

Black History in Charlotte-Mecklenburg

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Little Rock AME Zion Church, originally located in Third Ward, in the process of moving to Myers Street in First Ward in 1911. Because the move took several days, it was necessary to hold a funeral in the sanctuary during the move.

tory workers, teachers and clerks. Others operated grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, insurance companies, contractor companies, law firms, medical practices, theaters and published news-


papers. The success of these businesses was significant, for they employed and provided services for hundreds of blacks.

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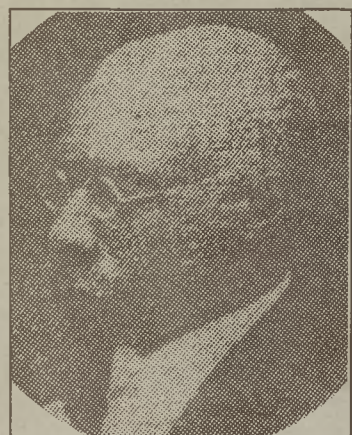
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Churches established or supported homes for the aged and for orphans in addition to organizing day nurseries, kindergartens, gymnasiums and social and literary clubs.

Education was another important aspect of black life. Myers Street Elementary opened in 1886 as the city's first black graded school. Second Ward High was the city's first black high school and operated from 1923 to 1969. In 1938, the second black high school, West Charlotte, opened its doors. Rural blacks were primarily educated at Rosenwald Schools. These schools were funded by northern philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, and rural black communities. Johnson C. Smith University, formerly Biddle Institute, organized in 1867, provided college training for blacks in Charlotte and in the region.

African Americans engaged in innumerable types of economic ventures. Many were employed as domestic and fac-



The Reverend Yorke Jones, D.D., first dean of the Theological Seminary, Biddle University



Ned Davis was an actor, barber, and entrepreneur, 1930.



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