

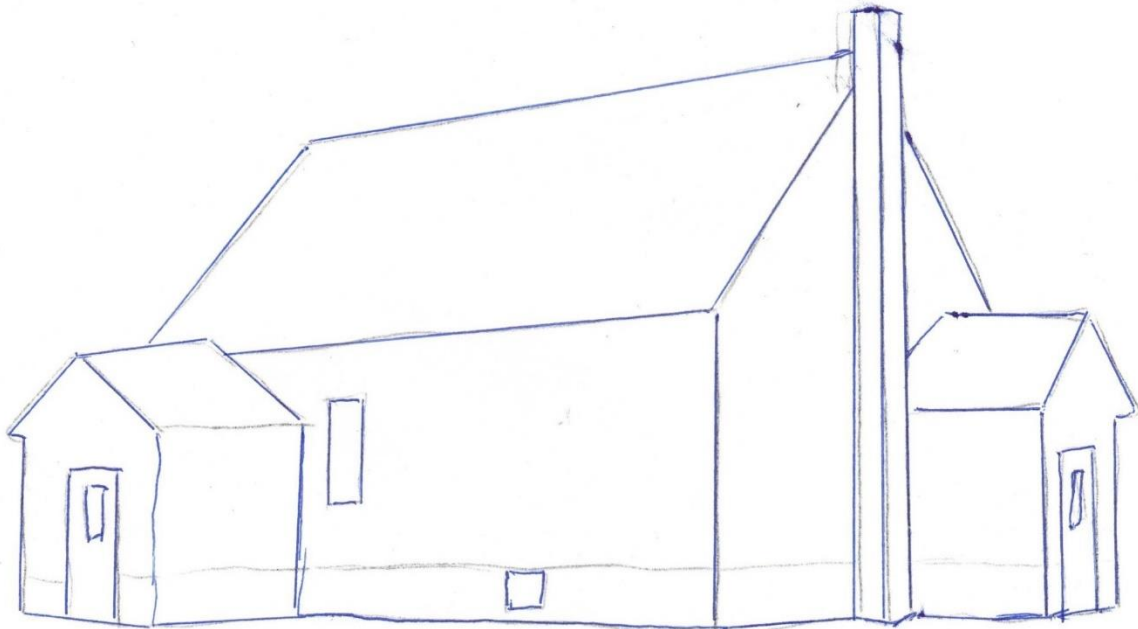
Chatham Center Schoolhouse

This schoolhouse was built in 1886 beside the Town House. In 1957, the schoolhouse was moved to its present location. Some of the favorite recess activities were playing in tunnels in the snow banks, sliding down the bank on a car hood, building ponds in the driveway, fishing in Langdon Brook, swinging on the swing that hung from a tall pine tree, playing Ally Over, playing baseball, and playing marbles.

When the school closed in 1868, it was the last operating 1st - 8th grade one-room schoolhouse in New Hampshire. Then the Chatham Community Library used the classroom. Story hours were held for kids. Many people donated books and checked out books to read.

In 1989 the Chatham Historical Society was established and used the basement to store its collection. In 2017 the Library was discontinued, and the Historical Society bought the building from the Town. The Society holds Town Picnics, Ice Cream Socials, Bonfires, as well as talks and exhibits about Chatham history.

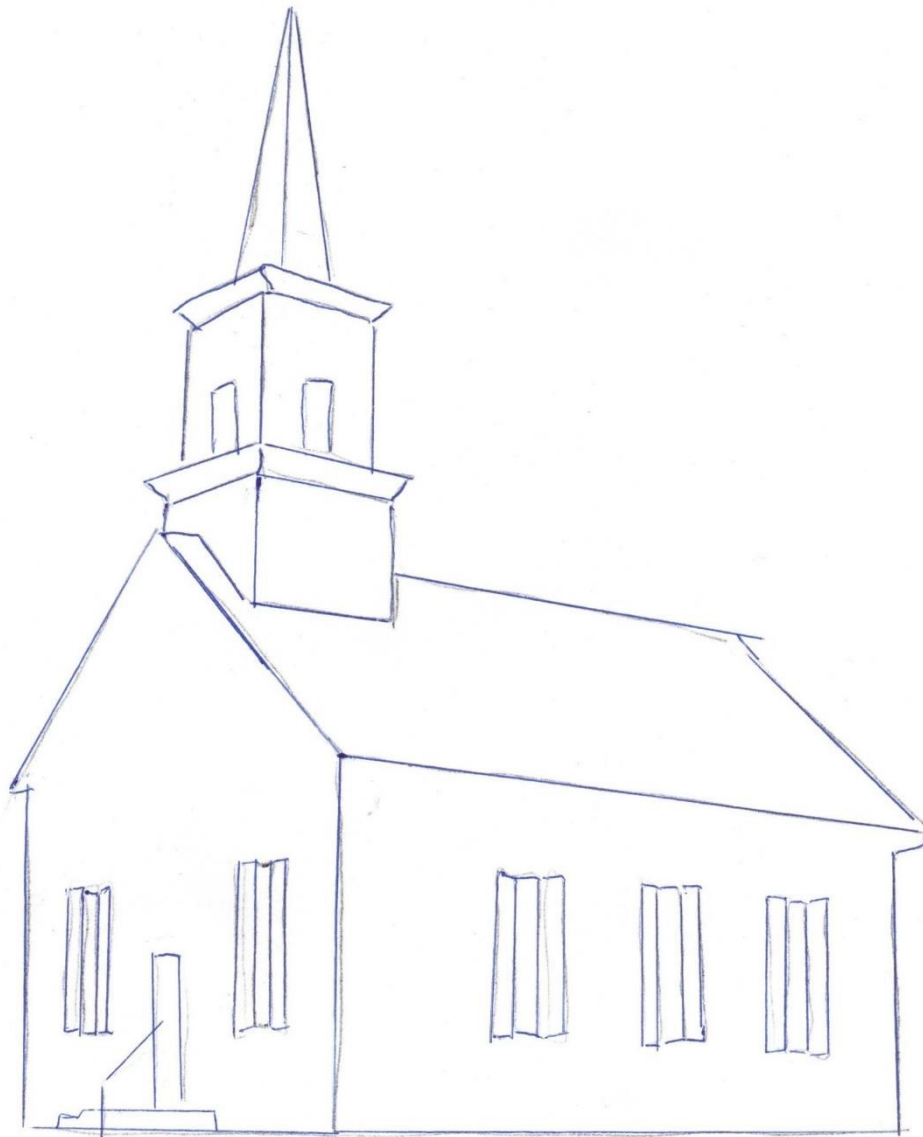
Draw the people at the schoolhouse.



Chatham Congregational Church

The Chatham Congregational Church was built in 1870 on land donated by Ithiel Clay. The 900 pound bell was cast by the Paul Revere Company of Boston and hauled to Chatham by eight teams of oxen in the dead of winter. At one time there was a rail where horses were hitched. Besides Sunday Services during warm months, there is the annual Candlelight Service at Christmas time, weddings, funerals. At one time Vacation Bible School was held during the summers.

Draw the people!



Chatham Town House

The Chatham Town House was built in 1833 by Captain Abraham Webb of South Chatham, for \$399. Over the years it has been used for Town Meetings, elections, potluck suppers, wedding receptions, memorial gatherings, Halloween parties, Historical Society programs, birthday parties, retirement parties, anniversary parties, fundraisers such as a Spaghetti Supper for the Chatham Community Library and a Game Fest for the Red Cross. In 2018 an addition was built for the Town Office. Also, the Selectmen and the Planning Board have begun to meet in the Town House.

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