

SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2019

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PRESENTERS –

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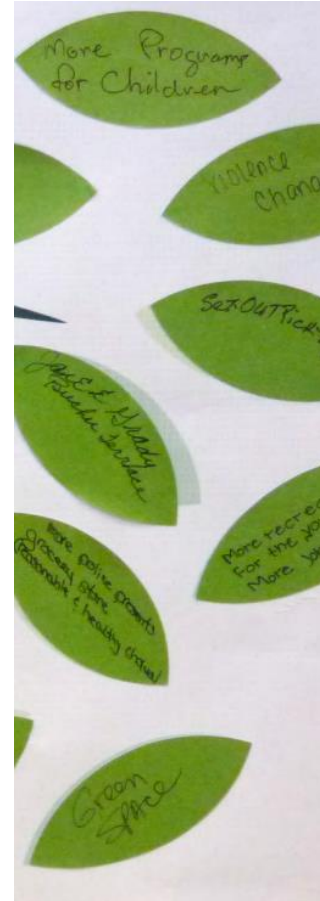
DARCY THOMPSON, LOUISVILLE STORY PROGRAM

ANNE BADER, CORN ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY

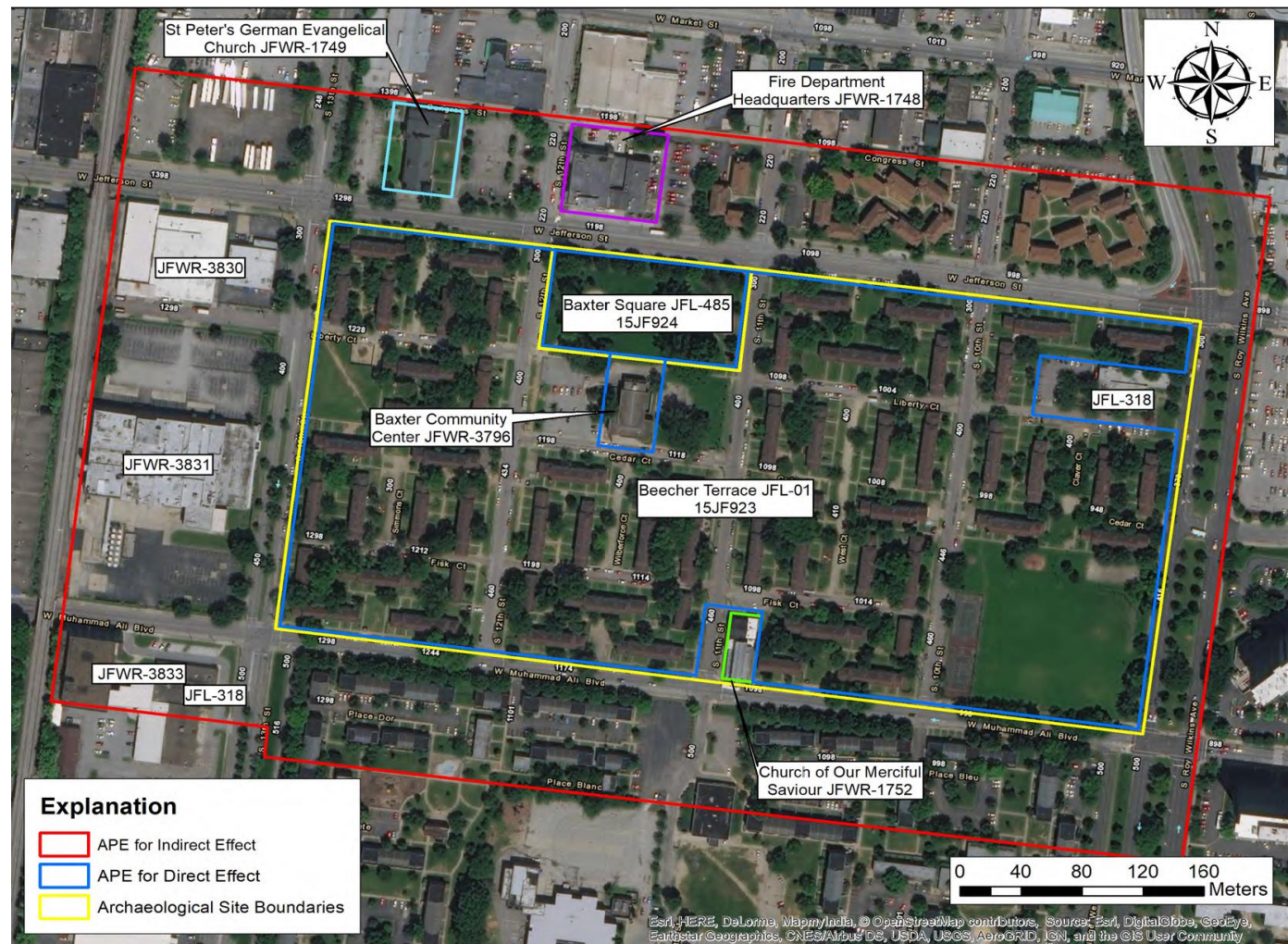
KATHLEEN O'NEIL/PAM BISCHOFF, LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Vision Russell Project Overview

- **People**
- **Housing**
- **Education**
- **Neighborhood**



Area of Potential Effect



Beecher Terrace Historic District



Public Residential Units



Baxter Community Center

Project Time Line

Stage I

Section 106 Compliance Phase 1 - 3

Demolition Phase 1 - 3

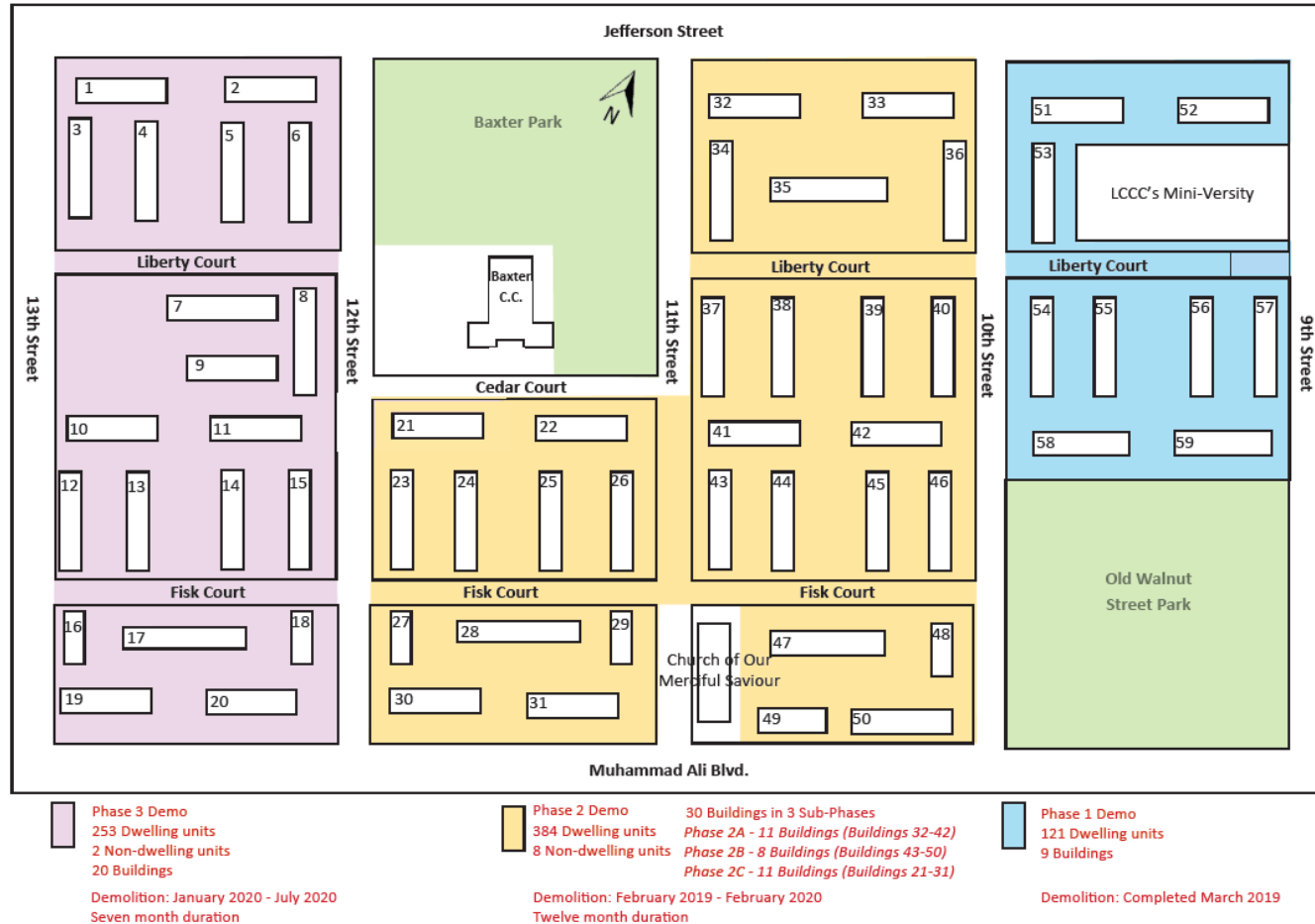
Construction Phase 1 - 7

Relocation Phase 1 - 3

- Known Impacts and Effects As of Jan. 1 2018**
- Phase I of Project Design and Construction
 - Phase I, II, and III of Demolition
 - Phase I, II, and III of Section 106 Compliance

Stage I: Demolition Update

Beecher Terrace Demolition Plan - Revised 4-2-2019





BEECHER CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

BEECHER SITE / LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY / AUGUST 2019



450 Roy Wilkins Ave. Update



Construction Progress

Sept. 2019



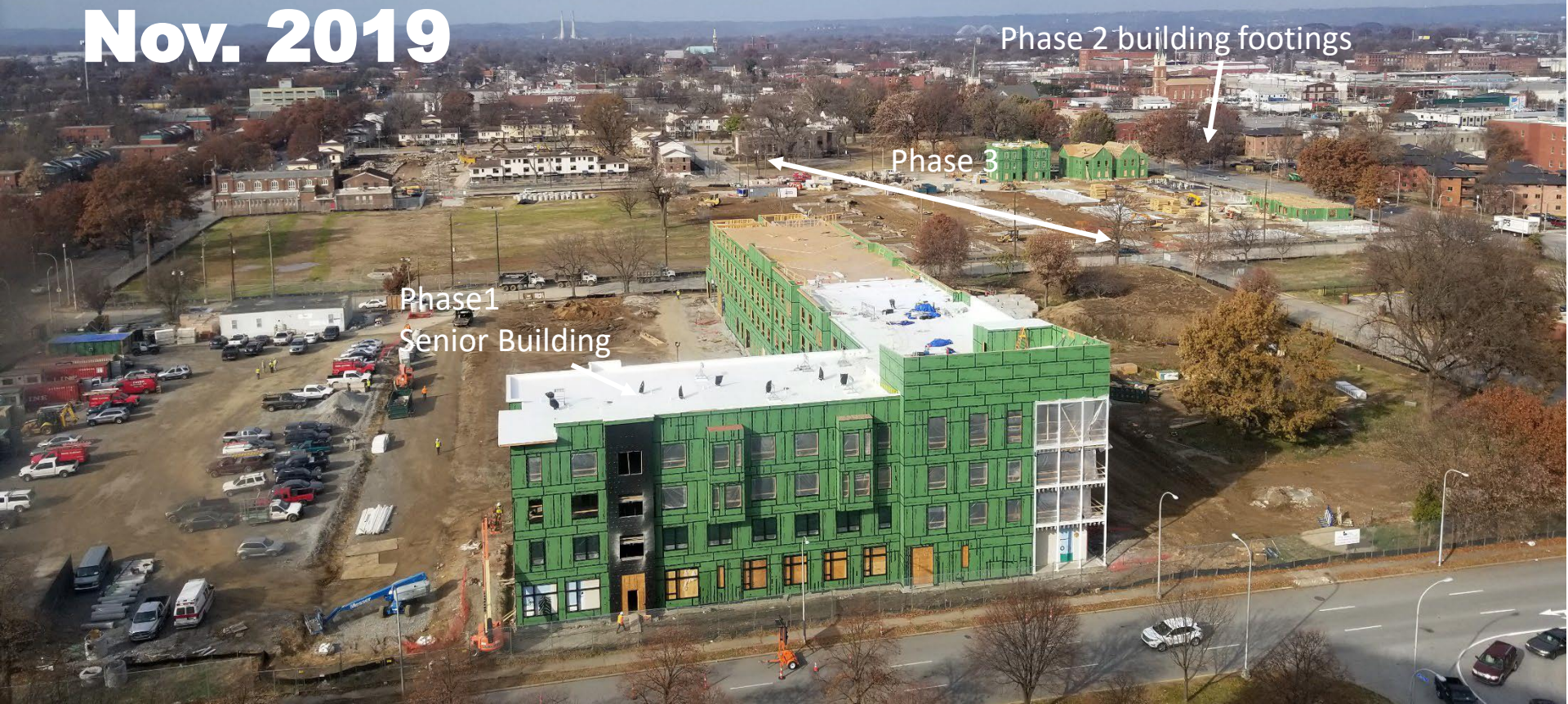
Phase 1
Senior Building

Phase 3

Phase 2 building footings

Construction Progress

Nov. 2019



Phase 2 building footings

Phase 3

Phase 1
Senior Building

Beecher 3 Site Plan



BEECHER CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

BEECHER SITE / LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY / AUGUST 2019

BEECHER SITE / LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY / JULY 2019

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3

Beecher 3 Rendering



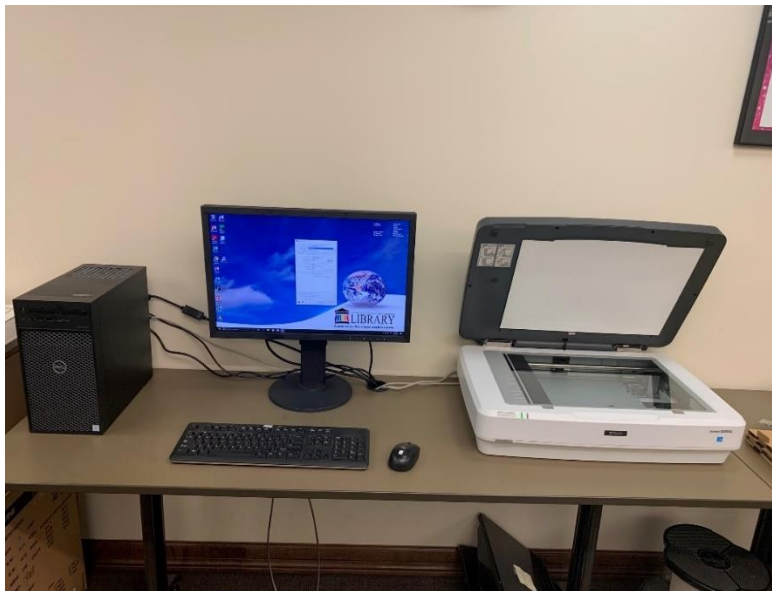
WESTERN ARCHIVES

Natalie Woods – Branch Manager

Updates

- New website is now available to the public.
- How to find it:
 - ✓ www.lfpl.org
 - Locations & Hours
 - Select Western
 - Scroll to the bottom and select: A Separate Flame – Western Branch: The First African-American Public Library
- More information will be added as we scan documents.
- Improvements made to the website:
 - ✓ Link to the Rev. Thomas Fountain Blue Papers
 - ✓ Under the hood improvements, so the site should load faster.
 - ✓ Soon will be adding an option to Schedule a Tour or Appointment for the Archives.
- The documents scanned will now be available on the Kentucky Virtual Library website (KYVL).
 - ✓ How to find the scanned documents:
 - ✓ 2 Ways:
 - On the Separate Flame website, under the tab for African- American Archives – Select “View the Rev. Thomas Fountain Blue Papers.
 - <https://kdl.kyvl.org/digital/collection/lfpl-revblue>

Updates

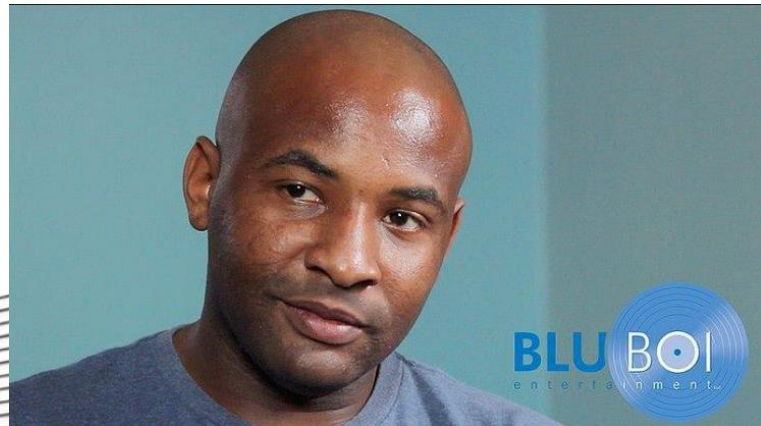


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Beecher Terrace Documentary

Lavel D. White



LOUISVILLE
STORY
PROGRAM

Cornerstones of Russell

Progress Report for
December 2019 Beecher Terrace Consulting Parties Meeting













Work completed this past quarter

- Continued outreach to current Russell residents
- Located and now house in our office well over 100,000 photographs relevant to the project. In the process of devising plan for processing this large collection of photos in partnership with some of our project participants, and in promising conversations with University of Louisville Photographic Archives re: long term archival storage
- Russell residents have generated 300+ pages of rough drafts
- We have recorded 20 hours of oral history interviews
- Began talks with Louisville Public Media re: establishing a Louisville Story Program show and podcast (first season airing ~2021), which would enable us to add well-produced audio stories to the other products this project would yield
- Have conceived of new facet to the project: a social media project that could make meaningful connections and generate rich narratives from people who are not the “usual suspects”
- The twelve young authors in our Central High School class have developed hundreds of pages of promising drafts and have conducted interviews with more than a dozen community members







Work slated for the upcoming quarter

- Continue making our way through the photographs in our offices, enlisting volunteers and interns to assist with this enormous project
- Significant outreach, with a strong focus on recording new oral histories and facilitating new writing
- Collaborating with participants to begin more intensively editing the narratives they've been generating
- Continue archival research
- Develop project plan for social media project

Data Recovery / Public Participation

Anne Bader

BEECHER TERRACE ARCHAEOLOGY

Corn Island Archaeology LLC, a cultural resources consulting firm in Jeffersonstown, is currently conducting archaeological investigations at Beecher Terrace. Their work is a necessary part of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant that was awarded to Louisville in December 2016. Grant dollars, along with additional funding, will be used to relocate Beecher households, raze the existing buildings and redevelop the site into a new energy-efficient, mixed-income housing community.

Archeological work first began in January 2017 when preliminary excavations were done across the site. The buried objects (artifacts) found during Corn Island's initial work demonstrated that Beecher is eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. After a year-long consultation process, further study was approved for the site.

Before Beecher Terrace was developed in 1939, the 31.4 acre site contained more than 380 historic lots on its 12 blocks. A sample of these lots have been selected for further excavation. The majority of the work will occur within the archaeological site designated "15JF923". Numerous buried structures, including privies, cisterns, and foundations from late 19th and early 20th century residential and commercial buildings, are located within this area.

Lots were chosen to sample segments of the population that once lived in the area. Extensive research through census and deed records have provided the names, occupations, and ethnicities of the former occupants, with included both eastern and western European immigrants, African American professionals, and native-born Americans.

A major objective of the current archaeological project is to tell the story of specific individuals and families, especially of the multiple educated professional African Americans who contributed to this community. The stories of eastern European immigrants will also be examined. Together, information on these two groups will fill a gap in the data on Louisville's historic population.

The artifacts recovered during this project will be washed, labeled, and stored at the University of Louisville to be available for future study. Some of the artifacts will go on display here at Beecher Terrace.

To learn more about this project, please go to www.VisionRussell.org where regular updates will be provided. Information on when you can visit the site to learn more from the archaeologists' work will be posted on the website. You can also watch for updates and news on the Facebook page for Corn Island Archaeology.



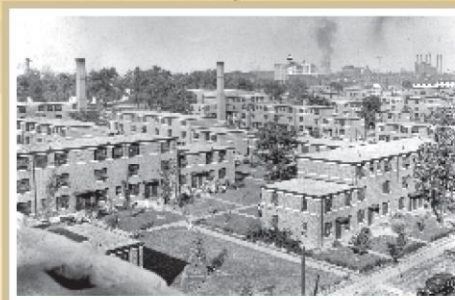
A Sam Booker pottery crock



Recovered Coca-Cola bottles



Chamber pots recovered from the site



Original Beecher Terrace buildings, circa 1940's.

Archaeology is a means of learning about how people lived long ago. It provides more detailed information on past day-to-day living than is usually found in history books or other written records.

By examining the objects that people left behind as trash, archaeologists can piece together details of their activities at home, in the workplace, and other institutions like school and church. Because there was no regular trash collection service, items that could not be burned were often thrown into the privy (outhouse), where they remain preserved for archaeologists to find.

The objects archaeologists find can help reveal a location's use, the dates it was occupied, the income level of its occupants, along with the kinds of food they ate, and sometimes, even their religious affiliation and ethnicity. Artifacts collected from a site can also show where people bought the necessities for daily life, whether it locally or from big cities in the east. Recovered medicine bottles can tell us information about the types of ailments that plagued residents. Changes in artifact collections from one decade to another might show periods of economic hardship or prosperity. All of this and more can be learned from the study of recovered artifacts.



Archaeologists uncovering a beehive-dome cistern at Beecher Terrace.



Corn Island Archaeologists at work in an excavation trench



Recovered artifacts ready for washing and cataloguing.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, this block was home to white Kentuckians, African Americans, and immigrants from Germany, Italy, Australia, Ireland and England, France, Russia, and Eastern Europe, including 12 Jewish households during the time between 1909 and 1920.

Some notable residents include Louis Ryans, a second-generation Irish doctor who grew up at 1204 West Jefferson; Tennessean Wiley S. Mathews, a tobacco dealer who did business in England and the African Colonies and whose son Walter was a playwright and Shakespearean actor; and African American Mamie Simpson, who owned \$7000 worth of property and ran the Simpson Apartments with her husband Joseph in the 1920s and 30s at 1210 Jefferson.



Widowed German immigrant Catherine Kuhlein lived at 1208 Jefferson in the 1880s. Her son Charles (left) was president of the B.F. Avery plow works, and his family lived with her.

His son Frederick served as vice-consul in South America and Europe and later worked for the American Embassy during the Second World War.





Louis and Fannie (Needleman) Baron, Jewish immigrants from Russian-held Poland, also lived at 1208 Jefferson with their adopted daughter, Helen. Louis was a grocer.



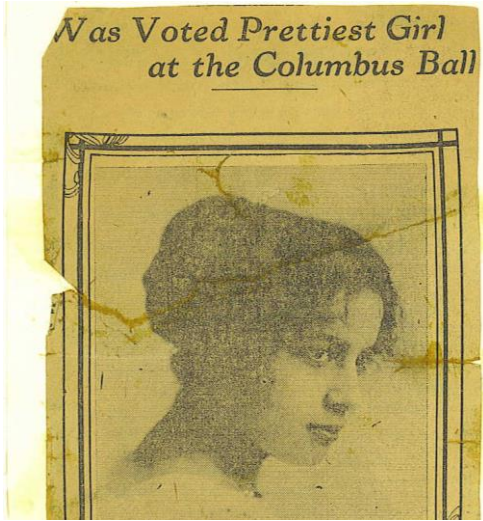
Jewish resident Phillip Levy immigrated from the small kingdom of Galicia (at the border of Austria, Hungary, & Russia) in 1881. Golda (Goldye) was his second wife. Phillip and his sons ran a junk store at 1210 Jefferson and later at Rowan Street. Phillip's real name was Feival Keller, which he changed while living in England before moving to the U.S.

c. 1900 L-R (Rear) Fannie, Harry, Jacob, Victor L-R (Front) Nathan, Philip (Shragga Feivel), Goldye, Samuel

Sebastian Otto Hubbuch, who grew up at 1216 Jefferson, served as president of the Joseph A. Hubbuch & Sons firm at 8th and Market, which his father Joseph founded. Later, he became an interior decorator for the firm. He was also president of St. Joseph's Orphans Society, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, president of Mackin Council for the Young Men's Institute, and chief ranger for the Catholic Order of Foresters. In addition, he was a member of the Louisville Optimist Club and two Louisville churches: St. Francis of Assisi and St. Raphael the Archangel



Photographic Archives, Ekstrom Library, University of Louisville



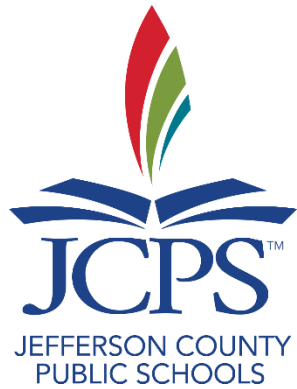
Also at 1216 was the Italian family of Theresa (Gazzzollo) Guiliano, who were fruit dealers in the 1920s. Theresa's daughters Isabelle and Gladys lived with their husbands, Joseph Gentile and Peter Gargotto (respectively) on the lot. Peter owned a pool room/bar/restaurant on Broadway.





Pete Gargotto's
bar, Broadway.
“Anthony
Gargotto, Isabelle
Gentile, Gladys
Gargotto, Guy
Quintavello, Jerry
Burch”

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- Inquiry Based Learning Curriculum
 - Elementary, Middle, High School
- Artifact Learning Kits
- Exhibit at Frazier History Museum
- Permanent Installation at new Beecher Terrace
- Summer Archaeology Camp at Frazier Museum

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Future Quarterly Consulting Parties Meetings

First Thursday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Early December 2019 – Thursday, December 5, 2019
- Early March 2020 – Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Early June 2020 – Thursday, June 4, 2020
- Early September 2020 – Thursday, September 3, 2020

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