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Young Men's Institute, built 1892. Image courtesy of D. H. Ramsey Library, Special Collections, University of North Carolina at

by Raymond Gavins, 2006 Asheville.

The Young Men's Institute ^[2] in Asheville ^[3], backed by businessman and philanthropist George W. Vanderbilt ^[4], opened in 1893 as a community center for black construction workers at his Biltmore House and Asheville's increasingly segregated African American ^[5] citizens. By 1906 a black-led supervisory committee had assumed ownership of the center's building. The large brick structure provided blacks with space for a wide variety of business, civic, educational, religious, and social activities until 1977, when it closed. The Young Men's Institute building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places ^[6].

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