

Palmer Memorial Institute: Riches, Ruin, and Restoration

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Introduction

Charlotte Hawkins Brown



Figure 1. Brown (center) with four of the school's first teachers. (Photograph from State Archives of NC, *Five Palmer Institute Teachers*, 1907, <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll13/search/searchterm/Photographs/field/publia/mode/all/conn/and/order/title/ad/asc>).



Figure 2. The founder of PMI with her mentor. (Photograph from State Archives of North Carolina, *Dr. Brown with a bust of Alice Freeman Palmer*, 1955, <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll13/id/78/>).

Research Question

Wilhelmina Crosson

Harold Bragg

Charles Bundrige

External Factors

Fire – February 14, 1971

Palmer's Closure and Legacy

Further Research – Historic Preservation

Conclusion