

Davidson College Historical Campus Tour: Additional Resources and Further Reading

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Anti-Racism Initiatives on Campus

Davidson Community Fund

DCF is a wealth redistribution organization that operates on the tenets of mutual aid and supports Black femmes in the Charlotte area. Become a monthly sustainer [here](#).

Justice, Equity, Community (JEC) Initiative

A centralized overview of digitized materials and archives initiatives funded by the archives portion of the Justice, Equality, Community grant at Davidson College (2017 - 2020). [Link here](#).

Student work

The Disorienting Davidson Tour by HD Mellin and Tian Yi

[Description of the project and directions for taking the virtual tour with the PocketSights App](#)

Content of the tour:

[Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

Student thesis focused on the legacies of colonialism, slavery, and white supremacy at Davidson College.

[“Beneath the Bricks” by HD Mellin](#)

Chapter 4 of this thesis is focused on the performances discussed during our tour.

Resources on Slavery in Davidson

Report on Maxwell Chambers by Dr. Hilary Green

[Official 2023 report](#)

[Additional work by Dr. Green](#)

Beaver Dam Plantation

[Preliminary report by Maxime Lamoureux-St-Hilaire](#)

The Catawba Nation

We encourage you to visit www.catawba.com to learn from the Catawba Nation about the nation's history.

Employment at Davidson

Black Laundresses at Davidson

[History of Black Laundresses in Davidson from the Davidson College Archives and Special Collections](#)

Asbestos Mill

[WFAE 90.7 Podcast and article "Asbestos Town"](#)

Tour Visual Aids

Courtesy of the Davidson College Archives and Special Collections

[Photo of Beaver Dam](#)

[Photo of NC Medical College](#)

[Davidson's 'Cadaver in the Column' Mystery is Cleared | The Charlotte Observer](#)

[The Laundry Staff 1988](#)

[BSC Proposes Project '87 | The Davidsonian](#)

[Davidson Family Tree](#)

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