

Carolyn B. Parker Project

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Carolyn B. Parker was a black female scientist, she was raised in a family that valued education. Her father was a doctor, and six of her seven siblings got advanced degrees. In order to pay for her education, she became a teacher, to pay for her education. She taught right here in Gainesville, at Lincoln High School, which was the only school that would allow her to teach there. It wasn't easy to get a job as a black woman back then.

She was very lucky to get a job as a teacher as a black woman. When she taught the black and white students were segregated, even the teachers. Even though everything was segregated, she didn't let that stop her from being a good teacher! I bet that the students she taught were very intelligent after being in her class! It was rough for her getting to do these things being treated unfairly, she still was great at most of the things she got to do!



From source 2 "Carolyn B. Parker Elementary: A Story" "Carolyn Parker got 2 Masters degrees in Mathematics and Physics, which is the science that deals with the structure of matter." Also, she was the first ever African American woman in the USA to get an advanced degree in physics! She took a break from her PhD to work on a very special project for the government, known as "The Dayton Project," that studied the element polonium. The government used her research to create the atomic bomb, which protected us from the Nazi's during World War II. She was a very intelligent lady, and worked very hard, she even helped protect us in World War II. Unfortunately, working with the polonium, she got cancer and died in 1966, right before getting her PhD. Lots of people, including me, believe that she would have done lots of more amazing things! Now the elementary school that was named "JJ Finley" is now named Carolyn Beatrice Parker Elementary School. Also, it's my school, I am proud to have my school name after an amazing person like her! She really deserves being the name of my school, she played a very important role in life! Her being a black woman, and getting to all this amazing stuff in her life is great! This essay was meant to show you the great life of Carolyn Beatrice Parker! The hard working, intelligent, and the importance of a woman like her!