

Rehabilitate Chatham Bottomlands and Vista
Historic Photos



US Soldier's Sketch of Chatham – May 1863

This perspective is looking southeast across the front of Chatham.
Note the lack of vegetation along the front slopes of Chatham



View of Chatham - May 1864

This view was taken looking north, across the Rappahannock River toward the front of Chatham.

Note: 1) the bridge ruins in the foreground are from the Chatham Bridge; 2) Note the lack of vegetation along the river bank and the slopes leading up to Chatham



1867 Michler Map of Fredericksburg – Crop of area around Chatham

Chatham is marked by the name of its mid-19th century owner – Major James Horace Lacy
Note the lack of vegetation represented in the river bottom lands and along the front slopes.



View of the Chatham Bridge – 1870s

This view was taken looking southwest across the Rappahannock River toward Fredericksburg.

Note the lack of vegetation along the river bank in the foreground.



View of Chatham – 1880s

This view was taken looking north, across the Rappahannock River toward the front of Chatham

Note the lack of vegetation along the river bank and the slopes leading up to Chatham.



View of Fredericksburg from Chatham – 1880s

This view was taken from the Chatham terraces looking southwest across the Rappahannock River toward Fredericksburg.

Note the lack of substantial vegetation along the river bank or the terrace.



View of Fredericksburg from Chatham – 1880s

This view was taken from the Chatham carriage road, looking south across the Rappahannock River toward Fredericksburg.

Note that some vegetation has grown up along the edge of the carriage road, but the river beyond remains devoid of trees.



View of the Chatham Bridge – 1900s

This view was taken looking southwest across the Rappahannock River toward Fredericksburg.

Note the lack of vegetation along the river bank in the foreground.



Aerial Photo of Chatham – 1939

Note the vegetation that has grown up on the terraces and along the river bank, but the river bottom lands were still relatively devoid of vegetation



View of Fredericksburg from Chatham – 1970s

This view was taken from the Chatham carriage road looking southwest toward Fredericksburg.

Note the vegetation that has grown up in the river bottom lands



View of Fredericksburg from Chatham – 1970s

This view was taken from the Chatham lower terrace looking southwest toward Fredericksburg.

Note the vegetation that has grown up in the river bottom lands and along the terraces