



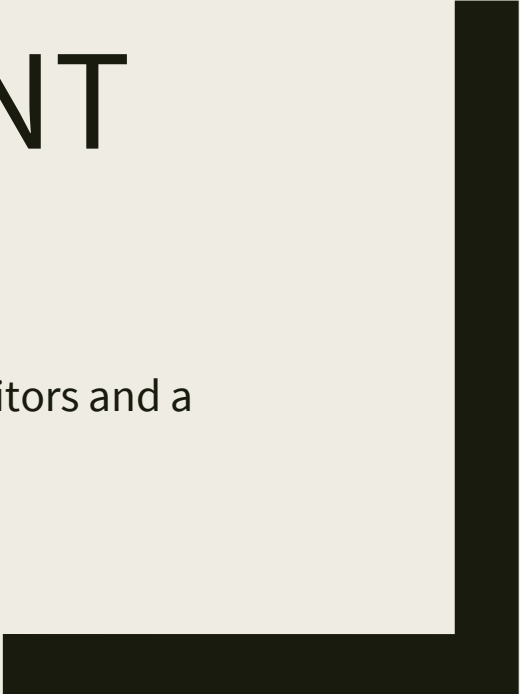
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# ROCKY MOUNT MILLS

Adaptive Reuse as a Vehicle for Engaging Visitors and a  
City with History



# Quick History



- 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest textile mill in NC (1818-1996)
- Great Falls, Tar River
- Burned down twice
- Provided uniform material for the Confederacy
- Dam built by slaves (hydropower)
- Slaves/free black workers → white women/girls → white workers → majority black workforce
- Mill village

# CBC/CHW Partnership

- [Closing Stories](#), late-2016
- Oral histories from former employees
- History harvests
- Thanks to Bob Anthony
- RMM contact: Evan Covington-Chavez
- Additional funding (gift) in 2018



# NHPRC Work

- Federal grant (National Archives)
- Historical narratives of the mill (7)
- K-12 learning modules
- Conferences (2)
- Slave family trees
- Slave genealogy workflow
- Historical resource guides
- Website
- Prospect Optimization
- Digital Archive
- Adaptive reuse charrette



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## DIGITAL ROCKY MOUNT MILLS

Recovering Voices in the Shadow of Change

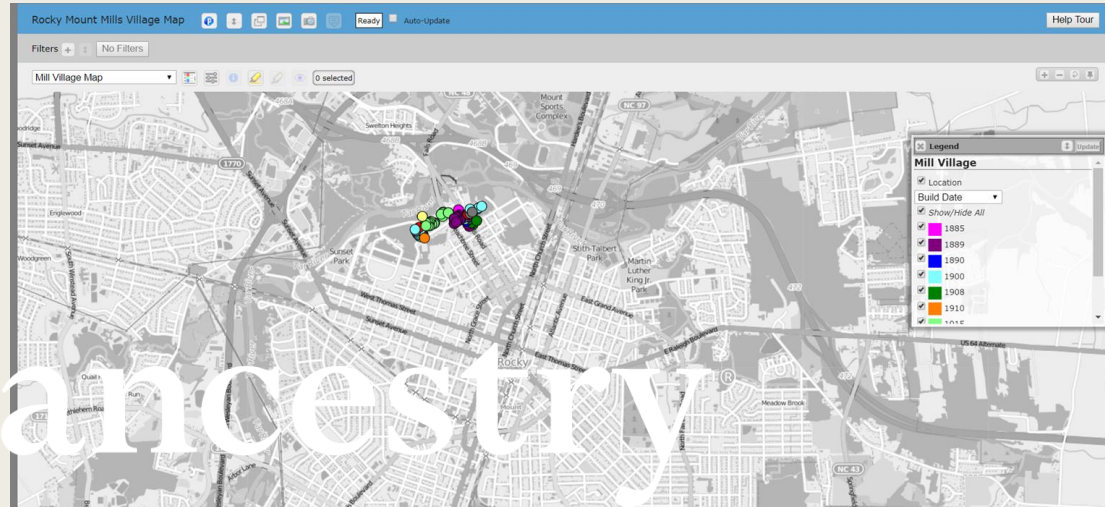


### WELCOME



The Community Histories Workshop welcomes you to **Digital Rocky Mount Mills** where you can explore the history of the second-oldest cotton mill in North Carolina and witness its transformation into a mixed-use space for local residents. The site offers resources and information for those interested in the mill's history, Tar River environmental history, Native American archaeology, the North Carolina textile industry, K-12 classroom materials, African American genealogy, historic preservation, and economic development.

*Join the CURS listserv to stay updated on our projects and to be informed about events.*



# Challenges

- Missing slave names; lack of documentation
- Elderly/ill former employees, mill villagers
- Not of Rocky Mount; Rocky Mount social landscape
- Prospect bugs, Wordpress limitations
- NHPRC funding late

# Discoveries

- Native American history and persistent area presence
  - *EEOC data*
- rumors of a slave and native american cemetery
- current mill tenants are mill employee descendents
  - *Melody Bardowell*
- hardly any lawsuits
- intersections with Dix --> Camerons

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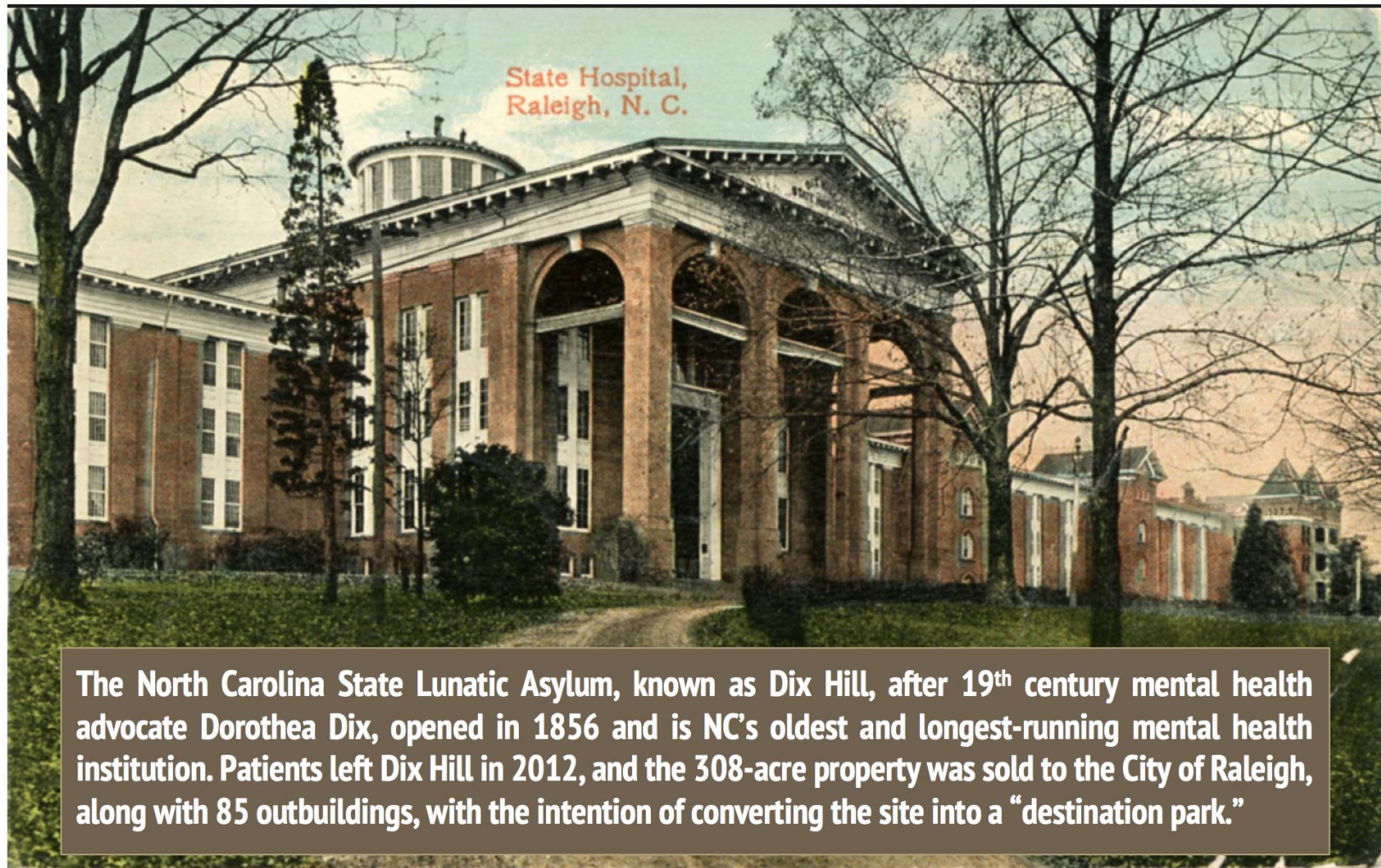
# Dorothea Dix Hospital

— Recovery, Discovery, Possibility —

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**The North Carolina State Lunatic Asylum, known as Dix Hill, after 19<sup>th</sup> century mental health advocate Dorothea Dix, opened in 1856 and is NC's oldest and longest-running mental health institution. Patients left Dix Hill in 2012, and the 308-acre property was sold to the City of Raleigh, along with 85 outbuildings, with the intention of converting the site into a "destination park."**

Operating with the help of a financial gift from the **Dorothea Dix Park Conservancy**, a nonprofit that supports the city of Raleigh as a philanthropic partner in the park planning process, the CHW team has initiated several collaborations in an effort to recover and discover the material and social history of the Dix Park site and identify key issues.



*Photo by Megan May*





Photographing Dix Admissions Ledgers at the State Archives  
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Ledger List



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## Intake Ledger

IL number	IL name	IL occupation	IL admission date	IL gender	IL Age	IL Marital Status	IL number attacks	IL supposed cause	IL duration before admission	IL form	IL age of first attack	IL intake condition	IL nativity	IL residence	IL number of admissions	IL discharge or death	IL residence in hospital	IL final condition	IL remarks
1	Holderly, Andrew	school teacher	1856-2-22	M	28		3	exposure to sun	4 months	mania			NC	Rockingham	1	1856-5-8	3 months 16 days	cured	
1	Wakefield, J.	Farmer	1853-6-3	M	19	Single	1	Epilepsy	3	Epilepsy	16		NC	Craven	1	1858-6-14			
2	Hubbard, Aaron	laborer	1856-2-29	M	30	Single	1	epilepsy	5 years	epilepsy	25		NC	Wake	2	1856-5-29		died	One or more relatives insane
3	Kirkland, Annie M.		1856-3-1	F	37	Widowed	3	domestic troubles	10 years	mania	23		NC	Orange	1	1890-2-4	33 years, 8 months, 29 days	died	Maternal great aunt insane, influenza heart failure
4	Stein, Elizabeth	laborer	1856-3-5	F	31	Married	1	unknown		mania			NC	Wake	4	1871-5-19	fifteen years, 2 months, 24 days	improved	removed to make room for acute cases
5	Barker, Drucilla	laborer	1856-3-5	F	34	Single	1	unknown	11 years	mania			NC	Wake	5	1858-4-20		died	Great uncle died of pneumonia
6	Moss, James	Farmer	1856-3-5	M	26	Single	1	epilepsy	7 years	epilepsy			NC	Nash	6	1860-10-6		died	phthisis pulmonalis
7	Abernathy, Robert D.	farmer	1856-3-10	M	36	Single	1	unknown	15 years	dementia			NC	Wake	7	1858-4-7		died	
8	Morrow, Mary	farmer	1856-3-12	F	49	Single	1	unknown	2 1/2 years	imbecile			NC	Alamance	8	1860-7-17		died	two ancestors insane
9	Kittrell, Angeline L.	farmer	1856-3-12	F	40	Single	1	unknown	6 years	mania			NC	Granville	9	1861-6-1		much improved	mother insane
10	McCollum, Ivey	farmer	1856-3-12	M	27	Single	1	unknown	6 months	melancholia			NC	Johnston	10	1856-6-30		cured	
11	Capps, Caleb	laborer	1856-3-15	M	38	Single	1	unknown	20 years	dementia			nc	meklenburg	11	1871-6-14	15 years, 2 months, 29 days	improved	removed to make room for acute cases from Mecklenburg County
12	Sutton, Martha E.		1856-3-21	F	32	Single	1	unknown	15 years	imbecile			nc	Granville	12	1859-11-25		removed	
13	Harris, Barbery E.	laborer	1856-3-29	M	30	Married	1	domestic troubles	2 years	mania			NC	Surry	13	1860-3-9		removed	
14	Bateman, Isacc	laborer	1856-3-29	M	47	Single	1	epilepsy	15 years	epilepsy			NC	Washington	14	1860-6-12		died	chronic diarrhea
15	Ellington, Malinda	laborer	1856-4-5	F	35	Single	1	unknown	7 years	mania			NC	Chatham	15	1865-9-10		died	Typhoid Fever
16	McDonald, Alexander W.	farmer	1856-3-5	M	23	Single	1	blow on head	6 years	dementia			NC	Cumberland	16	1872-7-23	15 years, 9 months, 18 days	improved	by order of ex com
17	Holliday, John	farmer	1856-3-8	M	38	Single	1	religious excitement	6 years	imbecile			NC	Bertie	17	1857-3-24		died	
18	Pelham, Robert F.	Farmer	1856-4-9	M	24	Single	1	masturbation	many years	mania			NC	Granville	18	1878-6-26	21 years 10 months 17 days	died	exhaustion from chronic mania





# THE LONG HISTORY OF DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL

from the Community Histories Workshop at UNC Chapel Hill

[Home](#) [Dorothea Dix Park History Initiative](#) [Case Histories](#)



HOME



This site is a product of the [Community Histories Workshop](#).

You can view progress on the Intake Ledger transcription project [here](#).

Case studies, including the discovery of Native Americans buried in the Dix Cemetery, are being researched using a variety of primary source material and digital resources, and are then

Pictured right, Jordynnn Jack's medical humanities class. Our findings, including case histories and the admissions database, are being used in undergraduate and graduate coursework to explore themes and issues in the medical humanities.



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*Photo courtesy NC State Archives*



The CHW is exploring new partnerships with Health Affairs faculty in Social Medicine and Psychiatry in an effort to explore the **legal, ethical, and professional** implications of this work.





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