

## Visionary Leadership in the New South <sup>[1]</sup>

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Durham

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Description: This pedestrian-scale bronze sculpture is the second in a series of six monuments documenting Durham's "Black Wall Street." It pays homage to the individuals who helped build positive race relations in the Durham area. The sculpture features an oversized bronze coat and hat hanging on curved hooks.

Nickname: The Parrish Street Sculptures

### Inscription:

Visionary Leadership in the New South Black leaders John Merrick, J. A. Dodson, R.B. Fitzgerald, J.R. Hawkins, A.M. Moore, W.G. Pearson, J. E. Shepard, C.C. Spaulding, G.W. Stephens, and S.L. Warren created successful business, educational and cultural institutions in Durham despite challenging race relations. 1890-1915

[Image of the plaque](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

Dedication date: 10/15/2009

Creator: Leah Foushee, Sculptor Alvin Frega, Sculptor Michael Waller, Sculptor

Materials & Techniques: Bronze

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds granted with the assistance of Representative David E. Price

Cost: \$350,000

Post dedication use: This monument, and the entire series of Parrish street sculptures, is part of a larger revitalization effort by the city of Durham.

Subject notes: This sculpture honors black leaders and visionaries who have worked towards bettering race relations in the area. The individuals honored in this sculpture are: John Merrick, J. A. Dodson, R.B. Fitzgerald, J.R. Hawkins, A.M. Moore, W.G. Pearson, J. E. Shepard, C.C. Spaulding, G.W. Stephens, and S.L. Warren. Their contributions to the

community vary from the creation of new businesses, to building educational facilities.

**Location:** The sculpture sits on historic Parrish Street, which is better known as "Black Wall Street." It is part of a series of six sculptures that each commemorates important pieces of Durham's history.

**Former Locations:** None

**Landscape:** This sculpture rests in downtown Durham. There are a few trees close to the monument.

**City:** Durham

**County:** Durham

**Subjects:** Historic African American Figures, Industry

**Latitude:** 35.99496

**Longitude:** -78.89906

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