

## **BIDDLEVILLE COLLECTION, 1983, 1985**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Biddleville is Charlotte's oldest surviving historically African-American neighborhood. It is located across Beatties Ford Road from what is known as Johnson C. Smith today. The neighborhood began in 1871, when the first president of Biddle Institute, Stephen Mattoon, bought a fifty-acre farm adjacent to the campus, intended primarily for faculty and students of the college. Others were welcome as well, however, and Biddleville was a small, but thriving community by the 1890s.

Biddleville became part of Charlotte in 1907, but continued to retain its own identity. During the 1960s, the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission began discussing the demolition of much of the neighborhood referred to as the "Biddleville-Five Points" area. Residents fought against these maneuvers however, and largely won. The Biddleville community remains an important part of Charlotte.

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### **ACQUISITION**

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### **REFERENCES**

Hanchett, Dr. Thomas W. *Biddleville-Five Points*.  
<http://www.cmhpf.org/kids/neighborhoods/Biddleville.html>

### **RELATED MATERIALS**

*Biddleville Quintette*. (CALL NUMBER: NCR MUSIC VERTICAL FILES, GOSPEL)

*Neighborhoods—Biddleville*. (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILES)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Biddleville Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of two brochures from 1983 and 1985. One folds out into a poster that briefly describes the history and historic properties in Biddleville, and the other contains a brief history on Biddleville, which was published by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.

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