



The Community

Aereal View of Sinclair Park looking south. Source: Washington Military Department.



PHOTOGRAPH OF SINCLAIR PARK, WA45-112, JANUARY 1948. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

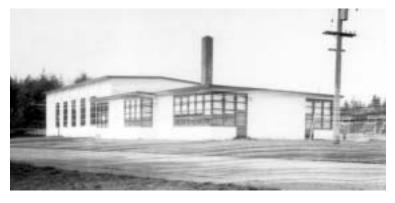




Northeast corner of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Source: Washington Military Department.



Partial view of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building's northeast corner and adjacent armory building. Source: Washington Military Department.



East and north facades of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Source: Washington Military Department.



East facade of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Source: Washington Military Department.



North facade of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Source: Washington Military Department.



NORTH FACADE OF THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING. SOURCE: WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT.





Northeast corner of the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Source: Washington Military Department.



The rental office for Sinclair Park housing in the winter of 1944. Mr. Bob Addison was Office Manager and his secretary was Sheila Stallworth. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MRS. MARIE GREER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST RESIDENTS IN THE SINCLAIR PARK. SHE TAUGHT IN THE CHILDREN'S NURSERY. SHE WORKED UNDER "THE LANHAM ACT," A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDED ALL DAY CARE FOR CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS WERE WORKING IN THE NAVAL SHIPYARD. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Mrs. Elwood Greer spent long hours nursing children whose parents were working in the naval shipyard. Sometimes she would stay after closing time, and other times she would take children home with her. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

MR. AND MRS. ELWOOD GREER IN THEIR LATER YEARS. THEY CAME TO BREMERTON IN 1943 AND WERE ONE OF THE FIRST FAMILIES IN SINCLAIR PARK. THEY LIVED AT 5613 LINDEN STREET. MR. GREER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.A.C.P. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

LILLIAN WALKER, FIRST BLACK UNITED STATES POSTMISTRISS IN KITSAP COUNTY. DURING THE 1940s, SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING PROJECT. MRS. WALKER WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH. SHE WAS MARRIED TO THE LATE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JAMES T. WALKER. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON., CAPTIONS INFORMATION PUGET SOUND NAVAL YARD.









CA MID 1940s PHOTOGRAPH OF THREE WOMEN WHO RESIDED IN SINCLAIR PARK. THE WOMAN IN THE CENTER IS FREDA STALLWORTH. SHE WAS SECRETARY IN THE RENTAL OFFICE AND WORKED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF BOB ADDISON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1944. BACK ROW: ROBERT LIDDELL JR., CELESTINE ROBINSON, EARL SMITH, (?) (SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER), ROSA L. BLANTON, GUS WILLIAMS, (?), REV STERN, ARGIE WILLIAMS, MYRTLE PHAIR, MR. LEE, DELSIE WILLIAMS, WILLA WILLIAMS, IRENE WILLIAMS, (?) (DEACON), KAY DILLON, (?), OPAL WEBB, MRS. LEE, (?), JIMMY SUMMLER, DEACON HORTON. 1ST MIDDLE ROW: LAVERN WALKER, LEANNA DILLON, EVALYN BONNER, JUANITA ROBINSON, COQUESE SHARP, Geraldine Davis, (?), (?), Jessie Green, Quincy Jones, Doris SNOWDEN, (?), LUIS ROBINSON, (?) WALKER, (?), (?), SELENA SOLOMON, FLOYD WILLIAMS JR., IONA TAYLOR, MRS. STERNS. 2ND MIDDLE ROW: (?), (?) SHARP, BARBARA BOWMAN, (?), (?), SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, LUIS WILLIAMS, (?) WALKER, (?), (?), CONNIE SNOWDEN, (?), (?), JOHNNIE MAE WALKER, (?), MR. AND MRS. (?) (ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT). FRONT ROW: (?), DIONE JOSEPH, (?), (?), WILLIE Fuller, Sonny Randall, (?), (?), (?), Cynthia Sharp. Children in Front of Balcony: (?), (?), Vivian Williams, (?). Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



FALLY TYSON, DEACON OF MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AT HOME IN SINCLAIR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1940s Family Car. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



1944 PHOTOGRAPH OF SERVICEMENT GATHERED AT SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION. THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH INVITED THE SAILORS IN THE MILITARY TO DINNER AND GAVE A PROGRAM IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER DAY BEING AWAY FROM HOME. IN THE BACKGROUND OF THIS PICTURE ARE SEVERAL SINCLAIR COMMUNITY MEMBERS: MR. RANDLE, REV. DILLON, HAYWARD HORTON, TESSIE WILLIAMS, DAVID JOSEPH, AND MR. AYERS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





THE HUNT FAMILY LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK. HE WAS THE SECOND MINISTER TO SERVE AS PASTOR OF THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH. (REVEREND LEWIS WAS THE FIRST PASTOR). REVEREND HUNT WAS ALSO AN A.M.E. MINISTER FOR THE EBENEZER CHURCH IN BREMERTON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



On Christmas Eve of 1944, the Sinclair Park Community Church was burned down. It was believed that someone set the church on fire. The Church was built by the residents at Sinclair Park and was located on the corner of Latona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Mrs. Gertrude Joseph Lived at 5476 Latona Street. She and her husband, David Joseph, and two children, Gloria and Dionne, were actively involved in the Sinclair Park community activities, youth programs, and church affairs. They worked hard on community issues to make better living conditions for the Sinclair Park residents. Gertrude Joseph was a charter member of the Elks Club, Carver Civic Colored Women's Club, Kitsap County Woman of the Year 1972. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





"Tim" belonged to the Floyd Williams family. In this 1946 picture, the background shows what the grounds were like in Sinclair Park. There was no grass, just dirt and rocks. Tim kept watch over the neighborhood. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

The Families Living In Sinclair



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN IN SINCLAIR PARK IN 1944. THE RICHARDSON FAMILY CAME FROM NEW ORLEANS AND LIVED AT 5455 LINDEN STREET. BACK ROW: PRISCILLA RICHARDSON, MRS. MARY BROWN (PRISCILLA'S MOTHER), GEO RICHARDSON SR (PRISCILLA'S HUSBAND), AND ETHEL MAE CAMPBELL (COUSIN). BOTTOM ROW: GEORGE RICHARDSON JR., JACOB BEASLEY (ETHEL MAE'S SON), AND PATRICIA RICHARDSON (ETHEL MAE'S DAUGHTER). SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Annie Harrison was grandmother to the Williams family and lived at $5408\,$ Dawson Street in $1946.\,$ Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MABLE WILLIAMS LEAVING 5408 DAWSON FOR WORK WEARING A SHIPYARD BADGE. IN THE BACKGROUND IN THE DOORWAY IS HER HUSBAND'S GRANDMOTHER. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



FLOYD AND MABLE WILLIAMS IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSE AT 5408 DAWSON STREET, 1946. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





Mr. Joseph, husband of Gertrude Joseph, lived at $5476\,L$ atona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Mrs. Gertrude Joseph after leaving Sinclair Park, to Qualhiem and Oyster Bay Road (?), continued to fight for better conditions for African American People. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



In later years, Mrs. Gertrude Joseph served as nutritionist in the 1970s at West Park Community. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



LILLIAN WILSON CAME TO BREMERTON IN 1943 and lived at 5422 Latona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



LOXIE AND ALYCE EAGANS IN 1944. ALYCE LIVED WITH HER MOTHER AT 5422 LATONA STREET. LOXIE EAGANS HAS A STREET NAMED AFTER HIM, WHICH WAS IN THE SINCLAIR PARK AREA AT ONE TIME. HE WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SINCLAIR SUNDAY SCHOOL. LATER HE BECAME THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER IN THE NAVAL SHIPYARD. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





WALKER AND LILLIAN WILSON AT 5422 LATONA. THEY ARRIVED IN SINCLAIR IN 1944. MR. WILSON WORKED IN THE SHIPYARD, AND LATER MRS. WILSON STARTED HER OWN SMALL BUSINESS, A SANDWICH SHOP, IN WEST BREMERTON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

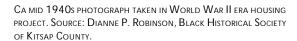


CIRCA 1946, AT 5439 DAWSON STREET, SINCLAIR PARK. LEONARD WALKER 13 YEARS, JAMES ROBERT WALKER 5 YEARS, THELMA WALKER 1 YEAR, BESSIE WASHINGTON WALKER, VELMA WALKER 11 YEARS, JAMES WALKER, AND BESSIE LEE WALKER 8 YEARS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Mr. and Mrs. Steph L. Sheets and daughter came from Texas to work in the naval shipyard. They lived at 5488 Latona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith lived at 5416 Linden. Photograph taken in front of a Qualheim housing unit. She came from New Orleans to work in the naval shipyard and her children arrived in 1944. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.











FEBRUARY OF 1944, FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH (LEFT TO RIGHT) OF EARL J. SMITH JR. (SON, THIRTEEN YEARS), MARY A. SMITH (MOTHER?), AND AUDREY D. SMITH (DAUGHTER, TWELVE YEARS). THE FAMILY IS SHOWN IN THEIR FIRST HOME ON LATONA STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



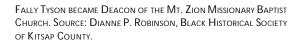
THE JESSE THOMES FAMILY AND DAUGHTER IRENE. THE THOMES FAMILY WAS FROM ALABAMA. JESSE CAME OUT HERE TO WORK IN THE NAVAL SHIPYARD. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



DEACON AND MRS. FALLY TYSON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



DEACON FALLY TYSON. Mr. FALLY AND JENNIE TYSON LIVED IN SINCLAIR Park at 5449 Dawson Street. Tyson was one of the founders OF THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH THAT BRANCHED OUT FROM SINCLAIR COMMUNITY CHURCH. THE CONGREGATION FOR THE NEW CHURCH MET In the home of $M\mbox{\it R}.$ and $M\mbox{\it Rs}.$ A.G. Tolbert at $5416~D\mbox{\it Awson}$ STREET IN SINCLAIR PARK. TYSON AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS HELPED TO BUILD THE CHURCH, WHICH WAS LOCATED NEAR THE WATER TANK. BOTH OF THE TYSON'S WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE WORKING OF The New Church. $Mrs.\ Tyson\ played\ the\ piano\ and\ kep\ the\ music$ GOING IN THE CHURCH. TYSON WAS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendent. The church was called th Hill Top Baptist CHURCH. THE CHURCH TODAY IS THE MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. MR. TYSON PURCHASED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF LAND IN THE BREMERTON AREA AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN FOUNDING THE MT. ZION CHURCH. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.









DEACON FALLY TYSON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



MOTHER BERNICE MAYO LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Moses and Hazel Allen (parents of Lillian Walker) lived at 926 Adele Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris posed in 1944 in front of their 1944 chevolet in Sinclair Park. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MR. HENRY AND MRS. LUCILLE HARRIS LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK AT 5447 LINDEN STREET. THEY HELPED TO BUILD THE HILL TOP BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1944. THE HARRIS' BOUGHT PROPERTY NEAR THE SINCLAIR PARK AREA, WHICH IS NOW HAZELWOOD HONDA CAR DEALERSHIP. THE HARRIS FAMILY, THE WALTER FRAZIER FAMILY, MRS. ANNIE BELLE VICE, AND OTHER MAJORITY FAMILIES OWNED PROPERTY THERE AFTER LEAVING SINCLAIR PARK. THE HARRIS FAMILY RESIDED IN THAT AREA FOR MANY YEARS. MR. HARRIS AND HIS SONS OWNED AND OPERATED ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCRETE BUSINESSES IN BREMERTON, HARRIS & SON CONCRETE. HE LATER BECAME THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE MR. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





Undated photograph of unknown subject. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MRS. MILDRED THOMAS POSED IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE AT SINCLAIR PARK. SHE LIVED AT 5435 LINDEN STREET WITH HER BROTHER, CHARLES JACKSON. MRS. THOMAS WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE SINCLAIR CHURCH. SHE HAD A BEAUTIFUL VOICE AND SANG FROM HER HEART TO LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



LOUIS J. THOMAS CAME TO BREMERTON IN 1942. HE AND HIS WIFE, MILDRED, LIVED AT SINCLAIR PARK. SHORTLY AFTER COMING TO BREMERTON, MR. THOMAS WAS CALLED INTO THE ARMY AND SERVED AS A BUFFALO SOLDIER. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Alma Clemons Walker in 1940s. Alma lived in Sinclair Park with her sister Sim and Vader Dawson. They lived on Dawson Street. She has fond memories of going to work in the shipyard every day and going to church on Sunday. Alma still lives in Bremerton today. She said, "my mother trusted me with my sister to stay in Bremerton and work to help her family back in Louisiana." After the War, Alma went back to Louisiana wearing a stylist hairdo called the Pompador (pictured). Her pompador hairdo was one of the latest styles during the 40's. In her hairdo, she carried \$600 of the earnings she made in the Shipyard. She stated, "\$600 was a lot of money and I mainly wanted to help my father and mother during those days." Photograph taken in Sinclair Park. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Lewis T. Walker was the son of Wiley Walker who loved at 5446 Latona Street. The Walker family had ten children, and Lewis was one of the older sons. He joined the Merchant Marines and later returned home to marry Alma Clemons Walker. The Walker family came from Jena, Louisiana. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





THE ALICE ROBINSON FAMILY, RESIDED WHILE LIVING IN SINCLAIR PARK AT 5625 LINDEN STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



HAYWARD HORTON LIVED IN SINCLAIR AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST DEACONS AT THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH. HE LIVED AT 5441 LATONA STREET. PHOTO TAKEN IN 1944. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Agnes Dawson (Smothers?) was the sister of Sam Golden and lived with him at 5407 Linden Street. Agnes was recruited to come to the Shipyard to work. She worked until the War was over and then she went back to Louisiana. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MR. SAM GOLDEN WAS MARRIED TO MARY M. GOLDEN. HE CAME TO BREMERTON FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE HE WAS CALLED INTO THE ARMY. HE RETURNED HOME AFTER HE DID HIS TOUR OF DUTY. MR. GOLDEN LIVED AT 5407 LINDEN STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

MARY GOLDEN IN 1944. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



MARY GOLDEN, WIFE OF SAM GOLDEN, CAME TO BREMERTON IN 1942. SHE LIVED AT 5407 LINDEN STREET. SHE CAME TO WORK IN THE AMMUNITION DEPOT, WHERE SHE LOADED AMMUNITION DAILY. MRS. GOLDEN WAS ONE OF THE FEW SINCLAIR PARK RESIDENTS THAT WANTED A BAPTIST CHURCH UP THERE, BUT BECAUSE SINCLAIR PARK WAS A GOVERNMENT PROJECT, THEY COULD NOT HAVE A BAPTIST CHRUCH. THE SINCLAIR COMMUNITY CHURCH HAD TO REMAIN AS A COMMUNITY CHURCH. MRS. GOLDEN AND SEVERAL OTHER SINCLAIR RESIDENTS STARTED TO HAVE CHURCH IN THEIR HOMES. LATER, THEY BUILT A SMALL BAPTIST CHURCH, THE HILLTOP BAPTIST CHURCH, NEAR THE WATER TANK.





MR. DAN L. ROSS POSED IN FRONT OF HIS CAR ON UNION STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Mrs. Lubertha Ross lived on Linden Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



MARIE TAYLOR IN 1945. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Grant and Lillian Collins are long time residents of silverdale. Grant did not live in Sinclair Park, but during the War, he took pictures of the families who lived there. Lillian lived in the Duration Dormitory for women when she first arrived in Bremerton to work at the Ammunition Depot. She later moved in with a family at Sinclair Park. In the 1950's, she was one of the first African Americans to graduate from the Nursing program at Olympia College. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



LILLIAN COLLINS IN 1944. SHE CAME TO BREMERTON TO WORK AT THE AMMUNITION DEPOT. SHE LIVED IN THE DURATION DORMATORY AND LATER IN SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





WALTERENE TAYLOR CAME FROM WACO, TEXAS TO WORK IN THE SHIPYARD. SHE LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK WITH THE SHEETS FAMIULY AT 5488 LATONA STREET. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE IN TEXAS, AND IN LATER YEARS SHE WROTE EDITORIAL REPORTS IN THE BREMERTON SUN NEWSPAPER. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



WALTERENE TAYLOR IN SINCLAIR PARK IN 1945. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



AL COLVIN, BROTHER OF JESSE COLVIN. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Francis (Scott) Burley came to Bremerton in 1943 to work in the Ammunition Depot. She married a sailor named Scott and the two of them lived on Latona Street in Sinclair Park. She was one of the best dressed women in the Park. She later married Rod Burley. The Burley's had a large "House Moving" company on the peninsula. They also bought and owned property on Union Street, which is now "car city" in the area down the hill from Sinclair Park. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

Mrs. Mae Dee Patterson posing for a picture in Sinclair Park in 1943. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

MAE DEE PATTERSON (LEFT) AND FRIEND FROM THE SHIPYARD POSING FOR A PICTURE IN SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.









Same unknown resident of Sinclair Park dressed for church with a matching hat and the latest fashion fur coat worn during the 1940s. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Unknown resident of Sinclair Park dressed for church. Picture was taken in her Sinclair Park residence. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Danny Hoard Lived in Sinclair with a friend. He was a musician and played for the different programs that were put on by the Sinclair recreation department. Danny also played classical music and wrote a piece of music about trees in the Northwest. He was hoping to produce it in the Northwest. He served as the musician for the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church and was a well-known Good Samaritan in Bremerton area for many years. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

CA MID 1940S PHOTOGRAPH OF ELNORA HOLLAND, WARREN HOLLANDS WIFE. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





THE HUNT FAMILY OF SINCLAIR PARK. REVEREND HUNT WAS THE SECOND PASTOR OF THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



"Our Children"



Ca 1946 photograph taken of Lois Singleton standing next to the flag pole in front of the Singlair Park Community Building. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



DIONNE JOSEPH (LEFT), PATRICIA RICHARDSON (CENTER), AND GLORIA JOSEPH (RIGHT) PLAYED IN THE SNOW WITH THEIR DOG, "CHIPPIE." THE JOSEPH'S HOME ADDRESS WAS 5476 LATONA STREET, AND PATRICIA RICHARDSON LIVED AT 5455 LINDEN STREET. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN THE WINTER OF 1944. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN THE WINTER OF 1944. AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN IN SINCLAIR PARK PLAYED IN THE SNOW FOR THE FIRST TIME. MANY CAME FROM THE SOUTH AND SOME OF THEM HAD NEVER SEEN SNOW BEFORE SO THIS WAS A SPECIAL DAY FOR THEM. THE SCHOOLS ALLOWED THEM A DAY OFF. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

A BIG SNOW DAY IN 1944 AT SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





This picture was taken in 1946 at Sinclair Park. When you saw one of these girls, you saw all three of them. Opal Webb (left), Celestine Robinson (middle) and Myrtle Farr (right). Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF MADRA JONES, QUINCY JONES SISTER, IN FRONT OF A SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING UNIT. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Photograph taken ca 1944 to 1945. Top Row: All brothers: Earl, Earl, and Lucian. Bottom Row: Andrey, Waymond, and Almeda. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



96: Jr. Griffin at Sinclair. Reportedly one of Quincy's best friends and popular in sports. He lived at 5470 Latona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF AUDREY D. SMITH AND WAYMOND J. MILLER STANDING IN FRONT OF SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING. SCHOOL FRIENDS, THEY MET IN 1944 IN SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





GLORIA JOSEPH IN SINCLAIR PARK, 1946. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Monique (?) (left) was Dionne Joseph's best friend, Priscilla Richardson (center), Dionne Joseph (right) at Dionne's 10th birthday party. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



AUDREY SMITH, UNKNOWN SAILOR, AND DORIS JONES. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Azzree Williams Lathan is the niece of Mrs. Mary Golden. She lived at 5407 Linden Street and was one of the first youth to join the new church that was near the water tank (the Hill Top Baptist Church). Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



EARL SMITH IN SINCLAIR PARK. HE LIVED AT 5416 LINDEN STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF ALMEEDA WILLIAMS AND EARL SMITH TAKEN AFTER SCHOOL IN FRONT OF A SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING UNIT. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF AUDREY D. SMITH POSING ON A COAL BIN FROM ONE OF THE SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING UNITS ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



WILLIE LEE MILLER, (LEFT ?), GLORIA STREERODANT (STURDIVANT ?) IN SINCLAIR PARK ON SIDEWALK OF LINDEN STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





The Basketball Team at Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Standing: Thomas Adams, John Gant (lived with his mother, Pearl Gant, at 5460 Linden Street), (?, probably the Coach), Robert E. Lee, Earl Smith (lived at 5416 Linden with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Smith), Clem Modisett (lived in the surrounding community of Sinclair Park). Bottom Row: Ulysses Allen (lived in the East Bremerton area), Wendell Harrell (lived at 5412 Dawson Street), Junior Griffin (lived at 5470 Latona Street), Robert Lidell (lived at 5457 Linden Street), Clayton Harrell (lived at 5412 Dawson Street), Lucian Smith (lived at 5416 Linden Street). Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap

Fred Brown's kids, Millie & LB Williams' kids. They lived in Sinclair Park. Photograph donated by V. Hammond. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





1946 PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AFTER SCHOOL AT AUDREY'S HOME ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (BACK): AUDREY D. SMITH, ALMEEDA WILLIAMS, WILLIE LEE MILLER; (FRONT) THOMAS ADAMS, WAYMOND MILLER, AND MADRA JONES. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF (LEFT TO RIGHT) ALMEEDA WILLIAMS, WAYMOND MILLER, AND WILLIE LEE MILLER IN FRONT OF A SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING UNIT. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1945 PHOTOGRAPH OF LOUISE (LEFT) THE WIFE OF A SAILOR THAT WAS HOUSED ON THE HILL AND WILLIE LEE MILLER STANDING IN FRONT OF SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING UNITS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

1945 PHOTOGRAPH OF LOUISE AND BABY BOY, THE WIFE AND SON OF A SAILOR THAT WAS HOUSED UPON THE HILL IN THE SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING DUIRNG THE WAR. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





WILEY AND THE WALKER CHILDREN, 5446 LATONA STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





CA 1945 PHOTOGRAPH OF (LEFT TO RIGHT) CATHERINE MILLER, LLOYD JONES, EARL J. SMITH JR., MADRA JONES (BABY), AND QUINCEY D. JONES JR. (TWELVE YEARS OF AGE). SOURCE: Q: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF QUINCY JONES. (2001).



Quincy Jones. Source: Q: The Autobiography of Quincy Jones. (2001).



CA 1947 PHOTOGRAPH OF WARREN HOLLAND II AS A BABY IN FRONT OF QUALHEIM HOUSING UNITS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1947 PHOTOGRAPH OF AUDREY D. SMITH, THE BREMERTON HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM CAPTAIN IN FRONT OF QUALHEIM HOUSING UNITS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Community Activities and Social Groups



1946 SINCLAIR PARK DRAMA CLUB. ALL MEMBERS WERE RESIDENTS OF SINCLAIR PARK. FRONT ROW: (?), AUDREY SMITH, WILLIE LEE MILLER, DELSIE WILLIAMS, WILLA WILLIAMS, MILDRED MYERS, ARGIE WILLIAMS. BACK ROW: WENDELL HARRELL, ROBERT STEWART, THOMAS ADAMS, ROBERT LIDDELL, JR., ALAN McGREGOR, AND JIMMIE SUMMLER. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



CA 1946 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE STAGE PLAY "JIVING MACBETH" AS PERFORMED IN THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING BY (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) BOB STEWART (?) DIRECTOR, ALLEN (?), WILLIE B. WILLIAMS, AND ROBERT LINDELL. REPORTEDLY THE PLAY WAS A SUCESS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



PLAY (JIVING MACBETH) PERFORMED BY SINCLAIR YOUTH IN THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING, 1946. ROBERT STEWART AND WILLA WILLIAMS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



THE MAXEY TWINS LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK AT 5422 DEXTER STREET AND ATTENDED BREMERTON HIGH SCHOOL. THEIR FATHER WAS HAMILTON MAXEY AND HE WAS LISTED AS A BARBER IN THE CITY DIRECTORY. THE TWINS WERE VERY POPULAR SINGERS IN THE BREMERTON AREA. OTHER STUDENTS FROM SINCLAIR PARK ATTENDED COONTZ JUNIOR HIGH, WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH, NAVY YARD CITY GRADE SCHOOL, AND LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH. 1947. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



GLADYES WALKER ET. AL. LEARNING ARCHERY. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





IRENE WILLIAMS, JUNE 1946, GRADUATION DAY FROM BREMERTON HIGH SCHOOL. IRENE POSED IN SINCLAIR PARK NEXT TO THE ONLY PHONE BOOTH THERE. ACCORDING TO THE BREMERTON CITY DIRECTORY, RESIDENTS AT SINCLAIR PARK HAD ONLY ONE TELEPHONE. THERE WAS A TELEPHONE IN THE POST OFFICE WHERE MRS. WALKER WAS THE POSTMISTRESS. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



WILLA B. WILLIAMS, THE DAUGHTER OF FLOYD WILLIAMS, AFTER GRADUATION IN JUNE 1947. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



Delsie Williams was the first African American commencement speaker at Bremerton High School. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



June 6, 1949 Photograph of Audrey D. Smith in front of a West Park housing unit following her graduation from Bremerton High School. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



U.S.O. IN BREMERTON. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



COLORED U.S.O. IN THE 1940s. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





Ca mid 1940s gathering. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



Paul and Alvin Isdore lived with the Joseph family at 5476 Latona Street. They were Gloria Joseph's cousins and they worked as greeters at the Black U.S.O. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



U.S.O. Bremerton, Mrs. Greer. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





THE BREMERTON ALL STARS BALL TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1944. THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAYERS LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK HOUSING. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.

ALVIN E. ISADORE (LEFT ?). SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



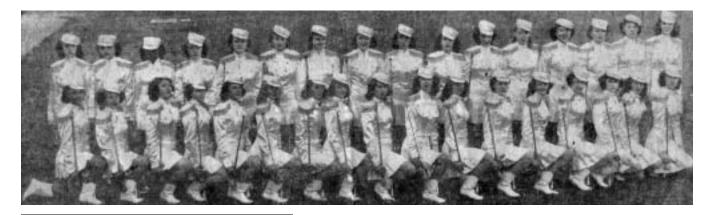


N.S.O. BASEBALL TEAM 1944. MOST OF THE TEAM MEMBERS LIVED IN SINCLAIR PARK. THE THIRD PLAYER FROM THE RIGHT IS JAMES MAYBERRY (5437 LINDEN). THE NEXT PLAYER IS CLEVE WILLIAMS. THE NEXT PLAYER IS AL COVIN (5446 LINDEN). STOOPING DOWN WITH THE BREASTPLATE ON IS WALTER L. FRAZIER (5456 LATONA). SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



The original Elk Club that was started in the Sinclair Park Community Center Building. Photo was taken in later years at Mrs. Joseph's home. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





The Bremerton High School Drill Team. Audrey Smith is in the front row far left. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Smith and lived at 5416 Linden Street. Gloria Joseph is in the back row, third person from the left. She lived at 5476 Latona Street. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



The African American Elks Club was one of the few organizations established during World War II in Bremerton. The Olympic Lodge No. 1139, Mount Rainier Temple No. 804 was established at the Sinclair Park Community Center Building in June 27, 1945. The club represented Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Most of their functions and meetings were held at the recreation hall. Front Row: Ardis Clinton Sr., McDaniel James (5507 Dawson), Otis Henderson (5457 Dexter), David Joseph (5476 Latona), Frank Giggans, Mother Jones (center), Cleve Williams, George Richardson (5455 Linden), Isaac Jones (Living in the community). Back Row: WW Wimmons (Deputy Sheriff During that time) and Elwood Greer (5613 Linden). Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.



THE DAUGHTER ELK WAS A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ORGANIZED IN 1944 AT SINCLAIR PARK. MOST OF THE WOMEN LIVE IN SINCLAIR PARK. THEY HELD THEIR MEETINGS IN THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING. THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN ABOUT 1946. FRONT ROW: HELEN TAYLOR, TESSIE WILLIAMS, MARVESE CLINTON, PEARLINE GIGGIANS, MILDRED HARRISON, MOTHER JONES (CENTER), LUBERTHA ROSS, SELENA SIMMONS, HARRIETT MCDANIEL, (?), DORA WHITE. BACK ROW: MARY (?), BERNICE MCNEIL, LOUISE MURRAY, GERTRUDE JOSEPH, (?), MARIE GREER, AND PRISCILLA RICHARDSON.



CARVER CIVIC CLUB (1960s). CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE WAR. IT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN CLUB. MRS. ADE BRYANT ORGANIZED THE CLUB WHICH INCLUDED MOST OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



AUDRY (SMITH) MILLER OF 5416 LINDEN. BREMERTON, THE DRILL TEAM CAPTAIN, 1948. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



GLORIA JOSEPH STURDIVANT. ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MAJORETTES IN BREMERTON HIGH SCHOOL, 1946. SHE LIVED WITH HER PARENTS AT 5476 LATONA STREET. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.





NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT BAND (N.A.D. BAND) PLAYED AT THE SINCLAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING IN1944. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



NAVY BAND MELODY PROJECT (?) PLAYED AT SINCLAIR PARK. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



THE U.S.O. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1944 AT 850 BURWELL STREET AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE. THE U.S.O. WAS ESTABLISHED FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO WERE HERE IN THE MILITARY TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE WHITE MILITARY U.S.O. THAT WAS ALSO IN DOWNTOWN BREMERTON. SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SINCLAIR SERVED AS HOSTESSES. THE LADY WITH A FLOWER IN HER HAIR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICTURE IS MRS. MEADE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.O. SOURCE: DIANNE P. ROBINSON, BLACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF KITSAP COUNTY.



1970 Photograph taken in Seattle of Former Bremerton residents as young adults, sailors and children. From left to right: (?), Clyde Hadell, Quincy D. Jones II, Wendell Harrell, Fred Jones, David Harris, and Waymond J. Miller. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.

CA 1970s family gathering in Seattle; one of two visits to Seattle to see the family. From left to right in foreground: Early Smith, Quincy D. Jones Jr. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





 $1958\ \hbox{photograph taken during family visit in Seattle of Quincy D.\ Jones\ Jr.\ \hbox{and}\ Audrey\ D.\ Miller.\ Source:\ Dianne\ P.\ Robinson,\ Black\ Historical\ Society\ of\ Kitsap\ County.}$





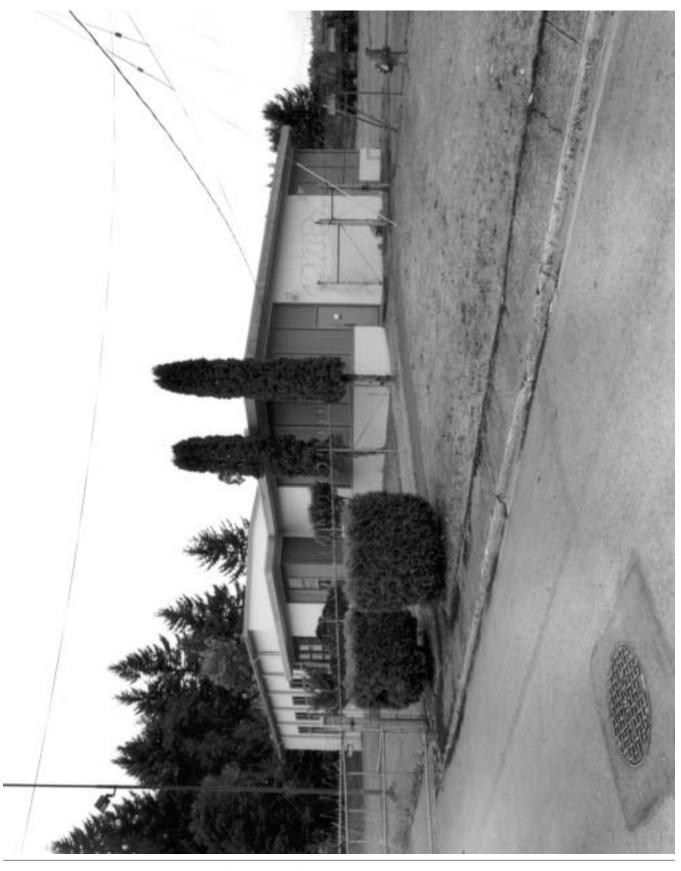
Undated Photograph Taken in Bremerton of (left to right) Tat Griffin, Mary A. Scott, and Tessie Williams. Source: Dianne P. Robinson, Black Historical Society of Kitsap County.





Photo No. 1. View of east front and south end. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.

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 $Photo\ No.\ 2.\ View\ of\ north\ end\ and\ east\ front.\ \hbox{(September\ 2002)}.\ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$





Photo No. 3. View of west back. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.



 $Photo \ No.\ 4.\ View\ of\ east\ front\ of\ two-story\ volume\ containing\ recreation\ room.\ \ \text{(September\ 2002)}.\ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$





Photo No. 5. View of east front of one-story volume, from left to right looking at outer walls of general office, private office and the clubroom. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.



Photo No. 6. View of north end. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.





Photo No. 7. View of main entry. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.



 $Photo\ No.\ 8.\ View\ of\ west\ back\ of\ two-story\ volume.\ (September\ 2002).\ \ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$





 $Photo\ No.\ 9.\ Two-story\ volume\ of\ recreation\ room\ looking\ south.\ \ \text{(September\ 2002)}.\ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$

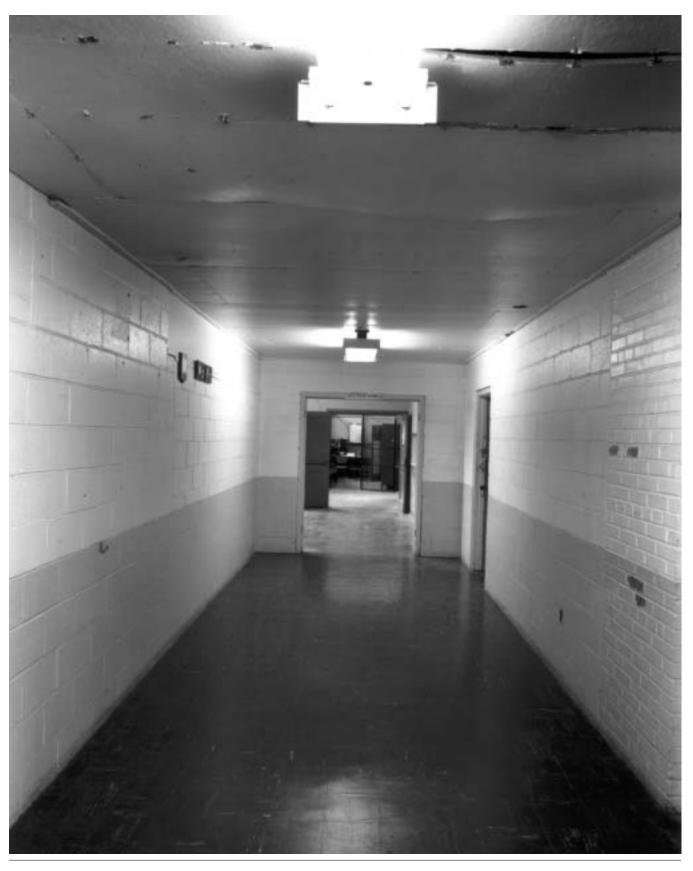


 $Photo\ No.\ 10.\ Two-story\ volume\ of\ recreation\ room\ looking\ north.\ \ \text{(September\ 2002)}.\ \ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$





 $Photo\ No.\ 11.\ View\ looking\ north\ along\ the\ main\ corridor\ in\ the\ one-story\ volume.\ (September\ 2002).\ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$



 $Photo\ No.\ 12.\ View\ looking\ south\ along\ the\ main\ corridor\ in\ the\ one-story\ volume.\ \ (September\ 2002).\ Photograph\ by\ Terry\ Rishel.$



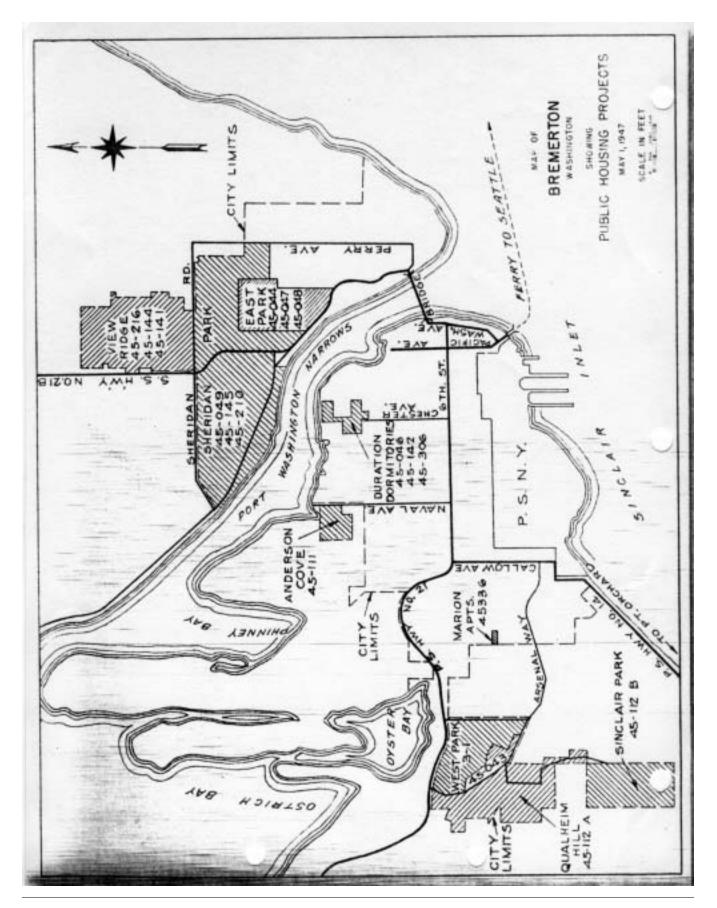


Photo No. 13. View looking at the southwest corner of the clubroom. (September 2002). Photograph by Terry Rishel.

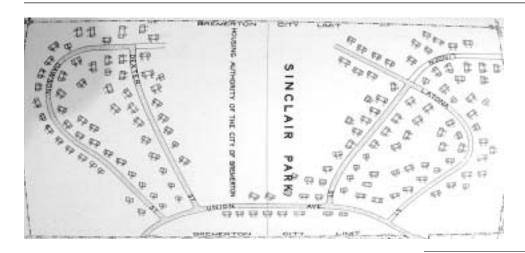


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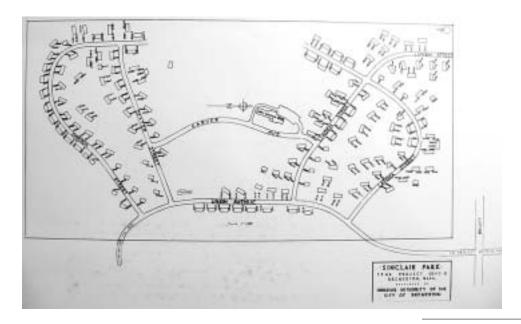




Wartime Housing Map. Source: U. S. National Archives and Records Administration, Pacific Alaska Region Facilities, Seattle: Record Group No. 181, Naval Districts and Shore Establishment, 13th Naval District).



Wartime Housing Map prior to construction of the "new" community building. Source: Kitsap County Historical Society Museum..



Wartime Housing Map following constructio of the "new" community building. Source: Kitsap County Historical Society Museum..

