

Early Area Settlement

The area that is now Stanly County was originally peopled by tribes of hunter-gatherers and Mound Builders whose artifacts and settlements have been dated back nearly 10,000 years. Large-scale European settlement came in the mid-18th century. Immigrants of Dutch, Scots-Irish and German descent moved from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, while immigrants of English backgrounds came to the region from Virginia and the Cape Fear River Basin in Eastern North Carolina.

Formation of Stanly County

Modern-day Stanly County was formed in 1841 from the part of Montgomery County west of the Pee Dee River. It was named for John Stanly (1774-1834) of New Bern, who served in the North Carolina House of Commons and in the US House of Representatives. John Stanly is often remembered for killing Richard Dobbs Spaight, the first native-born governor of NC, in a duel.

Current Preservation Efforts

The mission of the Stanly County Historical Society "Preserving the Past for the Future" is being fulfilled in a variety of ways. The seven museums in Stanly County act as a public repository for their own unique collections of historic artifacts, documents, and photographs related to the history of Stanly County.

Other resources for Stanly County History

Stanly County Museum's Photograph Archive: go to stanlycountymuseum.com and click on Research, then follow the link to the Museum's Online Archive and Photograph Database.

Margaret Johnson Heritage Room at the Stanly County Public Library: contains a collection of thousands of printed genealogical materials, including newspapers, census records, and family histories. stanlycountylibrary.org

North Carolina Digital Heritage Center: A growing collection of material related to the history of Stanly County is now available online at digitalnc.org

Mary Fisher Floyd Archives located at Pfeiffer University: contains information about Pfeiffer University as well as information about Stanly County specifically Misenheimer and Misenheimer Springs. For more information see <https://library.pfeiffer.edu/pfeifferarch.html> or by email jonathan.hutchinson@pfeiffer.edu



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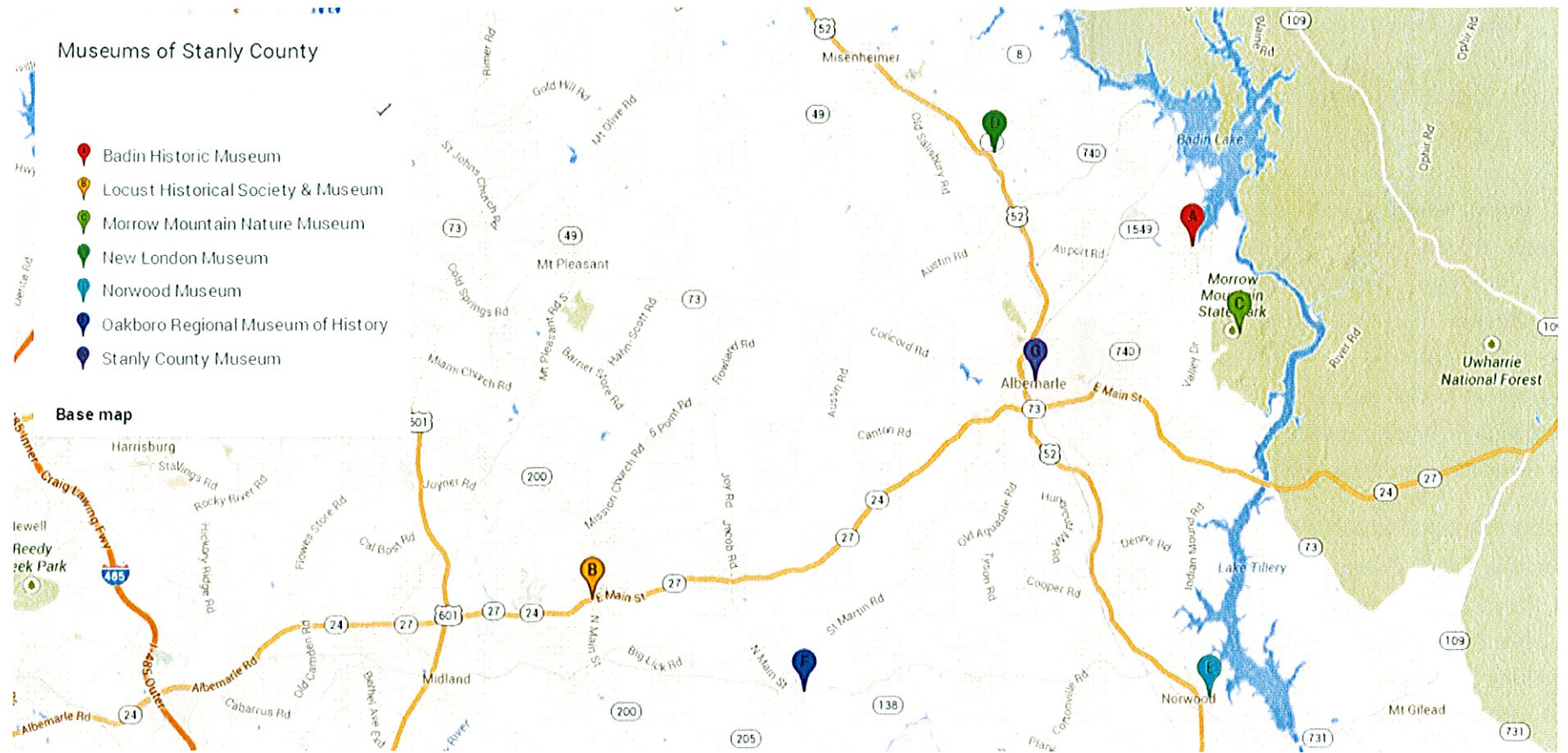
MUSEUMS OF STANLY COUNTY, NC



Dr. Francis J. Kron home
Morrow Mountain State Park

Preserving the Past for the Future

Stanly County Historical Society



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Badin Historic Museum
 60 Falls Road
 Badin, NC 28009
 704-422-6900

Locust Historical Society & Museum
 2884 Officer Jeff Shelton Park Drive
 Locust, NC 28097
 704-351-9476
 704-320-5168

Morrow Mountain State Park
 Nature Museum
 49104 Morrow Mountain Road
 Albemarle, NC 28001
 704-982-4402

New London Museum
 226 South Main Street
 New London, NC 28127
 704-463-5423

Norwood Museum
 205-207 Pee Dee Avenue
 Norwood, NC 28128
 704-474-3416

Oakboro Regional Museum of History
 231 North Main Street
 Oakboro, NC 28129
 704-485-4222

Stanly County Museum
 245 East Main Street
 Albemarle, NC 28001
 704-986-3777