

Tayler Williams
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 Individual Portion
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Reverend Charles Bradford Dusenbury (1861-1920)

Reverend Dusenbury was born on December 8, 1861 near Lexington, NC (Edington 51). He began his first pastorate in New Bern, NC and where he would marry a teacher by the name of Lula A. Martin (Edington 51). In 1891 he came to Asheville at the insistence of the Freedman's Board to organize a Presbyterian Church in the African American community (Edington 51). The first congregations were held in the old Catholic Hill Church where he and his family lived in the back of the building. In 1892, a wooden church was built on Eagle Street and soon after a manse was built for the Dusenbury family (Herring). In 1894, the Cavalry Parochial School was started in the basement of the church with teachings led by Mrs. Lula Martin Dusenbury and Reverend Dusenbury, as well as Reverend Dusenbury serving as the principal for twenty-five years (Edington 51). The school served 70 to 130 students per year with 10 cents per week or 40 cents month tuition for a nine-month school year until the school's operation was discontinued in 1927 (Edington 51). The acquisition of a corner lot on Eagle and Market Street for the construction of a new sanctuary in 1914 was due to the church and Sunday school expanding in membership. "His ministry was characterized by genuine compassion for all people and an unwavering commitment to service" (Edington 51). "Throughout the greater Asheville Community, Reverend Dusenbury influence was formidable. He was prominent among the group of black community leaders who influenced Mr. George Vanderbilt to provide recreational and educational facilities for black Ashevilleans, which became the YMCA and the YMI" (Edington 51). The church was centrally located and attracted people of diverse interests

91). Dr. John Hayes was elected the President of the NAACP Asheville branch in 1999, and is currently serving that position today (Edington 92). He is also the President and CEO of WRES-LP 100.7 FM, where he is also the personality and disc jockey of the station ("Board").

Reverend Dr. Nilous McKinley Avery, Sr. (1926-2014):

Reverend Avery was born on May 11, 1926 in Garner, NC and came to the Asheville community in 1951. (Edington 23) Upon the previous Reverend, Reverend E.W. Dixon's death in 1950, "In May of 1951, the Reverend Nilous M. Avery was called to the church" (Herring). November 1958, the present sanctuary was completed and the next year in the fall of 1959, the church set up a kindergarten, which included a staff of five full-time workers and served fifty children (Herring). It was licensed by the State of North Carolina and was partially supported by Federal Funds (Herring). Reverend Avery observed many challenges to his ministry since inhabiting Asheville. He states that economically and socially, aspects of life will get better for all people with the requirement of work (Edington 23). At Hill Street Baptist, Reverend Avery and the leaders try to minister to people from birth to death. He had seen young people develop and mature spiritually, and discover their purpose in life (Edington 23). Reverend Nilous Avery saw a trend in Asheville that our group has been trying to prove, "The Black Community loses many of the best and brightest that go off to college but can't find a career in their hometown of Asheville, NC. The lack of job opportunities for African American professionals has caused them to seek employment elsewhere. I regret that reality because Asheville needs young Black leaders" (Edington 23). Reverend Avery served his community as a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; served

chapel was built in 1910 by James V. Miller, and named after Reverend Hopkins, who immediately followed Reverend Tillery and was leading the congregations at that time (Herring).

The history of Hopkins Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church is rich in the progression of the community, but also included persons who were part of the movement, "Hopkins Chapel has produced numerous local and national black leaders, including Floyd McKissick, former national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)" ("Our History - Hopkins Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church"). Other prominent persons in the membership included J.W. Walker, eminent tuberculosis specialist, and Lucy S. Herring, long time educator and author ("Our History - Hopkins Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church"). The Mission Statement of the church is to bring more love for God and meet the needs of humankind, "Loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all of our mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves" ("About Us - Hopkins Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church"). The congregations are currently under the leadership of Reverend Keith L. Lipsey ("Our History - Hopkins Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church").

Hill Street Baptist Church was organized in 1915 by Reverend Moore, Mr. Richard Mills, Mr. Peter Porter, Mr. Joseph Wilson and Mr. Matthew Peterson and held its first congregations in a schoolhouse (Herring). E.W. Dixon became the reverend in 1932 and under his direction; Hill Street Baptist Church began the construction of the lower auditorium of the present sanctuary in 1947, which would be completed in 1949. Upon Reverend E.W. Dixon's death in 1950, "...May of 1951, the Reverend Nilous M. Avery was called to the church" (Herring). November 1958, the present sanctuary was completed and the next year, the fall of 1959, the church set up a kindergarten, which included a staff of

Room within the Ramsey Library describing the first day of service in the chapel: "The Church had its first service in the new building on Easter Sunday of that year with a large choir under the direction of Professor C. H. Baker then General Secretary of the Young Men's Institute of Asheville. The choir consisted of twenty-six voices and an orchestra of twelve pieces, known as the YMI orchestra" (Herring). According to the history of St. Matthias Episcopal in the Heritage of Black Highlanders Collection, the Diocesan records showed that St. Matthias was the first organized Negro congregation in the diocese of North Carolina (Herring). The mission statement for St. Matthias Episcopal is, "an intentionally diverse and welcoming family that shares the good news of Christ with all", and today, congregations are currently being led by Rt. Reverend G. Porter Taylor ("Our Story").

St. James AME Church was founded in 1887, first held in an abandoned streetcar named Levy's Chapel on South Main Street (Presently Biltmore Avenue) ("History of St. James A.M.E Church" Herring). In 1889, the congregation moved to a building on Hildebrand Street and also then changed the name to St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church (Herring). Reverend P. J. Jordan was the earliest name that was part of the church's history according to the history of St. James A.M.E Church provided by the Heritage of Black Highlanders Collection (Herring). The current building was completed in 1930, during the pastorate of Reverend W. F. Rice. The construction was under the direction of James Vester Miller (Herring). St. James inherited a library from members of the church, the Bell family ("History of St. James A.M.E. Church"). Then Associate Pastor, Reverend Lacy T. Haith, constructed an educational building to properly house the books; it would be named the Haith Educational Building in 1983 ("History of St. James A.M.E. Church"). Congregations are currently under the leadership of Reverend Brent La Prince Edwards and the Church's

Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. - History"). Mount Zion Community Development, Inc., organized under his leadership, and is "a non-profit community-based redevelopment corporation organized to focus on the empowerment of the individual and community by providing spiritual, economic, and educational opportunities to the greater Asheville/Buncombe County community to address the needs for jobs, housing, crime prevention, education, and health care" and the "collaboration with local community-based organizations in the physical redevelopment of the "Block" for housing and supportive services" ("Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. - History").

Calvary Presbyterian Church was established in 1891 and the Cavalry Parochial School was founded in 1894 by Reverend Charles Bradford Dusenbury (Edington 51). In 1891 he came to Asheville at the insistence of the Freedman's Board to organize a Presbyterian Church in the African American community (Edington 51). The first congregations were held in the old Catholic Hill Church (Edington 51). In the book *Visionaries: Asheville Men of Color*, Mrs. Helen Edington mentions Reverend Dusenbury's selflessness and care for the betterment of society, "His ministry was characterized by genuine compassion for all people and an unwavering commitment to service" (Edington 51).

The curriculum at Calvary Parochial School had the typical subjects, but also incorporated other aspects, "In addition to the ordinary graded school work, instruction was given in the Bible, the Shorter Catechism, and in practical lessons in cooking and gardening" (Herring). Reverend C.B. Dusenbury spoke on his school's teaching styles and structure for bettering the students, "The pupils are taught to be honest and truthful, to be pure in thoughts and habits, to be kind and considerate, and also to be clean in their

Beatrice Francine Delaney, Willie Ford Hennessee, and Andrea Clarke. Possible avenues of further research of black institutions are as follows, the NAACP, Black Masons, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Si Phi, Sigma Pi Phi, the Negro Civic Group, Community Council for Character Development, the Colored Betterment League, Experiment I, The Mountain Gleaner and The Enterprise, The Asheville Royal Giants, Asheville State Summer School, Allen High School, Calvary Parochial School, Allen Home School/ Allen High School, St. Anthony's School, Tiny Tots Nursery School, Lucy S. Herring School (formerly Mountain Street School), Hill Street School Shiloh Elementary School, Livingston Street School, Burton Street School, Carver School, Green Mountain School, Catholic Hill School, Stephens-Lee High School, South French Broad School, Livingstone College, Mars Hill College, Asheville State Summer School, Stewart's School of Beauty. Churches needing further research are as follows Community Baptist Church, Ethical Society of Asheville, Evolving, Temple of New Thought Philosophy, Greater Works Church, New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Rock, Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Varick Chapel AME Zion Church, Shiloh AME Zion, St. John Church of God Holiness, St. Johns A Baptist Church, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, Sycamore Temple Church of God in Christ, Cappadocia Holiness Church, New Vision Baptist Church, H.B. Ferguson Missionary Baptist Church, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

<[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/st_matthias/matthias episcopal.html](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/st_matthias/matthias_episcopal.html)>.

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Notes for The State of Black Asheville

By Tayler Williams

Churches:

1. Hopkins Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church: 21 College Place

-Founded in 1868

-The Asheville Times clipping:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/hopkins_news.html

-Historical Information:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/hopkins_chapel.html

-Website: <http://hopkinschapelamezion.org/>

-Historic Photos:

-Annual Conference, May 1943:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710131.html

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-Boards of Trustees and Bishops, 1944:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710132a.html

-A Banquet in 1943:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710133.html

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-Sunday School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710134.html

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-Layman's Day, October 4, 1970. Guest Speaker Dr. Mays:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710135.html

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2. Community Baptist Church: 103 Burton Street

-Website: <http://www.cbcasheville.com/>

-Statement: Our mission is to be a place where the love of Jesus shines through in all we do.

-Historical Information:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/nazareth_first.html

-Founded in 1867

9. New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church: 508 S. French Broad Avenue

10. New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist: 2 Herman Avenue

11. Pine Grove Baptist Church: 11 Pine Grove Avenue

12. Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church: 486 Caribou Road

13. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church: 95 Shiloh Road

14. St James AME Church: 44 Hildebrand Street

-Historical Information:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/st_james_ame.html

-Website: <http://www.stjames-asheville.org/>

-Founded in 1887

15. Varick Chapel AME Zion Church: 109 S French Broad Avenue

16. Shiloh AME Zion: 95 Shiloh Road

17. St. John Church of God Holiness: 29 McDowell Street

18. St. Johns A Baptist Church: 20 Dalton Street

-South Asheville Colored Cemetery:

Historical Information from the Ramsey Library Special Collections:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/oralhistory/SACC/default_colored_cemetery.html

-George Avery: http://www.wnchistory.org/Exhibits/george_avery.html

19. St. Matthias Episcopal Church: 1 Dundee Street

-Historical Information:

1st: http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/st_matthias/matthias_episcopal.html

2nd: http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/churches/st_matthias/st_matthias_episcopal.html

-Website: <http://stmatthiasepiscopal.com/>

<http://newvisioninfo.org/content/view/2/3/>

29. H.B. Ferguson Missionary Baptist Church: 5 Palmer St.

30. Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church: 56 Walton St.

Website: <http://tabernaclemissionary.org/>

Cemeteries:

-Violet Hill Cemetery: Established by James V. Miller

-South Asheville Colored Cemetery:

Historical Information from the Ramsey Library Special Collections:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/oralhistory/SACC/default_colored_cemetery.html

-George Avery: http://www.wnchistory.org/Exhibits/george_avery.html

Young Men's Institute:

Est. 1893

"Today, the Young Men's Institute (YMI) is arguably one of the nation's oldest African American institutions in America."

"Originally the YMI flourished which is possibly due to the requirement that African American workers from the Biltmore House were required to purchase a membership in the institute. As the workload decreased, unemployment for the men caused financial difficulties for the YMI. Vanderbilt was ready to sell. Though a tremendous struggle, the YMI Board of directors raised enough money to pay \$10,000 in six months to purchase the YMI from George Vanderbilt in 1905. In 1906, the YMI established its first board of directors. Over a century later, the YMI continues to be a preferred location for events, exhibitions, meeting place and business location for several local businesses."

<http://www.ymiculturalcenter.org/about/history/>

YMI Library

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/buncombecounty/5712583153/>

Annual Events:

-Goombay! Festival The Block: This is an article on the history in The Urban News:

<http://theurbannews.com/our-town/2006/goombay-in-the-beginning/>

-MLK Jr. Day

The Asheville Chapter of the Links Incorporated is known for several signature programs: Girls Club, a middle school mentoring program, the White Rose Luncheons that highlights local artists, Health Walk- A -Thons, and our scholarships. Organ Donor / Healthy Heart education programs, and Mountain Mardi Gras Dance are other events enthusiastically received by the community. Current membership is comprised of business owners, artists, program directors, realtors, lawyers, educators, administrators, and homemakers."

Churches with Schools and Schools Photo Links:

The Schools that are within the Heritage of Black Highlanders Website Link:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/hbh_schools/blackhigheducation.htm

Science Experiment in a Classroom Mountain Street School:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710273.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710273.html)

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One-room basement school:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710274.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710274.html)

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School Production:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710276.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710276.html)

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Portrait of Teachers and Students, Allen Home School:

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Students from Burnsville:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710162.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710162.html)

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Portrait of Children gathered together at Tiny Tots Nursery:

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St. Anthony's School Building:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710164.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710164.html)

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Portrait of pupils and teachers at Mountain Street School:

[http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710171a.htm](http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710171a.html)
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Students during a Reading Lesson at Mountain Street School:

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Students reading at Hill Street School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710217.htm

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Students learning musical chimes at Hill Street School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710218.htm

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First Grade Students learning Manuscript writing at Hill Street School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710219.htm

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Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Howze's First Grade Class at Livingston Street School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710222.htm

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Class at Livingston Street School taught by Mrs. Rachel S. Battle:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710223.htm

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Mrs. Gladys C. Kennedy having a unit on China with her sixth grade class at Livingston Street School:

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1947, A sextet of students from Viola R. Candler's 3rd grade class at Livingston Street School:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710225.htm

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Picture of Livingston Street School Student body in the 1940s:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710226.htm

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Shiloh School Grades 5 and 6, Mrs. Dorothea Cowan:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710227.htm

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Shiloh School Mrs. Inez Ray Lassiter with her 4th grade students having a lesson on "Children of Other Lands:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/blackhigh/photograph_pages/bhcp7710228.htm

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Also an interesting Wartime photo of E. W. Pearson:

<http://www.buncombecounty.org/common/library/pearsonFyler.pdf>

Marvin Chambers:

-Marvin Chambers in 2012 quote on the African American community:

"YMI is and has been the cornerstone of the black community for more years than I can remember. There is a misconception that led people to believe that the native African American community of Asheville is uneducated, lacks vision [and] discipline, and are all lazy, which is far from being true... What IS true is that we have been disenfranchised through the urban-renewal process..."

<http://theurbannews.com/our-town/2012/whats-next-for-the-ymi/>

"Growing up, I never had the opportunity to know a lot about our (local) African American heritage except what was passed down through word of mouth."

<http://theurbannews.com/our-town/2014/city-county-establish-african-american-heritage-commission/>

James V. Miller (1858-1940):

Mrs. Annie Mae Miller Bolden on James V. Miller, her father: "My father, James Victor Miller, was a contractor and builder of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Hopkins Chapel AME Zion Church, and Emma Baptist Church. My father also built the Public Service Building in Asheville. He was owner and founder Violet Hill Cemetery, named after my mother [Violet Petty Miller], which remains in the Miller family today." (Angels Unaware: Asheville Women of Color, 12)

"My father taught brick masonry free of charge to young black men throughout his life." (Angels Unaware: Asheville Women of Color, 12)

Built:

- Hopkins Chapel AME Zion Church
- St. Matthias Episcopal Church
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- Municipal Building, houses APD and AFD

- Grandfather of Andrea Clark

Reverend Charles Bradford Dusenbury (1861-1920):

Reverend Dusenbury was born on December 8, 1861 near Lexington, NC. He began his first pastorate in New Bern, NC and where he would marry Lula A. Martin, she was a teacher. In 1891 he came to Asheville at the insistence of the Freedman's Board to organize

attendance improved and school pride was increased. (Angels Unaware: Asheville Women of Color, 94)

Elvia Thelma McRae Caldwell (1912-2004):

Dr. John Holt (1921-2007):

Asheville City School System (Desegregation)
Buncombe County Medical Society (first black member)
Medical Practice

Dr. John Reginald Hayes (1942-Present):

NAACP: President since 1999 (Received the NAACP Asheville Branch Award)
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Dr. John Hayes was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 31, 1942. He is a member and serves as an Elder of Sycamore Temple Church of God in Christ : "The young people with whom I work are encouraged to attend church somewhere. Church participation is a necessity in our spiritually poor world." (Visionaries: Asheville Men of Color, Page 90) "One is never too busy to learn... The knowledge I gained helped me in my work with Asheville's young people." (Visionaries: Asheville Men of Color, Page 90) Hillcrest Enrichment Program (Received the National Housing Authority Award for the Hillcrest Enrichment Program): "I believe that youth are our most important resource. Presently, I am Director of the Hillcrest Enrichment Program for inner city youth and Community Coordinator for the Asheville Housing Authority. To work with youth means to change attitudes which are negative into positive ones through organized activities. The enrichment program was begun in 1977 and continues today. The program focuses on young people ages 6 and up. Self-esteem and self-worth are stressed in all activities. Some of the various activities provided are health and beauty classes for girls, Boys to men passage, youth football, track, choir, basketball, tutoring, Boy Scouts and the high stepping majorettes." (Visionaries: Asheville Men Color, Page 90-91) "Youth should have the opportunity to learn and become somebody. It begins at home, knowing who God is and having respect for yourself and others. If children skip their childhood, they have missed much." (Visionaries: Asheville Men of Color, Page 91)

YMI 1982 Goombay

CiCi Weston:

CiCi Weston, an Asheville native and member of the Executive Committee of the NAACP Asheville Branch. "Our youth don't know much about our heritage, and as a result we don't see many of our young professionals return to Asheville. They go to college to get advanced degrees, and they don't come back. If we want to bring young black professionals back to Asheville once they leave, they need an inclusive community to come back to."

Article on her:

<http://www.diversityed.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Slavery-and-the-War-in-WNC.pdf>

Desegregation in Asheville:

<http://www.diversityed.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/WithDeliberateSpeed.pdf>

African American Heritage in Asheville from 1850-1950:

<http://www.diversityed.org/category/unmarked/>