Week 7 The African American Urban West

Cowboys and Soldiers



Five Points in 1895: Denver's African American Community



William T. Shorey Family of Oakland,



After A Denver Snowstorm, January



The Black Population in the Five Largest Western Cities, 1910

Black Pop. Total Population

- Los Angeles
- Denver
 213,381
- Seattle
- San Francisco
- Portland

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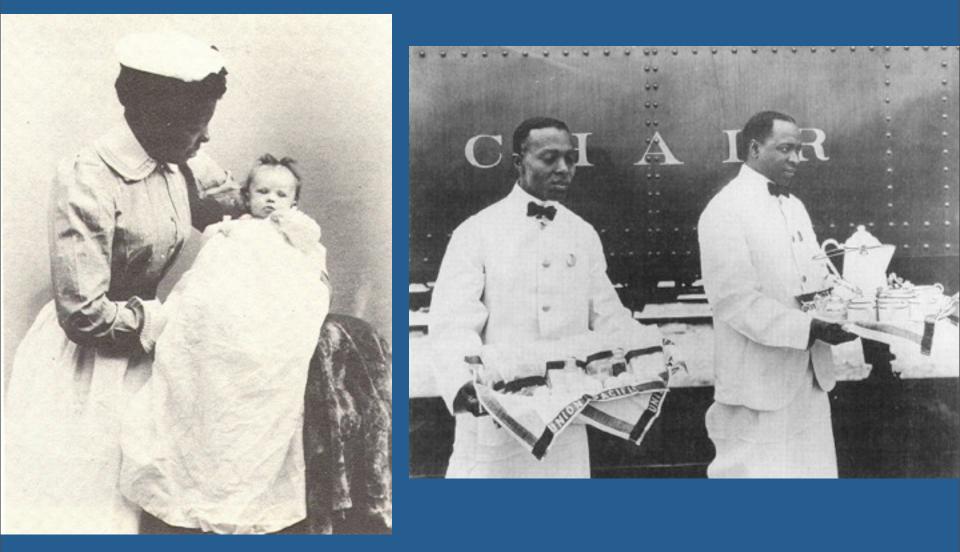
Frances Harper Women's Christian Temperance Union,



African American Cyclists along the South Platte River in Denver,



The Work of Black Urban Westerners



Barney Ford's Inter-Ocean Hotel, Denver, 1880



Rebecca Howard's Pacific House, Olympia, Washington, ca. 1870



Seattle Sailing Crew, ca. 1900



Baptism in the San Antonio River, 1900



The Acme Social Club of San Diego on Harbor



The Helena, Montana Plaindealer,



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A Statement Vision Conferences

The greatest hope for the ultimate solution of the problems of our race is our ability to get together...and we are glad that even in this section with a scattering population of our people, they are abreast in their efforts to solidify

Black Pride and Self-Help The Seattle Elks Home, 1925



Black folks took part in these organizations to undermine the negative stereotypes of themselves. They... engaged in activities that exuded pomp, pageantry, and power. Women and men who were denied notoriety and prestige outside the Central District could regally strut down 23rd

The Annual Puget Sound AME Church Conference, 1900



Montana Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Meeting in Butte,



Dino Rossi and Ron Sims at the Gubernatorial Debate, Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Club Headquarters, Tacoma, August, 2004



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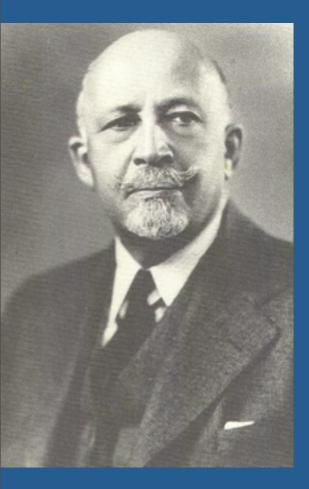


• Yesterday afternoon several colored ladies of this city met at the residence of Mrs. Lawrence on Madison Street and organized a social circle. It is the first organization of the kind in Seattle and a great amount of pleasure will no doubt be derived from interesting features to be introduced by the ladies.

The Executive Board of the Los Angeles NAACP, 1922



W.E.B. DuBois on Washington, 1913



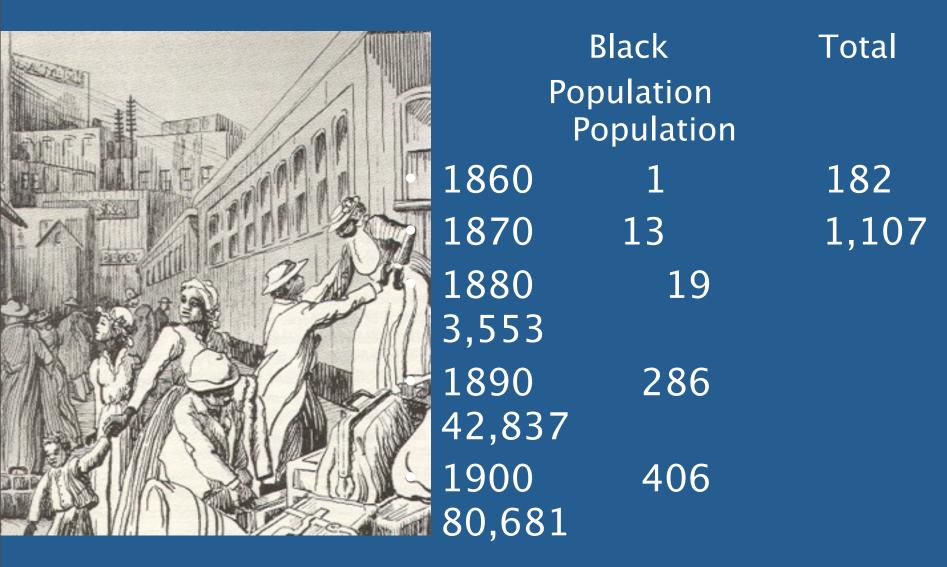
Here the fight against race prejudice has been persistent and triumphant. Washington has over 6,000 Negroes and 2,500 live in Seattle.. Why should they mean so much more to themselves and the world than 100,000 of the same people in Alabama and Georgia?

The answer is clear to the thoughtful. The colored folk are educated...out of the shackles of dense ignorance; they have push, for their very coming so far westward proves it; and above all, they are part of the greater group and they know it... They want them to come and find freedom as they have.

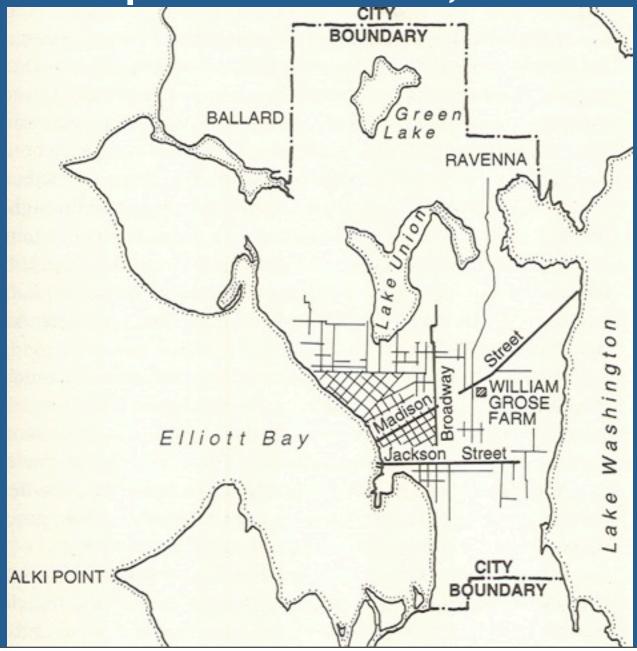
Seattle Under Indian Attack, 1856 (Two Years Before Manuel Lopes



Coming to Seattle



Map of Seattle, 1894



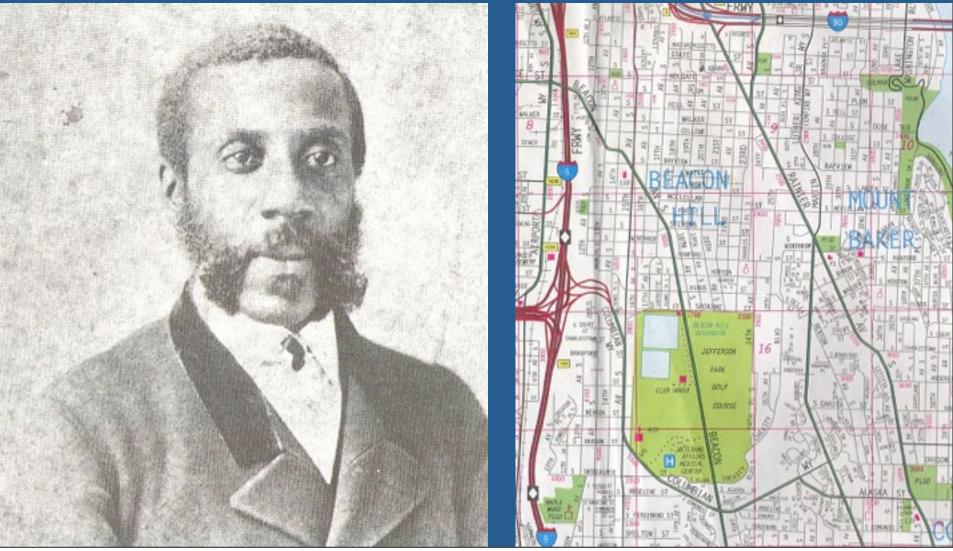
First A.M.E. Church, Seattle, Founded 1886



Mt. Zion Baptist Church,



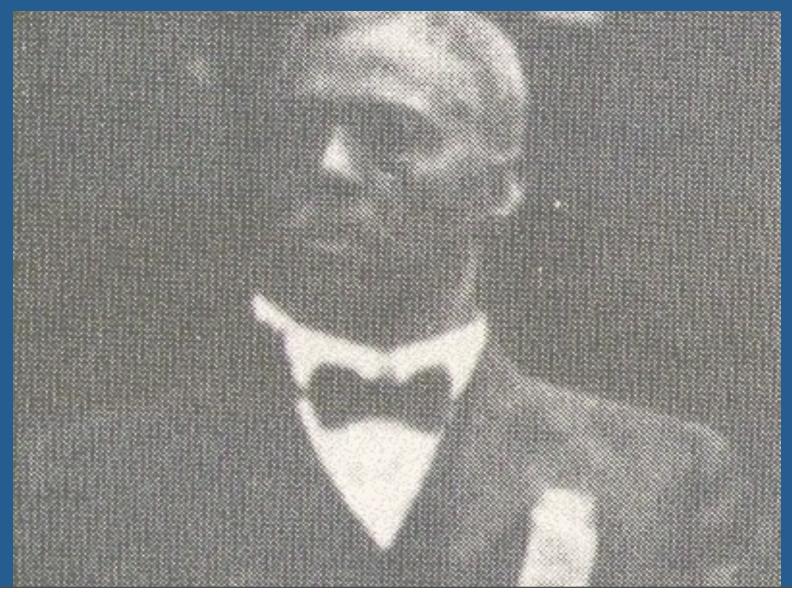
George P. Riley and Beacon Hill, Seattle, 1871



The Growth of a City Seattle in 1870 and 1900



Seaborn Collins First African American Officeholder in Seattle



19th Century Black Businesses in Seattle Including

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Seattle's First Hotel Owner

"OUR HOUSE." WM. GROSS & SON, Props., Mill Street, Scattle, Wash. Ter.

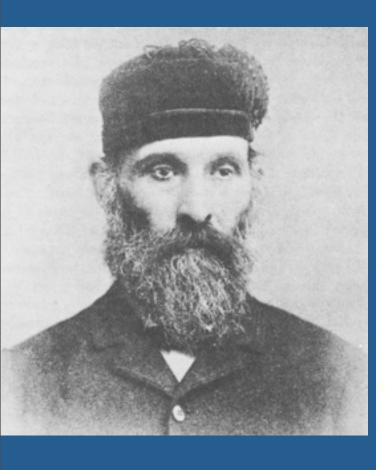
This hotel is located on the steamboat wharf, and is the best and cheapest hotel in the city for workingmen. Table always supplied with the best the market affords. Board and Lodging \$5.00 Board, per week \$4.00 Meals 25 cents Beds 25 cents. Baggage conveyed to and from the house free of charge.



Robert Moran Remembers Bill Grose

- ...I was dumped without breakfast on Yesler's wharf, then the only deep-water dock on the Seattle waterfront... November 17, 1875. Seattle's population at the time was about fifteen hundred.
- As my capital account was then reduced to ten cents, I was in a very embarrassing social and economic condition. As I walked up the dock that November morning before daylight, it was, as was natural at that time of the year, raining. I picked up a scent which led me to a restaurant operated by Bill Grose named "Our House." Well it certainly proved to be my house [as] I got my breakfast on credit.
- Bill was a fine cook and administered his own kitchen, with Mrs. Bill as dishwasher. Seattle was not then advanced in the culinary arts to a point where it seemed necessary to have short dressed, silk stockinged [sic] permanent waved waitresses... And none was needed as far as Bill was concerned. Bill served in the kitchen, all on

State Representative William Owen Bush and Washington's First Civil



CHAPTER XCIX. [H. B. No. 274.]

CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL PERSONS.

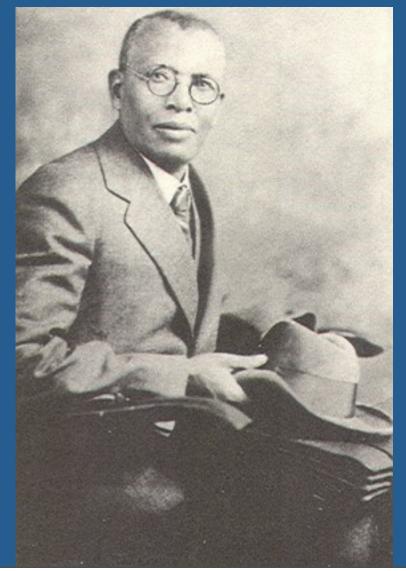
AN ACT to amend section 2959 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

[SECTION 1.] That section 2959 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 2959. All persons within the jurisdiction of the State of Washington shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the public accommodations and advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, eating houses, barber shops, public conveyances cu land or water, theaters and other places of public accommodation and amusement, subject only to the condition and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all citizens.

Passed the house March 12, 1895. Passed the senate March 14, 1895. Approved March 20, 1895.

Horace Cayton on Seattle and the Pacific



 The colored people of this country should make a bold strike from freedom. Here in the Northwest the race is to the swiftest and the American dream is being won.

We are the new frontier and thousands of Negroes have come to this part of the country to

The Hiram Revels Family, ca.



The Caytons on the Front Porch of their Home on Capitol Hill, 1904



Horace Cayton's Seattle Banner for Seattle Republican, 1909 Cayton with the Washington Republican Central Committee,





Thursday, March 7, 13

Seattle Skyline, 1910



Founding Members of the Seattle NAACP,

- Dr. E. A Johnson
- Rev. J.L. Williams
- Horace R. Cayton
- Samuel H. Stone
- G.W. Jones
- J.I. Reams
- Miss Zoe Young
- Bonita Wright
- Mrs. R. J. Allen
- Andrew Black
- Mrs. S. H. Stone

- Rev. W. D. Carter
- Samuel P. DeBow
- William Chandler
- Benjamin F. Tutt
- Letitia Graves
- Alma Glass
- J.H. Graves
- Etta Hawkins
- Beatrice Ball
- G. W. Thompson
- L. Austin

Unemployment and Underemployment Dilemmas: Seattle, 1860–1941 Black and White Coal Miners at Nearby Newcastle and Black



You know early in the history of Seattle, there wasn't an awful lot of prejudice. But there wasn't an awful lot of job opportunities either. When job competition because acute then you notice the difference in the way the Negro is treated. It's because he is a threat to jobs.

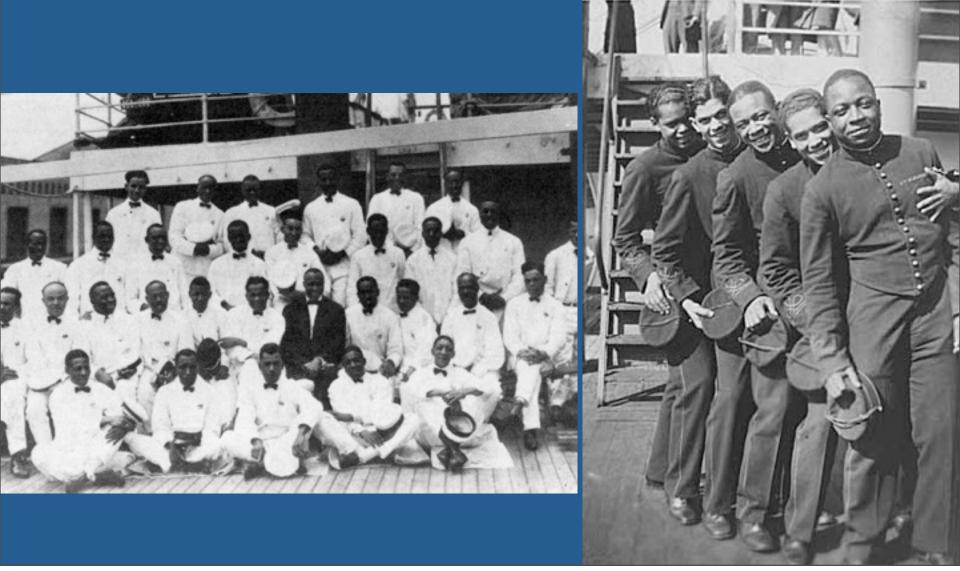
Mattie Vineyard Harris, 1930



A Domestic Servant, ca. 1910



Ship Stewards on the H.F. Alexander, 1923 and 1925



Seattle General Strike,



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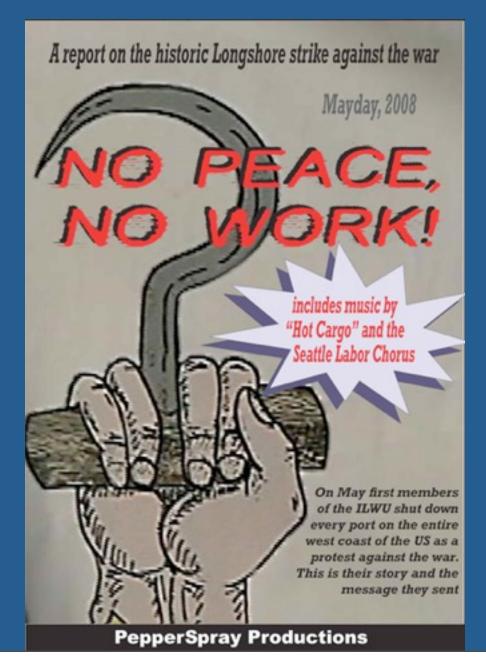
Racial Violence and the Longshore Strike, Seattle, 1916

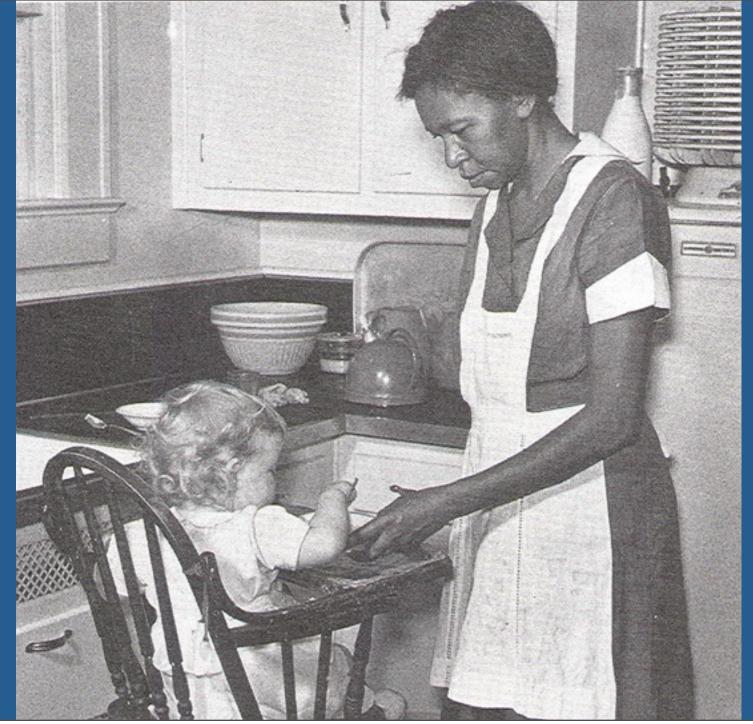
- "Get up, you black sons of a bitch! We'll teach you to break a strike and take the food out of our kid's mouths!" the biggest of them said to the Negro sitting on the aisle. "Didn't you hear me, nigger?"
- Still the man didn't move. With that the white striker swung his cargo hook and caught him in the neck just below the ear, pulling him to his feet like a half of beef.
- "We should burn you alive like they do down South." The pinioned man gave a muffled scream and tried to express his willingness to do anything, but because of the cargo hook he couldn't move his head.
- With an oath the striker pulled it out.... Blood spurted out of the wound and formed a little rivulet down the man's collar.... Two of the strikers led the wounded man out of the car and the third turned to

Black and White Longshoremen on Seattle Dock, 1936



Seattle Longshore Heritage





The Bon Marche (Now Macy's)



Susie Revels Cayton, ca. 1900



Black Commercial Fishermen on Puget Sound, ca.



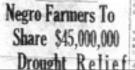


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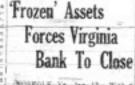
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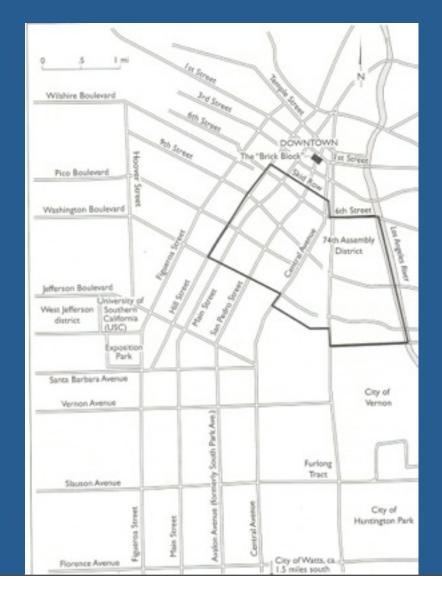
The Ongoing Struggle for Jobs in Seattle



In Seattle colored men should have jobs as streetcar motormen and conductors. Black women should have jobs as telephone operators and stenographers. Black firemen can hold a hose and squirt water on a burning building just as well as white firemen. We want jobs, jobs, after that everything will come unto

The Central Avenue District, Los Angeles, ca. 1920

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Purchasing Homes and Lots on the Edge of Los Angeles, 1910



Population Growth in Los Angeles, 1880–1940



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Bridget "Biddy" Mason (L) The Mason Family on their Porch, ca.

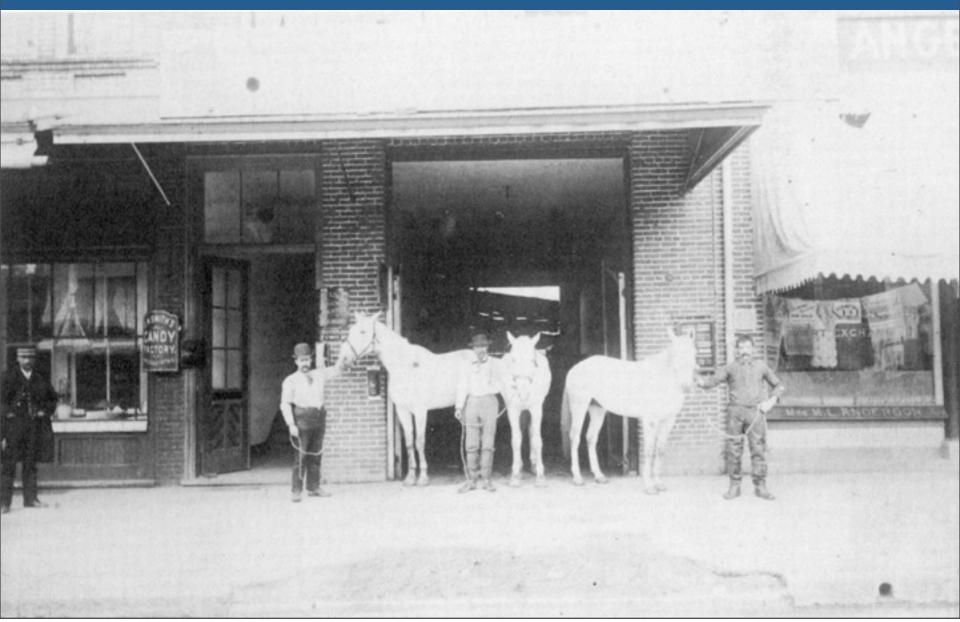




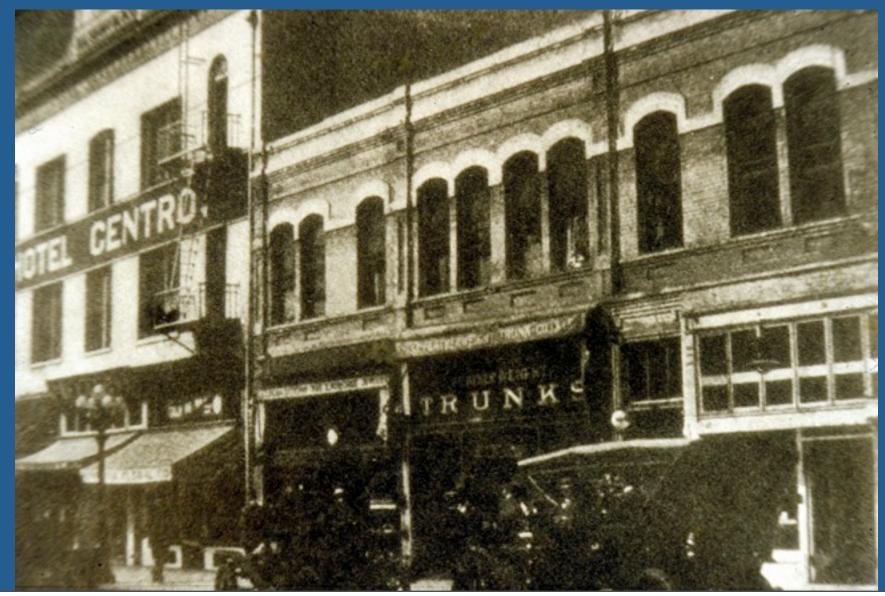
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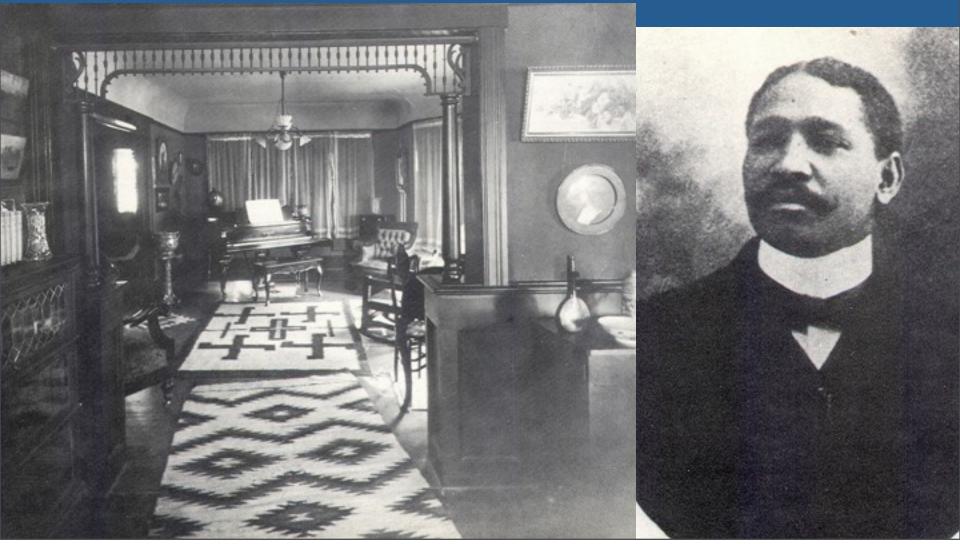
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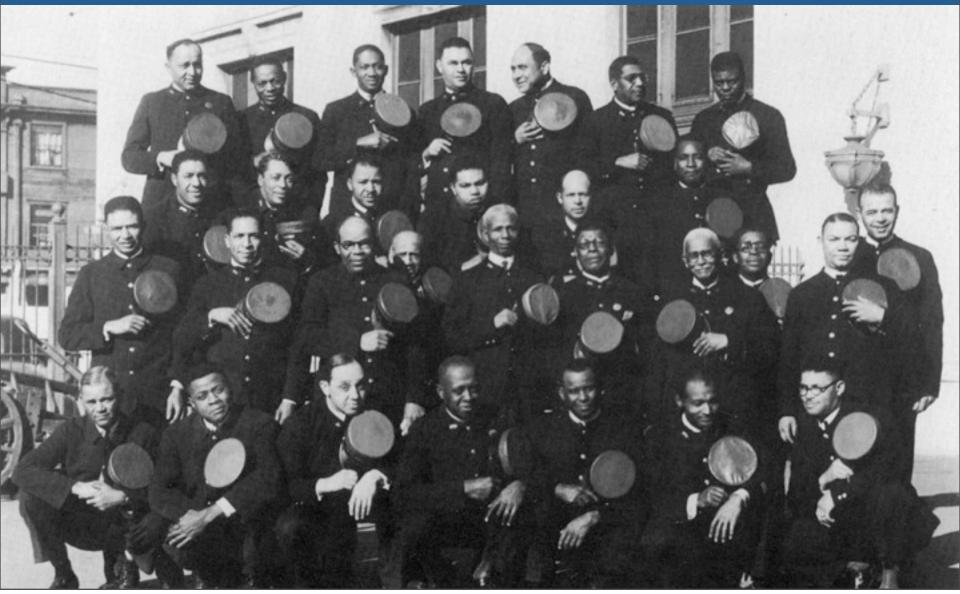
The Mason-Owens Block, ca.



Robert C. Owens and His Southern California Home



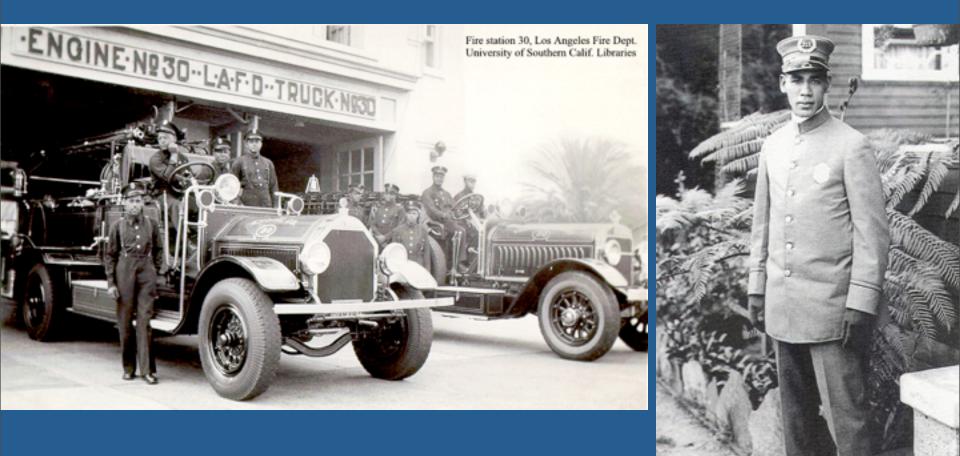
Red Cap Porters at Union Station,



Los Angeles County Courthouse Janitors, ca. 1925



Black Los Angeles Firemen and Policeman, ca.



White and Black Federal Prohibition Agents Discover A Liquor Smuggling Operation, Los



Los Angeles Church Choir, ca.



Founding the Church of God in Christ The Azusa Street Revival, 1906



Dr. Ruth Temple Recalls the Los Angeles Forum

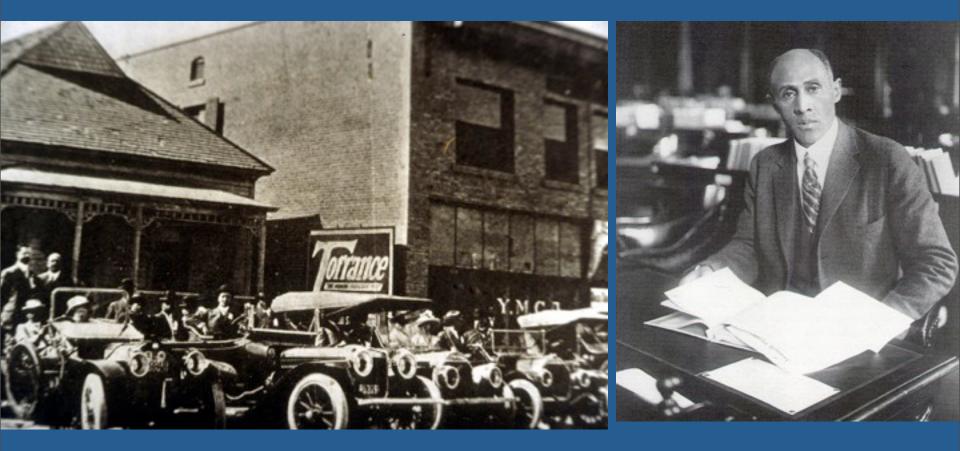
• First of all, [the Forum] gave a place for communication because it was actually an open forum. Anybody could say whatever he chose in whatever way he chose to say it. And there was no restriction and no desire or attempt to muzzle a person.



The Sojourner Truth Industrial Club, ca.



The California New Age W.E. B. DuBois and the Los Angeles Black Auto



Charlotta Bass (I) in Front of the California Eagle, ca. 1940

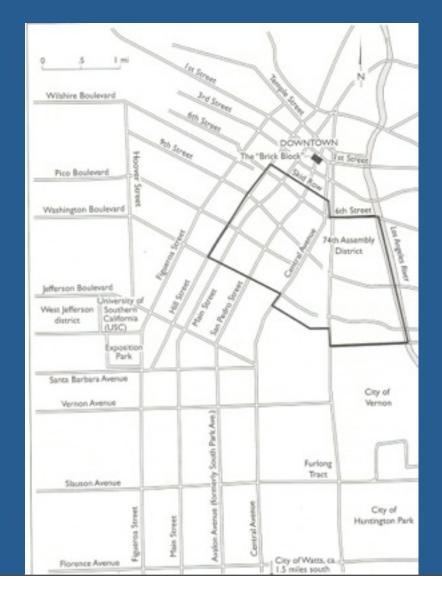


The Good Life in Sunny Southern California, ca. 1925



The Central Avenue District, Los Angeles, ca. 1920

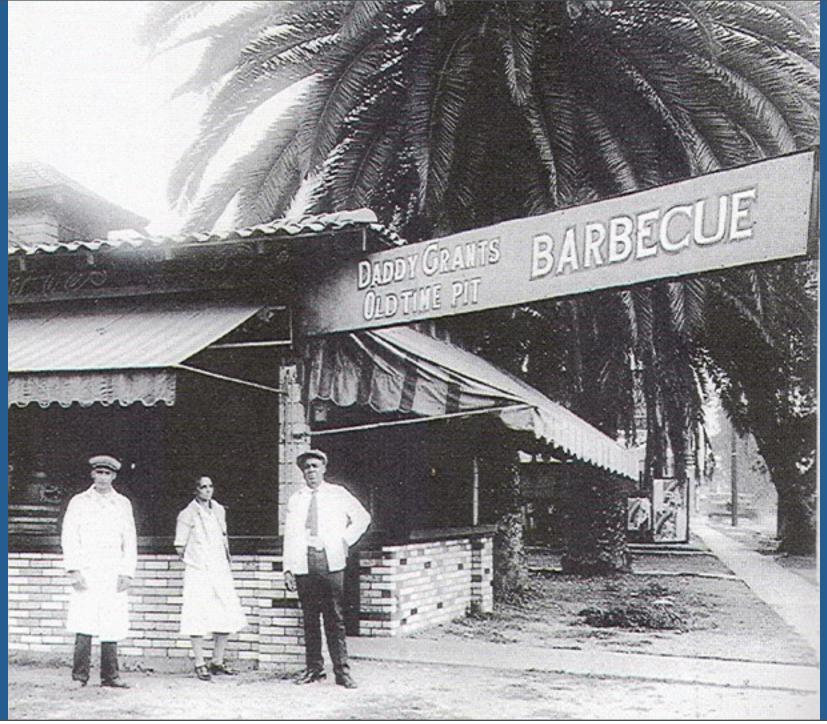
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Central Avenue: The Dunbar

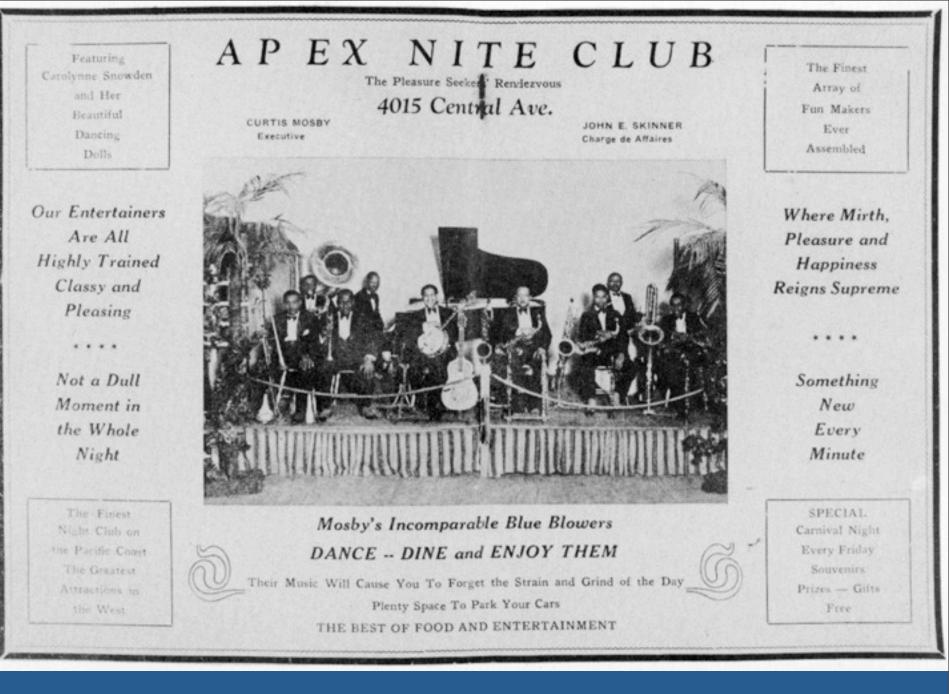
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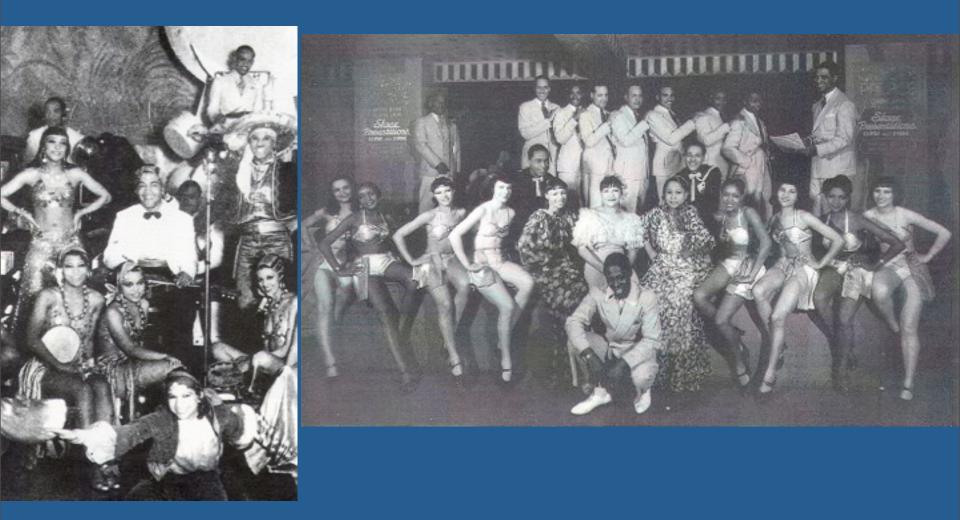


Arna Bontemps, Langston Hughes, Wallace Thurman





L.A. Nightclub Scene, ca.

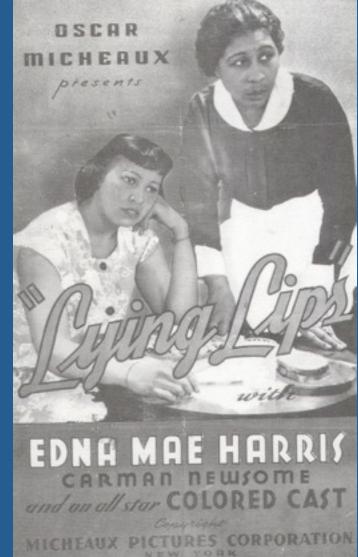


Humphrey Bogart, Mae West, Clark Gable and Hattie McDaniel



The Lincoln Motion Picture Company, 1915





Warner Brother Contract Actors: Will Rogers and Stepin Fetchit in 1931



Many [African American] audiences admired Fetchit's wealthy lifestyle symbolized by his multiple homes and servants and his champagne pink Cadillac which regularly cruised Central Avenue. Yet his offscreen antics, such as insisting reporters publish his interview "in my dialeck," indicated his failure to distinguish between his film portrayals and real-life persona. By the end of the 1930s Fetchit's extravagant

Hattie McDaniel at the 1940 Oscar Ceremony "I'd rather play a maid than be one"--Louise



The Los Angeles Bungalow Boom: Bungalow on West 37th Street, ca. 1930



The Los Angeles Bungalow Boom

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SEVEN





A California Bungalow



NOAH D. THOMPSON

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The Noah D. Thompson Realty Co.

W. E. Burebardt Dubois says-

"Los Angeles is wonderful. The air is scented with orange blossoms, and the beautiful homes lay low crowding on the earth as though they love its scents and flowers.

"Nowhere in the United States is the Negro so well and beautifully housed, nor the average of efficiency and intelligence in the colored population so high. Here is an aggressive, hopeful group-with some wealth, large industrial opportunity and a bouyant spirit.

"Out here in this matchless Southern California there would seem to be no limit to your opportunities; your possibilities, Why, you will ultimately have so many people here as are now living in six or eight European countries put together.

"Anticipate the future and plan well for it.

"Los Angeles is a composite city, representing all the buildings in New York and all the buildings in Chicago."- Geo. W. Perkins, of New York City, speaking on our Commercial Future at the Annual Banquet of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, February 22, 1913.

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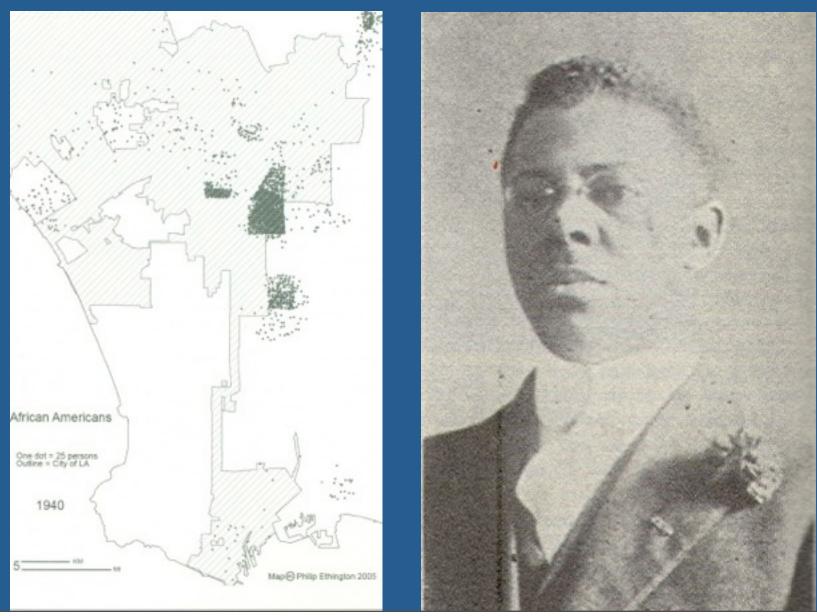
N. E. Corner 55th Street and Long Beach Avenue, or Room 210 Thorpe Building, Los Angeles, California

Sidney Doanes on California Real Estate, 1925

• We want to broadcast to Colored Americans everywhere the opportunities, the welcome. the hope which free California, its hills and valleys...and always sunshine offer



Sidney Dones on Watts, 1923



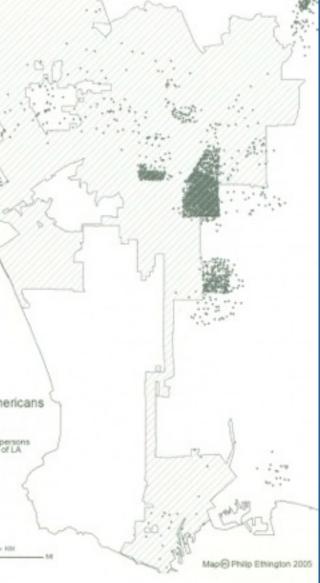
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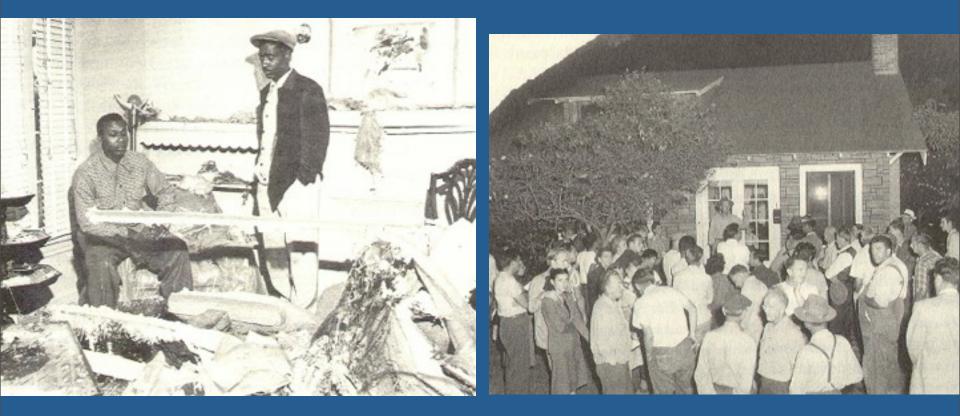




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