

Historic Black Bottom: Nashville's First Black Community

By Ivan Sanchez

Black Bottom was once a thriving and culturally rich African American neighborhood in Nashville, Tennessee, near what is now downtown. The neighborhood got its name from the periodic flooding of the Cumberland River, which left behind a layer of muddy residue on the streets. Black Bottom, which began to take shape around 1832, initially served as a settlement for impoverished local whites, many of whom were European immigrants. The area was also home to some enslaved and free African Americans who worked as artisans, laborers, cooks, and servants. The free Black residents of the neighborhood competed for semi-skilled jobs with the European immigrants, and this competition, combined with racial prejudice, eventually led to the city's first race riot in December 1856.

During the Civil War, when Union troops occupied Nashville in 1862, Black Bottom experienced a dramatic increase in population as fugitive slaves from surrounding areas sought refuge. This influx of Black residents turned the area into a

crowded and dilapidated slum. The once rural neighborhood became home to saloons, brothels, and overcrowded buildings. Many of the newly arrived residents were illiterate, and most children were not attending school. By 1870, the area still had a white majority, but by 1880, the Black population outnumbered the white residents. As the white population moved out, Black residents established institutions that would define the area as an African American enclave.

By the late 19th century, Black Bottom had become an important cultural and commercial hub for African Americans in Nashville. The community was home to institutions such as the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and Pearl High School, one of the first public high schools for Black students in the United States. By 1900, the neighborhood was the center of African American business life, with black-owned establishments like an ice cream factory, clothing stores, a bottling company, and funeral homes. Black Bottom also housed important medical institutions like Meharry Medical College and Mercy Hospital.

However, despite its cultural and economic vitality, the residents of Black Bottom endured poor living conditions. Residents frequently complained to city officials about the deplorable conditions in the community, including overcrowding and inadequate infrastructure.

The 1930s brought a period of decline to Black Bottom, as New Deal programs led to the construction of new schools and expanded recreational facilities at Tennessee A&I State University (now Tennessee State University). However, housing projects like the Andrew Jackson Housing Project, while initially welcomed, concentrated poverty in the area, contributing to its eventual deterioration.

After World War II, the construction of low-income housing in other parts of Nashville allowed African Americans to move out of Black Bottom, and by the 1950s, urban renewal projects and the expansion of downtown Nashville displaced many Black businesses and residents. By 1960, Black Bottom no longer existed as an African American community.

from the decedent's date of death this 01st day of OCTOBER 2024. Personal Representative(s); EDWARD MARK GREENWOOD 6235 GROVE STREET HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792; Attorney for Personal Representative(s); MCLEMORE III, CLAIBORNE KINNARD 1211 18th AVE S NASHVILLE, TN 37212; Publish dates Dec. 12th, 19th

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#24P2317
ESTATE OF BROOKIE LEE FERGUSON. Notice is hereby given that on the 05th day of December, Letters of Authority in respect to the estate of, BROOKIE LEE FERGUSON, who died on 10/19/2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured, or un-matured, against the estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above name court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors at least sixty(60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death this 19th day of OCTOBER 2024. Personal Representative(s); GLENN FERGUSON 111 FIELDS DRIVE OLD HICKORY, TN 37138; Attorney for Personal Representative(s); BLAIR, PAULA OGLE 211 DONELSON PIKE STE 214 NASHVILLE, TN37214; Publish dates Dec. 12th, 19th

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#24P2463
ESTATE OF MARY ANGELA SIRCY. Notice is hereby given that on the 08th day of December, Letters of Authority in respect to the estate of, MARY ANGELA SIRCY, who died on 08/19/2024 were issued to the undersigned by the Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee Probate Division. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured, or un-matured, against the estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above name court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors at least sixty(60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death this 19th day of AUGUST 2024. Personal Representative(s); MARY CATHERINE FORRESTER 3522 RICHARDSON AVENUE NASHVILLE, TN 37205; Attorney for Personal Representative(s); COHEN, LEE ALAN 4908 CHARLOTTE PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37209; Publish dates Dec. 12th, 19th

SELENA DEL BOSQUE GONZALEZ vs MAURICIO DEL BOSQUE GONZALEZ
Docket #24D773

In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, therefore the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MAURICIO BOSQUE GONZALEZ. It is ordered that said Defendant enter HIS appearance herein with thirty (30) days after December 07th, 2024 same being the date of the last publication of this notice to be held at Metropolitan Circuit Court located at 1 Public Square, Room 302, Nashville, Tennessee and defend or default will be taken on January 13th, 2024. It is therefore ordered that a copy of the Order be published for four (4) weeks succession in the Tennessee Tribune, a newspaper published in Nashville. Nov 21st, 28th, Dec 5th, 12th Attorney for Plaintiff; Joseph P. Day, Clerk Taryne Tillinghast November 14th 2024 Deputy Clerk S. Razores

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT SS: COUNTY OF MARION CASE NUMBER 49D09-2407-JC-006580 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING IN THE MATTER OF: PT - DOB 4/6/2009 A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES AND ZACHARY BROWN (FATHER) IVY TUDOR (MOTHER) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS TO: Zachary Brown and Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above

noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203 - 317-327-4740 for a(n) Trial Hearing on 12/10/2024 at 10:45 AM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing. UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support. YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice. Logan K Russell, 34179-29 Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services 4150 N. Keystone Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46205 FAX: 317-232-1816 Office: 812-276-7744

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ON-CALL CLEARING, GRUBBING AND TREE REMOVAL SERVICES

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS for completion of this project shall be received by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, not later than 2:00 p.m. (central), on Monday, December 16, 2024. A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. (central), Friday, November 22, 2024, in the CSF Conference Room at the Consolidated Services Facility at 815 Hangar Lane, Nashville, TN 37217. Attendance at this meeting is MANDATORY. Copies of the Contract Documents (RFP, Proposal Schedule, Attachments, etc.) will be available on Friday, November 15, 2024 and may be obtained electronically from B2GNow E-Bidding, an online tendering service. ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS for HR Compensation Study will be submitted through this online platform, B2GNow E-Bidding. The Small Minority Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (SMWBE) participation level established for this project is 9.26% MBE and/or WBE. For information on eligible SMWBE firms, proposers should contact the Business Diversity Development, (615) 275-4302, or visit <https://flynashville.com/nashville-airport-authority/business-opportunities/business-diversity-development>. Further detail concerning this proposal may be obtained from the MNAA web site: <https://flynashville.com/nashville-airport-authority/business-opportunities>.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Landscaping

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS for completion of this project shall be received by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, not later than 2:00 p.m. (central), on Monday, January 20, 2025. A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. (central), Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Nashville Conference Room at the 140 BNA Park Drive, Suite 520 Nashville, Tennessee 37214. Attendance at this meeting is MANDATORY. SCOPE. The MNAA is requesting Proposals from qualified service providers for Landscape Maintenance that will cover areas throughout the airport and surrounding properties. Copies of the Contract Documents (RFP, Proposal Schedule, Attachments, etc.) will be available on Friday, December 6, 2024 and may be obtained electronically from B2GNow E-Bidding, an online tendering service. ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS for Landscaping will be submitted through this online platform, B2GNow E-Bidding. The Small Minority Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (SMWBE) participation level established for this project is Packages A and B will be listed as Small Business Target Market; Package C is Six-point Five One Percent MBE/WBE (6.51%). For information on eligible SMWBE firms, proposers should contact the Business Diversity Development, (615) 275-4302, or visit <https://flynashville.com/nashville-airport-authority/business-opportunities/business-diversity-development>. Further detail concerning this proposal may be obtained from the MNAA web site: <https://flynashville.com/nashville-airport-authority/business-opportunities>.

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sound.”

If it's true what they say about a picture being worth a thousand words, then “Affrilachia,” as packed with photos as it is, is worth a million.

With that in mind, there's not a lot of narrative inside this book, just a few poems, a small number of very brief interviews, a handful of memories passed down, and some back-stories from author Chris Aluka Berry and his coauthors. The tales are interesting, but scant.

For most readers, though, that lack of narrative isn't going to matter much.

The photographs are the reason why you'd have this book.

Here, there are pictures of life as it was fifty years or a century ago, group photos, pictures taken of proud moments, worn pews, and happy children. Some of the modern pictures may make you wonder why they're included, but they set a tone and tell a tale.

This is the kind of book you'll take off the shelf, and notice something different every time you do. “Affrilachia” doesn't contain a lot of words, but it's a good choice when it's time to branch out in your reading.

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