

## McCrorey Heights Research Project: House History Sheet

For the McCrorey Heights Neighborhood Association, President Natalie Kennedy Beard

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### Address

1700 Washington Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28216

### 1<sup>st</sup> occupant

-Joseph Charles Belton and Marjorie Mae Rowe Belton; married in 1941 in Norfolk, VA.

-Home completed and couple moved in in late 1949

### More about them, community activities, Interesting accomplishments, where from, where educated?

#### Joseph Charles Belton

-Born, April, 1914 and reared in Fairfield County, South Carolina

-BS degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte

-MS Degree from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

--His first professional employment was at a two-room school – Coinjock-Rosenwald School in Currituck County, NC. After moving to Charlotte he taught and served as principal at the Clear Creek Negro High School, which was renamed in 1964 the J. H. Gunn High School. (J. H. Gunn named in honor of the “Jimmy Gunn Orchestra” and its singers, “The Dixie Serenaders.”) After desegregation of public schools, he became the principal of the Marie G. Davis Elementary School until his retirement in 1974.

-Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Bridgeteers

#### Marjorie Mae Rowe Belton

-Born, May, 1917 and reared in White Plains, New York

--BA in psychology and social work from Hampton Institute (*now University*), Hampton, VA

-MA in Education from Columbia University, New York

-Her first professional employment was as a teacher in a two-room school – Coinjock-Rosenwald School in Currituck County, NC.

-After moving to Charlotte she served as personnel director in an employment agency co-founded with Mrs. Marion Cannon.

-Later she served a Y-teen Director and Executive Director at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA

-In 1957, she became a guidance counselor at the Second Ward High School and later at West Charlotte High School until her retirement in 1979.

- Member of the Charlotte LINKS, Inc.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Les Sevantes

**Children's names? And where did they go on to do? Contact info?**

**David Charles Belton**

-BA degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and graduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke and Harvard; presently employed by the federal government; former VP of Charlotte Chamber for Education/Workforce Development; former Regional Executive Director for Governor Beverly Perdue; married to Alfreda Phoenix Belton

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Son- **Cameron Scott Belton** – An attorney in Durham, NC

**-Gordon Brumit Belton**

-BA degree from Johnson C. Smith University

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**Are old photos available of the house? Its residents, Their community activities?**

We will look for photos for you. This house was the second house completed in the neighborhood.

**Later Occupant(s), including community activities, accomplishments and children:**

**owner Current occupant**

Gordon B. Belton – youngest son of original owner

**Builder**

Gulledge and Holmes, Charlotte

**House Plans**

Ordered through a magazine. Original plans later modified

Original kitchen and dining room combined into a family room

Screened side porch became the kitchen; a carport and storage room added