni and others met with county school board to voice desire to raise funds to renovate Old School and spare it from demolition

1982

Elementary school students moved to Jamestown Elementary School; Jamestown Public School building designated as National landmark

1985

Fund raising campaign initiated by the Save the Old School Committee

1986

Ownership of the school was transferred from county school board to the Town of Jamestown and subsequently leased to the Old Jamestown School Association
 March—Bulldozers demolish annex and auditorium; renovation begins with funds provided by Jamestown School alumni & friends of the community

1988

February: Reopened as Jamestown Library
 October: Jamestown Library dedication ceremony with then current NC Governor Jim Martin and , Congressman Howard Coble and other dignitaries in attendance

1991

National Register of Historic Places plaque mounted at front entrance

1992

Jamestown Alumni Association organizes & mails 1st *Jamestown Hi-Lites*

1998

Construction of Town Commons on library grounds

2000

Dedication of renovated upper floor; includes auditorium, rental & office space

2004

Jamestown Alumni Archives moves exhibits to upper floor

2008 20th Anniversary of the Library

