

C Missouri, Columbia. Black Community Photographs, c. 1958-1963
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INTRODUCTION

Photographs picturing black businesses and residential communities in Columbia, Missouri, c. 1958-1963.

DONOR INFORMATION

Wynna Faye Elbert loaned for copying 191 photographs to the University of Missouri. The photographs were scanned, 4x5 copy negatives were also made, and the original photographs were returned on 2 February 1995. The photographs were accessioned on 1 March 1995 (Accession No. 5511). The folders in C3902 consist of the printouts of the scanned photographs for patron use.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the 1950s and early 1960s, Columbia's black population was centered in the north central section of the city. An area called "Sharp End", comprised entirely of black businesses, was located between 5th and 6th Streets on Walnut where the Columbia Post Office now stands. The houses and buildings pictured in these negatives were located north of Broadway and east and west of Providence Road. The photographer[s] is not known.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 191 black and white photographs, which document black businesses and residential communities in Columbia, Missouri, c. 1958-1963. The photographs are arranged into three series:

Churches

Buildings and Street Scenes

Houses.

The **Churches** series depicts the A.M.E. Church on the Northeast corner of 5th and Park, and the Russell Chapel Church on 4th and Pendleton.

The **Buildings and Street Scenes** series depicts buildings, which housed black businesses. This includes the area surrounding the National Guard Armory Building on Ash and 7th Streets, North 8th Street, "Sharp End," Park Avenue, and Third Street. There are also two views of the Oriental Bazaar and Gift Shop, which was owned by an Armenian.

The **Houses** series is arranged by street name. Names of families were taken from notes on the back of the original photographs. The streets include 1st through 7th Streets, Allen Street, Ash Street, Bryan Street, Davis Street, North Garth Avenue, Park Avenue, Pendleton, Switzler Street, East Walnut, North Water Street, and Worley Street. Pictures of unidentified houses are located at the end of this series.

The depiction of segregated housing and businesses of the time period should prove

useful to scholars of black history and local history. A shortcoming of the collection is the lack of identification. Although barbershops, shoe repair shops, theaters, cafes, and bars are pictured, the names of the business people are not given. Only a few people appear in the pictures. They are children and people seated on porches.

PHOTOGRAPH LIST

Churches Series

- #1 A.M.E. Church, NE corner 5th and Park
- #2-3 Russell Chapel Church--4th and Pendleton
- #4 Children in front of Russell Chapel Church

Buildings and Street Scenes Series

- #5-6 Street scenes--Ash and 7th Street--National Guard Armory Building--April 1963
- #7-13 Street scenes--N. 8th Street--Shoe Repair Shop, Boone Theatre, Midwest Auto Stores, Temple Stephens, Variety Store
- #14 217 N. 8th Street--Lots 7-9--Chamber Tire, Busy Bee Barber Shop
- #15-19 "Sharp End"
- #20 Tiger Theatre--5th Street between Walnut and Ash
- #21 Ben Bolt Hotel--9th and Walnut (looking south on 9th Street)
- #22 Ben Bolt Hotel--9th and Walnut (looking north on 9th Street)
- #23-25 East Walnut--Mr. Herndon
- #26 Broadway and Providence--Northeast corner
- #27-28 Oriental Bazaar and Gift Shop--Broadway and Providence, Northwest corner--January 1962, n.d.
- #29 Cottle Grocery--8th and Park
- #30 Royal Tire Store and Cottle Grocery
- #31 Kovar's Dye Shop and Fixit Shop
- #32-33 Toedebusch (a transfer and moving company)
- #34-36 Freemon Funeral Home--608 Park Avenue
- #37 Mr. Jake's Blue and White Cafe [3rd Street market]

Houses Series

North 1st Street

- #38 104 N. 1st Street--M. Slater
- #39 205 N. 1st Street--Vic Brown
- #40 207, 209, 211, 213 1st Street--Hardiman, McAfee, Chandler, Crosswhite

Ash and 2nd Street

- #41 Ola Carter's house

North 2nd Street

- #42 105 N. 2nd Street
- #43 109 N. 2nd Street--rear view
- #44 110 N. 2nd Street--Rev. Guyton

Houses Series (con'd)

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North 3rd Street

#46 Unidentified house

#47 205 1/2 N. 3rd Street--H.R. Richardson--April 1959

#48 405 N. 3rd Street--Clinton Wright--May 1958

#49 415-417 N. 3rd Street--Dolly House--Ed and Ellis Tibbs

#50 N. 3rd Street--Dolly House

North 4th Street

#51 400-00 1/2 N. 4th Street--January 1959

#52 402-02 1/2 N. 4th Street--January 1959

#53 404-04 1/2 N. 4th--January 1959

#54 409 N. 4th Street

#55 411 N. 4th Street

#56 503 N. 4th Street

North 5th Street

#57 111 N. 5th Street

#58 111 N. 5th Street--Susie Douglas

#59-60 114 N. 5th Street--Roy Woods

#61 115 N. 5th Street--Elsie Gardner

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#64 206 and 208 N. 5th Street

#65 208 N. 5th Street--Joe Nichols

#66 208 N. 5th Street--January 1959

#67-68 208 N. 5th Street

#69-70 208 N. 5th Street--rear views

#71 208 N. 5th Street--rear view--January 59

#72 208 5th Street--rear view--Sylvania Tapp

#73 5th Street--rear view

#74 208 1/2 N. 5th Street--rear view with full clothesline

#75 210 N. 5th Street

#76 210 N. 5th Street--rear view--January 1959

#77 210 N. 5th Street--rear view--Myrtle Freelon, Anna Palmer, and Amos King

#78 409 N. 5th Street

#79-80 415 N. 5th Street--Leonidas and Corrine Warren

#81 505 N. 5th Street--rear view--Raymond Nunnely

Houses Series (con'd)

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- #85 208 N. 6th Street--A. Estes
- #86 213 N. 6th Street--Lillie Mae Burton

North 7th Street

- #87-88 211 N. 7th Street--Lula Scott, A.C. Freeman
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Allen Street

- #90 101 East Allen--Eula Smith
- #91 21 West Allen--Fat Washington
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Ash Street

- #94 Ash Street--April, 1959
- #95 6th and Ash
- #96 110 Ash Street--Ellis Tibbs
- #97 East Ash
- #98 511 East Ash--J.B. Coleman
- #99 511 East Ash--Lillam Cheatum, Jasper Berry, Curtis Clay, Jane Haycox, Clarence Appleton, and Laura B. Cross--January 1959
- #100-101 21 West Ash--Hattie Graves--October 1960
- #102 23 West Ash--Leroy McAllister--October 1960

Bryant Street

- #103 203 Bryant Street--Herman and Palestine Robinson--October 1960
- #104 205 Bryant--Martin Williams

Davis Street

- #105 100 Davis--Alfred Bentley--May 1958
- #106 104 Davis--Stella Williams--May 1958
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- #108 111 East Davis--May 1958
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North Garth Avenue and Allen Street

- #110 306 N. Garth--Williams

Houses Series (con'd)

Park Avenue

- #111 8 W. Park--Luella Jones and Beauty Shop
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Houses Series (con'd)

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