

Joseph Belton (1958-1965), last principal of Stephens Lee High School, held degrees from: Johnson C. Smith University (BS) and

of Catholic Hill and



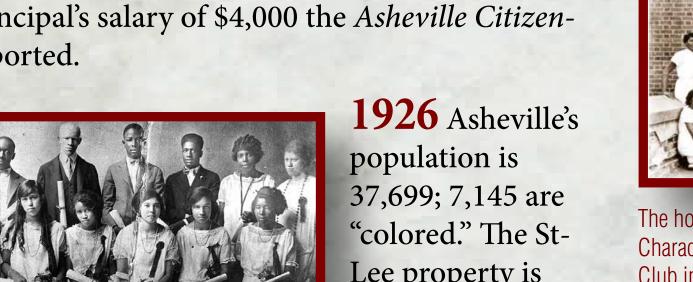
Miss Marie Jackson. (1)

Hester Ford Lee, unknown, Mrs. Ella Anderson,

Mrs. Carrie first African American principal in Asheville when he took the position at Catholic Hill in 1890. He was also one of the organizers of the YMI. The Lee

in the name St-Lee was in memory of Hester Ford Lee (see picture of Catholic Hill faculty), the first wife of Walter S. Lee. Mrs. Lee was a teacher at Catholic Hill School who died suddenly in 1922. A girl's quartet starts.

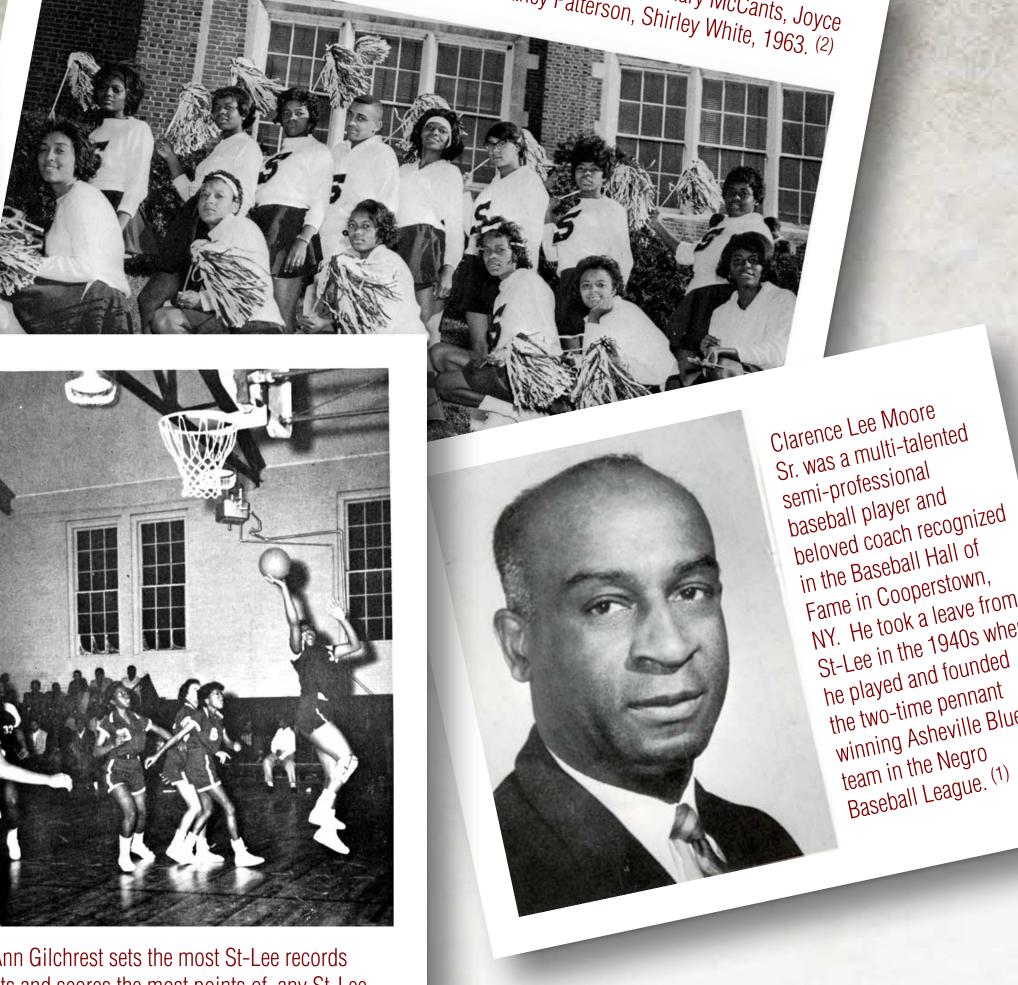
1923 Rising from the ashes on the location of



1921 Third year of high school added to the Catholic Hill location due to the diligence of

1935 Girls Athletic Association begins. Clarence Lee Moore Sr. comes to St-Lee to be basketball and football coach. He also taught chemistry and driver education.





Stephens-Lee High School





1938 St-Lee band is organized by Paul Dusenbury.

the steps of the Buncombe County Court House. (2)

houses with his students. (1)



North Carolina with 19 wins and James E. Ferguson at the 1986 Smithsonian Festival of American

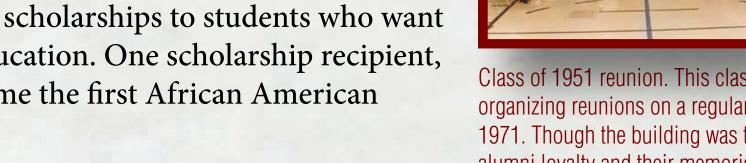
Swannanoa, Mars Hill and Weaverville, were transported to St-Lee for high school. Some had a 4 ½ hour trip to school. Vernon Cowen, points of any St-Lee athlete. The Varsetteers women's letter club



Gist, Julia Dogan. 1950. (2)

1965-1975 St-Lee houses several non-profit agencies

1991 Everett Parrish and Marshal Logan organize a "big" reunion of all alumni, which they started planning in the late 1970s



of Parks and Recreation through the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and the

1998 St-Lee gym becomes the Stephens-Lee Recreation Center. The Alumni Association honors former teachers.

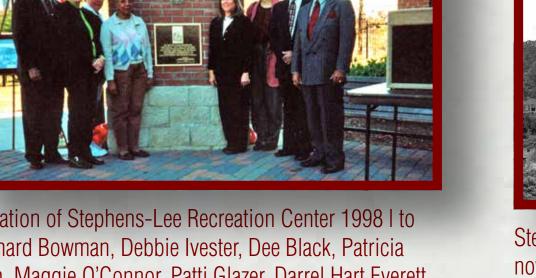
the St-Lee Recreation Center.

hardwood gym floor is restored and dedicated by alumni president Sarah Hart.

Stephens-Lee Alumni Association, Inc.

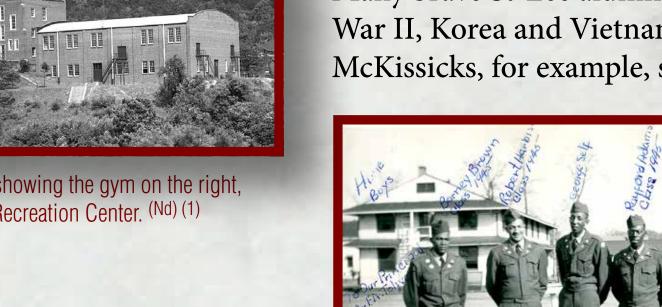
**2017** Asheville Parks and Recreation establishes a project charter with the St-Lee Alumni Association for the creation of a

designated space in the St-Lee Recreation Center to serve as a museum honoring the history of St-Lee as a premier African American high school in the South.





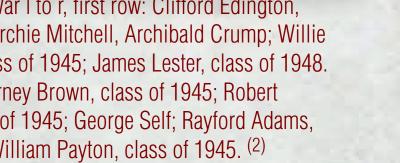
















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