

MCCOLLUM-MURRAY HOUSE



Edward McCollum in front of house in 1925

Photo from Jackson Davis Collection of African American Educational Photographs at the University of Virginia

The McCollum Story

- House was built at the turn of the twentieth century for a successful African American couple, Edward J. and Margaret McCollum
- Built by an African American builder, George Whack

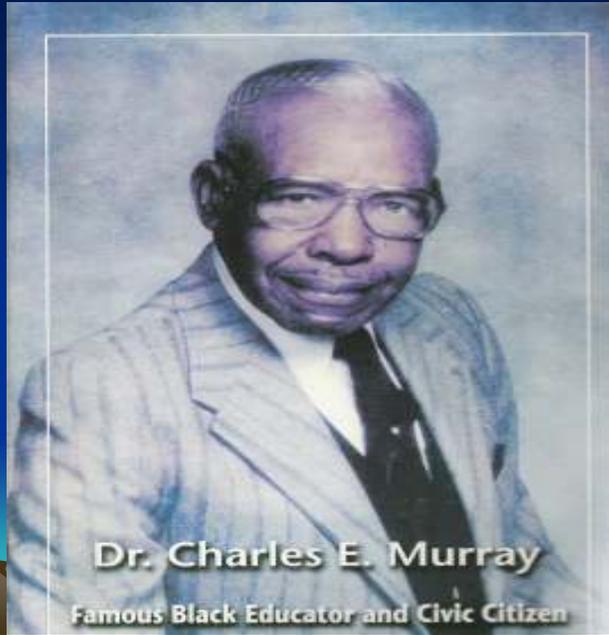
The McCollum Story

- Couple moved to Greeleyville around the turn of the twentieth century, seeking employment with the Mallard Lumber Company, a timber logging enterprise managed and operated by T. Walter Boyle.

The McCollum Story

- Oral tradition says that McCollum himself crafted much of the house's interior woodwork.
- The couple had no children—when Charles E. Murray's father died, they brought Charles to live with them.

The Murray Story



The Murray Story

- Born October 22, 1910
- Lost Father at age of 12

The Murray Story

- Moved in with Edward and Margaret McCollum
- McCollum sent him to high school at the S. C. State Academy in Orangeburg, SC
- He graduated with honors

The Murray Story

- BA from the Colored Normal Industrial Agricultural and Mechanical College (South Carolina State University) in 1930
- Started teaching at Tomlinson High School in Kingstree at age of 19.
- Enlisted in the army in 1942

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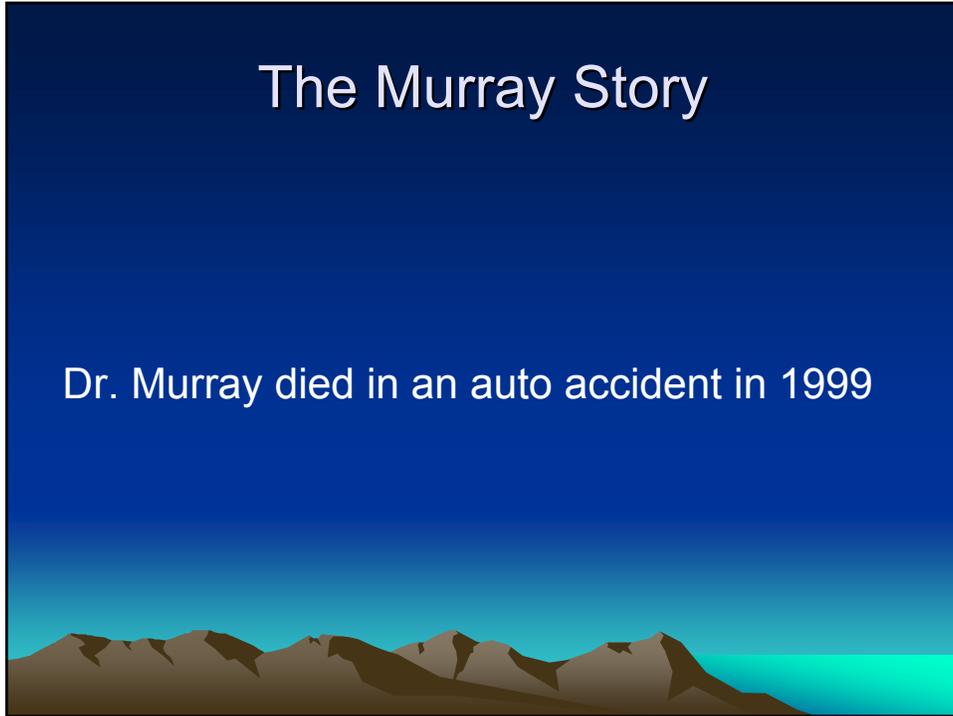
- Returned to Tomlinson after service
- Received a MA degree from SC State in 1959

The Murray Story

- Became principal of Williamsburg County Training School (WCT) in 1960
- Received honorary Doctorate from Claflin University in 1979
- Nov 19, 1972 WCT renamed C. E. Murray High School in his honor

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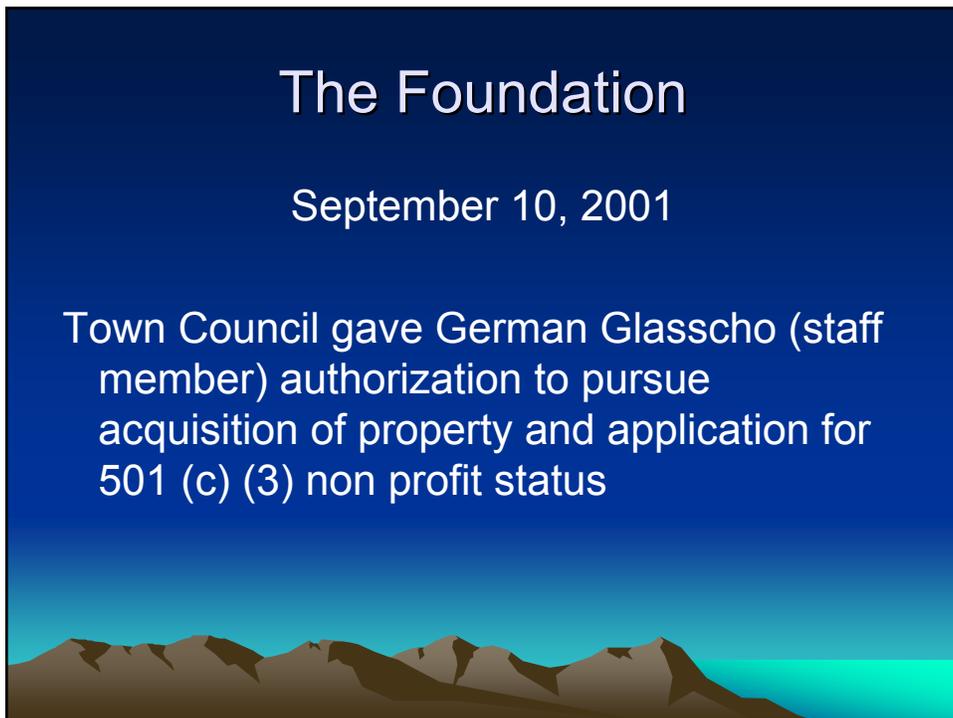
Dr. Murray died in an auto accident in 1999



The Foundation

September 10, 2001

Town Council gave German Glasscho (staff member) authorization to pursue acquisition of property and application for 501 (c) (3) non profit status



The Foundation

November 27, 2001

A meeting was held with concerned citizens to discuss the future of the C. E. Murray property and legacy of Dr. Murray



The Foundation

December 11, 2001

Dr. Charles E. Murray Historical Foundation of Greeleyville was formed



The Foundation

December 18, 2001

Foundation received charitable status from
the State of South Carolina



The Foundation

March 1, 2004

Foundation received Non profit status (501
(c) (3))



The Foundation

May, 2005

Serious solicitation of funds began with letters mailed out to graduates of C. E. Murray High and area churches



The Foundation

May, 2005

Solicitation continued with a pledge drive resulting in pledges of \$125,000 over a period of 5 years

Pledges received from 6 corporations and local businesses and 9 local citizens



The Foundation

August, 2005

First fundraising banquet



The Foundation

May 22, 2006

Foundation received a 50/50 matching grant
(\$10,000) from the 2006 Historic
Preservation Fund



The Foundation

July 11, 2006

McCollum-Murray House
Williamsburg County

Listed in the National Register of Historic
Places



The House

December 6, 2006

Foundation signed agreement with
Drakeford Architects, Sumter, SC



The House

The following pictures show the house as it was before renovation started.



Side View



Back View



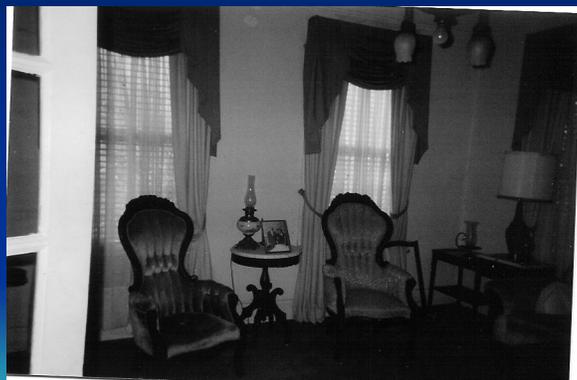
Front View



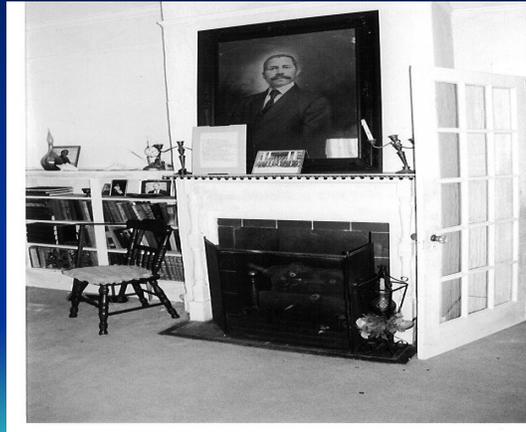
Foyer



Living Room



Living Room



Renovation – Removal of Paint



Renovation – New Siding



The Grants

August, 2009

Foundation transferred property to Town of Greeleyville in anticipation of receiving grants for a library

The Grants

November 26, 2008

Town of Greeleyville received a Community Development Block Grant for \$227,000 to be used for parking lot and landscaping



The Grants

January 2010

Town of Greeleyville received a federal/state grant of about \$90,000 to renovate the inside of the house



The Transfer

January 27, 2011

McCollum-Murray house turned over to Williamsburg County Library (50-year lease) to be used as Dr. Charles E. Murray Branch Library.



The Contributors





Front view of Murray House

The large plant in front is the Century Plant which supposedly blooms every 100 years.



Closer Front view of Library



Back view of Library



Dr. C. E. Murray Room

Picture of Mr. McCollum over fireplace



One of two computer rooms



Children Reading Room



Children Reading Room



Unfurnished upstairs room



Librarians and children

Children came to fill out applications for library cards



Bikes of children

Children are anxiously awaiting the grand opening of the library—
The Foundation's dream realized!

McCollum-Murray House

1925



2011



Grand opening of new, Dr. C. E. Murray Branch Library – May 7, 2011 2:00 p.m.