

## **ELIZABETH COLLECTION, 1986**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Elizabeth began in 1897, as the second oldest suburb of Charlotte, following Dilworth. It was developed by Walter S. Alexander and the Highland Park Company. This company also donated a large area of land to start a Lutheran women's college, which became known as Elizabeth College.

Elizabeth developed quickly, particularly after Edward Latta extended his trolley Line to Elizabeth College in 1903. The neighborhood encompassed several subdivisions, including the Highland Park Development, Piedmont Park, Oakhurst, Elizabeth Heights, and Rosemont. Many of Charlotte's business leaders first lived in Elizabeth, including A.J. Draper, O.J. Thies, Robert Lassiter, Richard C. Biberstein, J.B. Ivey, and W.L. and Mamie Bruns. This area was also one of five to receive a suburban elementary school in 1907, and by 1920, became the site of the city's white high school, Central High. Two hospitals moved to the area as well, Mercy and Presbyterian, which took over the defunct Elizabeth College, and numerous neighborhood shops were located in Elizabeth. In the 1950s Harry Golden lived and worked in the community, and many cultural leaders visited him there.

During the 1960s, the Charlotte City Council adopted its first comprehensive zoning ordinance, and nearly half of Elizabeth was zoned for demolition. Much of the formerly residential area became zoned for commercial use, and residents had moved on to Myers Park and other developments. Despite this, Elizabeth residents held on to their neighborhood identity, and it remained a desirable area. The Elizabeth community continues to be a popular area, and includes a neighborhood association, an online newsletter, and host of numerous events.

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## REFERENCES

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## RELATED MATERIALS

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The Elizabeth Collection is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of a brochure for a historic walking tour.

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