

David Williams

Side 1:

[1/20] Married by A. Powell Davis, Washington, DC. Moved to Asheville 32 years ago, 1961. [A. Powell Davis]

[1/38] Attended the All Souls Church. A.P. Davis quoted weekly in Washington Post, generally on social concerns. More UU (4,5) churches started in the area due to him. Joined the Vienna, VA church.

[1/62] Believes all UU churches need to expand by developing satellites, not by adding to existing building, especially in Asheville, because of the beauty of our church.

[1/89] Was in Asheville on vacation 32 years ago and decided to move here six months later. Joined UU church on Vermont Ave. Describes Vermont House and mentions early members.

[1/132] Daniel Welch pastor. His wife a Methodist. [Dan Welch]

[1/156] Mentions others: Driscoll, Takaro, Bill/Willa Moore, Habel. [Driscoll, Tim Takaro, Bill Moore, Willa Moore, Habel]

[1/171] Church moved to Charlotte Street. David was chair of building committee. Friend of Logan Robertson, son of Reuben. With Logan and Mary Jane Robertson, searched for site, I40 and I26. [Logan Robertson, Reuben Robertson, Mary Jane Robertson]

[1/206] Logan's family prosperous; his sister, Hope Norbett, interested in local theatre; Robertson owned lots on Charlotte and Edwin Place which were offered to Asheville Community Theatre which did not take them. [Logan Robertson, Hope Norbett]

[1/227] Logan handled Robertson Trust. Reuben interested in UU church. From Trust received \$60,000-\$70,000 acreage at time, and church took over balance. Some wanted steeple.

[1/336] David, in PR role, produced brochure "We Raise our Sights." Photo and brochure in Lisa Andrews' "History of Church." Charlie Nixon, co-chair, and Irma MacDonald (Hendersonville) helped with brochure. [Lisa Andrews, Charlie Nixon, Irma MacDonald]

[1/375] Mrs. Sandburg's gift and photo. [Lillian Steichen Sandburg]

[1/400] Summer pastor, Pete Tolleson, held Carl's memorial service at Vermont Avenue Church. [Carl Sandburg, Pete Tolleson]

[1/422] Sandburg daughters joined and attended church. Mrs. Sandburg increased gift to \$15,000-\$20,000; gave credit to Dave's young son. [Helga Sandburg, Margaret Sandburg, Lillian Steichen Sandburg]

[1/476] Naming of Sandburg Hall.

[1/485] Henderson group started c1975, natural growth. Charlie and Erma Nixon, Turners, Lolley Nordstrom and husband. [Charlie Nixon, Erma Nixon, Turners, Lolley Nordstrom, Mr. Nordstrom]

[1/533] More on building fund. Names Ned Longley, Nixon, Walter. [Ned Longley, Charlie Nixon, Walter]

[1/567] Positions of president and chair of building committee overlapped.

[1/573] On search committee to get Tracy Pullman, retired minister. [Tracy Pullman]

[1/605] Mrs. Pullman died. Tracy well-liked, served 1968-73. [Tracy Pullman, Mrs. Pullman]

[1/616] May have been on search committee for Gross, prior to '68. [Reverend Dick Gross]

[1/324] Longley and Charles Nixon deaths in 1975. [Ned Longley, Charles Nixon]

[1/628] Community image, exposure. Lisa Andrews, historian and early worker. [Lisa Andrews]

[1/639] Growth of RE. Lisa Andrews, backbone of RE department. [Lisa Andrews]

Side 2:

[2/3] Expand thoughts on satellite sites rather than large physical building. Present consideration of two services.

[2/95] Church's role in community. Long struggle to get acceptable image. No "large" scandals.

[2/137] Tendency to have "hippie" element in church.

[2/150] Problem to get Black members. Maybe "fawned" too much.

[2/175] Logan and Francine Delany active awhile. [Logan Delany, Francine Delany]

[2/184] Not a "B&B" business, but "High Haven Inn," built by O. D. Revell. Gave property on top of Lookout Mountain to the Baptists for their picnic area. [O.D. Revell]

[2/209] Building then became TB Sanitarium.

[2/214] Teakwood furniture, antique, from China. Revell died on shipboard, traveling with nephew. [O.D. Revell]

[2/230] High Haven Inn operated for summer folks.

[2/245] Made two apartments. Had catering business from site.

[2/252] Property now owned by UNCA - for future conference building.

[2/277] Marion was chief cook; David was salad chef. Hired help. [Marion Stivers (then Williams) and David Williams]

[2/297] Mountain couple employed, lived in apartment, both typically independent mountain people. Story of his dismissal.

[2/330] Catered to UNCA functions.

[2/345] Now Bridal Path Inn, B&B.

[2/360] Community activities and offices held.

[2/383] Argued for community use of church, and low usage fees.

[2/408] Time is ripe for satellite church.