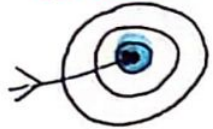


A BLACK COMMUNITY IN VANCOUVER

a History of invisibility (Adam J. Rudder)

Goal:



Understand the absence of history of BLACKS in Vancouver

in other words



Write an explanation of WHY there is not historical literature of Black people in Vancouver

① The effects of racist Canadian immigration poli.



② White historian & Black residents had INCENTIVES to make BLACK Presence Vanish.

INVISIBILITY

Non-Black historians failed to clarify their positions during the historical documents non-bias?

BLACK P. not always want to share/tell history that discriminated/HUMILIATED THEM in

Methodology:



• Review of secondary data Newspapers, archival documents



• 9 (nine) interviews with people who lived in Hogan's Alley and involved in cultural and political organizations



BLACK PEOPLE were attracted to Hogan's Alley because:

↳ The restaurants



↳ Gambling Houses



↳ Drinking Spots



Also, Hogan's Alley was

↳ Close to the rail-road station.



↳ Formal-informal racism limited their types of job → hindered their opportunities to buy houses in neighbourhoods of their own choosing

"The BLACK P. in Vancouver didn't form the same kind of community that one might find in other places in North America"

in Vancouver, because of racist discrimination BLACK P. moved gradually & silently into higher paying jobs & bought houses



talking about jobs...

Dorothy Nealy: worked

Scrubbing floors for 25 cents/h. even though she took typing & shorthand courses



Karute Buttedahl (K.B) and Emmitt Holmes (E.H) conducted informal research with their wives to inquire of renting practices in Vancouver

LATE 1950s

E. Holmes was the only BLACK member local 217 of Iron workers Association from 1944 to 1964.

Also, E. Holmes work as supervisor in the manpower & innovation ministry

In the 1940's the majority of BLACK men worked mostly as porters & other menial position such as Janitors and coal yards.

VISIBILITY

• In late 1970 Toronto declared February "BLACK History Month"

• In 1995 The Canadian Parliament made it into a national event.

Getting a sense of work practices by some BLACK members in STRATHCONA

Nora Hendrix

1918

The community participated in bazaars, suppers, and other entertainments events to raise money



to buy the

church AND keep it WORKING



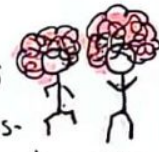
American Methodist Episcopal

clubs

- Dode Jones
- Mr. Holmah
- Buddy White



Black girls worked in prostitute house as cleaners and cooks. Made good \$\$ & did not get bother by men.



Rosa Pryor

First person who ever owned a chicken Inn in Hogan's Alley

She worked with her husband & girls



Taken from:
Opening Doors in
Vancouver's East End
STRATHCONA

Marlatt D & Ipper Carole

Dorothy Nealy

Worked

- with Mrs Pryor
- No wages - just tips
- Day Shift => 2:00-10:00 pm
- At a poultry taken out the chicken crew
- Canadian Fish.

Austin Phillips

Played guitar from place to place in Hogan's Alley without salary - JUST TIPS !!

often parties with singers piano/guitar musicians jukeboxes...

CRAFTED BEERS & Wines

- Lungo
- Little Macaroni Jones
- Big Macaroni Jones



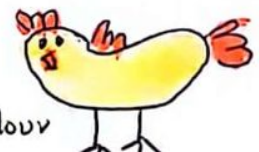
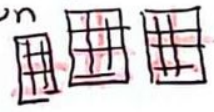
Between 200-300 Block Prior and Union and Keefer were the most chicken places

- Mrs. Pryor => Chicken Inn
- Mrs Alexander => Mother's Tamale & chilis Parlour

Also Mr Solidier William => Martin Luther William Funeral Parlour



Mr Wallace was a bit richer than other. He worked hiring Black me to do janitor work in the buildings in downtown



Brainstorming strategies to connect with Living Descendants of the BLACK Diaspora in Vancouver & Surrey


① Community Centers and Gatherings including cultural festivals & talks that cater to BLACK community



③ Local Newspaper & media may have social services & help w/ spread the voice attracting living descendants





⑤ Social media outreach.




② Church records


Have local churches that have some BLACK communities saved records or connections to living descendants?



④ COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL HISTORIANS OR RESEARCHERS WHO FOCUS IN BLACK HISTORY They may have some connections



⑥ Online Genealogy PLATFORMS e.g. Ancestry.ca familysearch.org



⑦ Reach out Historical Society organizations

