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Trading Church Street:
Pride, Prejudice, and a Parking Lot



“Trading Church Street” is a documentary film that features generations of citizens who share their personal perspectives on the street. The Black pioneers that made it a way of life for nearly a century are honored and the lively sights and sounds are cherished. Their stories offer a unique perspective on this formidable and flavorful chapter of our past and serve as a link to our future

For more information on Church Street or to purchase the film *Trading Church Street*, please contact:

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*As seen on the
documentary film*

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CHURCH STREET: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Past

From 1907 to the early 1980s, Church Street in Downtown Anderson, South Carolina, was a center for African American business and trade.

The proprietors were pioneers within the community. There were medical offices and restaurants, tailors and taxis, barbers and grocers. There were also funeral homes, pharmacies, and hotels, just to name a few. It is amazing to realize the variety and number of businesses that thrived over the years on this single street.

However, contributions made by these citizens go far beyond just businesses. Educational opportunities were made available by leaders within the Church Street Community. Likewise, the music and art that arose from Church Street influences who we are as a city today.



Present

In the early 1980s, many buildings on historic Church Street were torn down.

Afterwards, the area was transformed into a parking lot, which is what it remains today.

A memorial and time capsule have been placed to honor the Church Street of that era. Continual efforts are being made to properly memorialize the Church Street business owners and citizens.

Thanks to grant funding, a documentary DVD entitled *Trading Church Street: Pride, Prejudice, and a Parking Lot* has also been created, a dream that has been years in the making and the inspiration of City Councilwoman Dr. Beatrice Thompson .

Future

As we move forward in the twenty first century, we should always remember our connections to the past.

Church Street is in itself a testament to the courage and determination of the African American Pioneers, and we should honor these pioneers who planted the seeds to help the future flourish.

May we always remember the people and places of Church Street throughout the generations.

