

About the Project

The James B. Duke Memorial Library initiated this interactive map as part of a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the LYRASIS Catalyst Fund. The aim is to provide a platform for publishing location-based content including historical photographs, documents, and oral histories that will tell the story of a vibrant 150-year-old African-American community that surrounds Johnson C. Smith University on the west side of Charlotte, North Carolina. The Historic West End is a network of neighborhoods that grew up around the historically black college, which was founded as Biddle Institute by Presbyterian ministers in 1867.



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Contact Information

To participate in the project or to refer a community group or member, please contact Brandon Lunsford, University Archivist and Digital Manager. Please help us spread the word by sharing this brochure with West End residents and community groups!

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The HISTORIC WEST END of Charlotte, North Carolina

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of the African American
communities that surround
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THE HISTORIC WEST END OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Excelsior Club

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Clinton Park

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Biddle Hall

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(Original) West Charlotte High School

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(Original) Harding High School

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Peeler Portrait Studio

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Reginald Hawkins House

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Fred Alexander House

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Kelly Alexander House

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Grand Theater

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Friendship Baptist Church

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Julius Chambers House

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United House of Prayer for All People

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