

## **Greene County** <sup>[1]</sup>

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### **GREENE COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

<https://greenecountync.gov/> <sup>[2]</sup>

**COUNTY SEAT:** Snow Hill

**FORMED:** 1799

**FORMED FROM:** Glasgow

**LAND AREA:** 265.93 square miles

**2020 POPULATION ESTIMATE:** 20,451

White: 58.7%

Black/African American: 36.8%

American Indian: 2.2%

Asian: 0.6%

Pacific Islander: 0.3%

Two or more races: 1.4%

Hispanic/Latino: 15.7% (of any race)

From *State & County QuickFacts*, US Census Bureau, 2020. <sup>[3]</sup>

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** 3RD

### **BIOGRAPHIES FOR** <sup>[4]</sup>

[Greene County](#) <sup>[4]</sup>



### <sup>[5]</sup> **WILDLIFE PROFILES FOR**

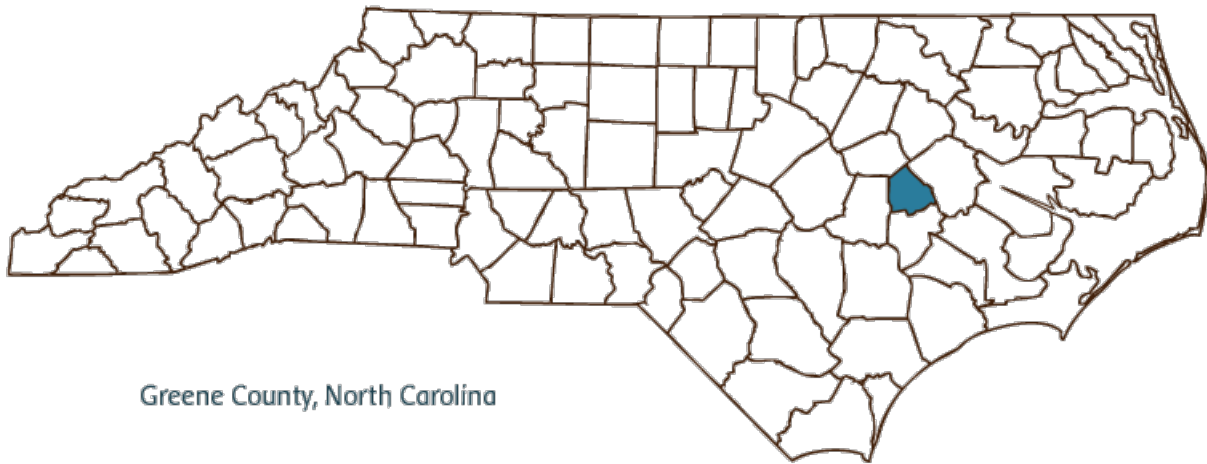
[Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**REGION:** [Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

**RIVER BASIN:** [Neuse](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, [Map](#) <sup>[8]</sup>

**NEIGHBORING COUNTIES:** [Lenoir](#) <sup>[9]</sup>, [Pitt](#) <sup>[10]</sup>, [Wayne](#) <sup>[11]</sup>, [Wilson](#) <sup>[12]</sup>



Greene County, North Carolina

See also: [North Carolina Counties](#) <sup>[13]</sup> (to access links to NCpedia articles for all 100 counties); [Green County History](#) <sup>[14]</sup>.

by Allyson C. Criner, 2006

Greene County, located in the [Coastal Plain](#) <sup>[6]</sup> region of east central North Carolina, was formed from Dobbs County (which no longer exists) in 1791. [Tuscarora Indians](#) <sup>[15]</sup> originally inhabited the region, but after a period of conflict with English settlers culminating in the Tuscarora and [Yamasee Wars](#) <sup>[16]</sup> (1711-15), they were forced out. Greene County is the site of Fort Neoheroka, scene of the decisive battle of the Tuscarora War in March 1713. The site has been investigated by archaeologists in recent years. The county was originally named Glasgow County, for North Carolina secretary of state James Glasgow, but it was renamed for Revolutionary War commander Nathanael Greene after Glasgow was indicted for fraud in 1799. Communities in Greene County include [Hookerton](#) <sup>[17]</sup>, Walstonburg, and the county seat, [Snow Hill](#) <sup>[18]</sup>, incorporated in 1828.

Greene County agricultural products include [tobacco](#) <sup>[19]</sup>, corn, soybeans, [swine](#) <sup>[20]</sup>, and chickens. The county has several lumber mills. The population of Greene County was estimated to be 20,000 in 2004.

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## Annotated history of Greene County's formation:

For an annotated history of the county's formation, with the laws affecting the county, boundary lines and changes, and other origin information, visit these references in *The Formation of the North Carolina Counties* (Corbitt, 2000), available online at North Carolina Digital Collections (note, there may be additional items of interest for the county not listed here):

County formation history: <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll9/id/289886> <sup>[21]</sup>

Index entry for the county: <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll9/id/290082> <sup>[22]</sup>

### References:

James M. Creech, *History of Greene County, North Carolina: Compiled from Legends, Hearsay, Records Found There and Elsewhere* (1979).

### Additional resources:

Corbitt, David Leroy. 2000. *The formation of the North Carolina counties, 1663-1943*. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll9/id/290103> <sup>[23]</sup> (accessed June 20, 2017).

Greene County Government: <https://greenecountync.gov/> <sup>[2]</sup>

Greene County Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.greenecountychamber.org/> <sup>[24]</sup>

DigitalNC, Greene County: <https://www.digitalnc.org/counties/greene-county/> <sup>[25]</sup>

North Carolina Digital Collections (explore by place, time period, format): <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/> <sup>[26]</sup>

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### Subjects:

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Tuscarora Tribe and People <sup>[30]</sup>

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Encyclopedia of North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press,<sup>[31]</sup>

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Greene County <sup>[33]</sup>

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