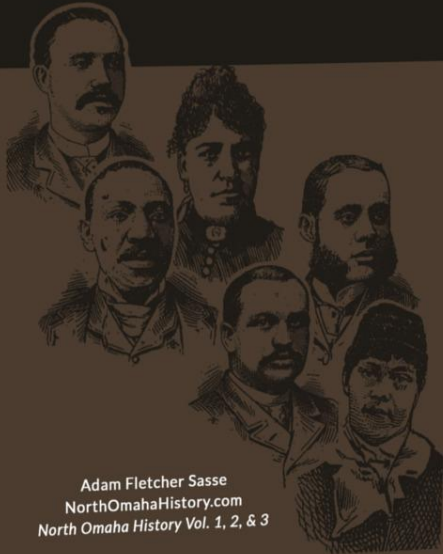




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**OMAHA HISTORY INCLUDES
AFRICAN AMERICAN
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Pre-1849



- American Indian tribes
- New France
- New Spain
- Villasur Expedition of 1720
- Louisiana Purchase
- Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804
 - York (1770-1832)
- Fort Lisa from 1808-1820
 - Jean Bapiste Point du Sable (c1750-1818)
- Fort Atkinson from 1819-1827
- Cabenne's Post from 1822-1840
- Forty-Niners
- Tom Brown (1812-1907)



Pre-1849

- Winter Quarters of 1846-1848
 - Hark L. Wales (1825-1881)
 - Oscar Crosby (c1815-c1872)
 - Green Flake (1828-1903)
 - Jane M. James (1813-1908)



1850-1859

- Omaha City founded in 1854
- Nebraska Territory Racist Laws
- Jim Crow Omaha Public Schools (1859-1867)
- Slavery is Legal (1854-1865)

1860-1869



- 1860: Black People Make App. 3% of Omaha's Population
 - 1860 Omaha population = 1,883
 - 1860 Omaha Black population = App 60
- Businesses Opened
- Political Action Begins
 - Party organizing and voting attempts
- Enslaved People Escape
 - Eliza in 1860
- Slavery Ends in 1865
- 1865 Anti-Miscegenation Law
- Portertown after 1865



1870-1879


- First Black Political Candidates
 - Richard D. Curry (1843–1883) for Alderman in 1870
- First Recorded Civil Rights Activism
 - End “Omaha Colored School” (1869-1872)
 - Anti-Black Juror sentiment in 1871; Black jurors affirmed in 1873
 - Professor George T. McPherson arrives

1880-1889


- First Black Convention in Nebraska held in Omaha in 1882
- Cecilia Wilson Jewell born (1882-1946)
- Black Professional Class Emerges
 - Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists
- First Nebraska Civil Rights Law passed in 1884
- First Black Newspaper, *Omaha Progress*, runs from 1889-1906
- Jim Bell born (1884-1959)
- First Black Labor Union Formed in 1887

Historic African American Leaders in Omaha


ADAM FLETCHER SASSE




ALFONSO WILSON
(1860-1936)
Activist and Businessman




EDWIN R. OVERALL
(1835-1901)
Activist, Civil Servant and Politician




DR. MATTHEW RICKETTS
(1858-1917)
Politician and Doctor




ELLA MAHAMITT
(1863-e.1903)
Activist and Journalist




OPHELIA CLENLANS
(1841-1907)
Activist and Journalist




SILAS ROBBINS
(1857-1916)
Lawyer




ALFRED S. BARNETT
(1858-e.1905)
Activist and Journalist



CLARENCE WIGINGTON
(1883-1967)
Architect



HARRY HAYWOOD
(1898-1985)
Philosopher and Activist



GEORGE WELLS PARKER
(1882-1931)
Activist and Writer

1890-1899



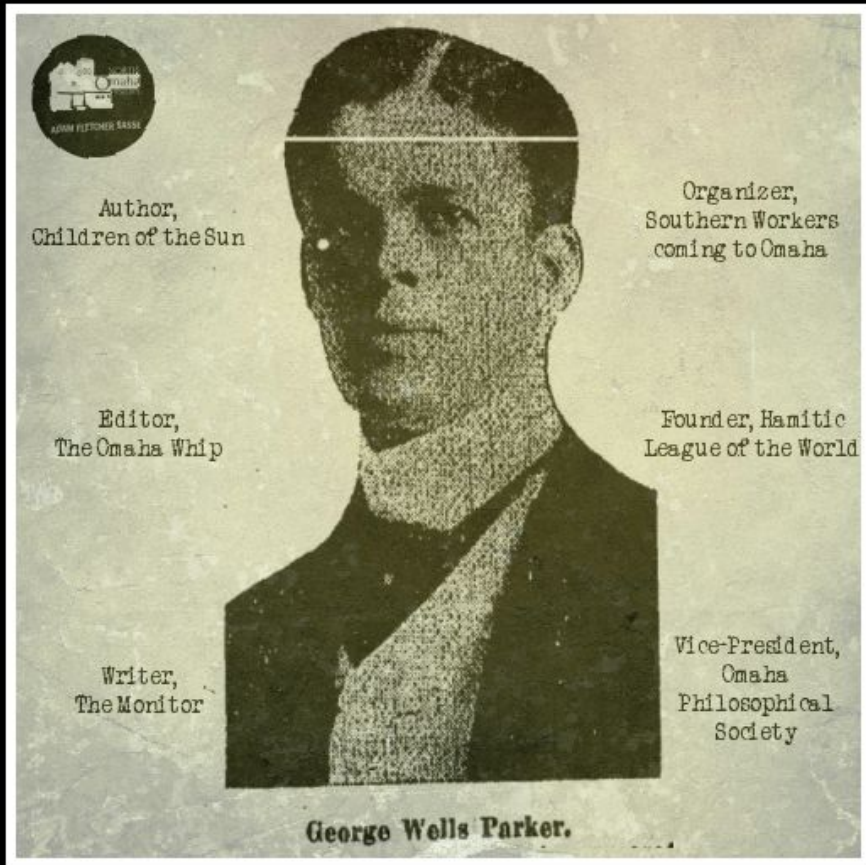
- National Building Loan Program Started by Black People for Black People in 1890
- George Smith Becomes the First Recorded Lynching in Omaha in September 1891
- Emancipation Day First Celebrated in Omaha in 1891
- 1898 Trans-Mississippi & International Exposition
- Segregation is Normalized
 - Neighborhoods
 - Schools
 - Hotels, Restaurants, Bars, etc.

24th and Lake Historic District



1900-1909

- Segregation Entrenched
- Near North Side Emerges
- 24th and Lake Established as center of African American Community
- 24th Street Becomes Diverse and Vibrant
- Black-owned Businesses Proliferate
- Black Elks Established in 1905
- Omaha Fire Department Hired Black Firefighters in 1906



Author,
Children of the Sun

Organizer,
Southern Workers
coming to Omaha

Editor,
The Omaha Whip

Founder, Hamitic
League of the World

Writer,
The Monitor

Vice-President,
Omaha
Philosophical
Society

George Wells Parker.

1910-1919

- “New Negro Arts and Letters Movement” Emerges
 - George Wells Parker (1882-1932)
- Jack Johnson Riot of 1910
- Black Businesses Thrive
- Grove Methodist Church Opens
- Black Churches Very Influential
 - St. John’s AME, Zion Baptist, St. Phillip Episcopal, etc.
- 1919 Lynching of Will Brown and White Riots
- White Flight Begins





1920-1929

- Segregation Accelerates
- Black Culture Becomes Predominant around 24th and Lake
- Redlining Started by US Army
- Black Newspapers Thrive
- North 24th Street Transformed
- Black Criminal Bosses Very Influential
- Political Organizing Continues
 - Communists
 - United Negro Improvement Association
 - Earl and Louise Little

DREAMLAND

24th and Grant Streets

**LOUIS
ARMSTRONG
AND HIS ORCHESTRA
THURSDAY, Dec. 18**

One-hour FLOOR SHOW at 12 o'clock exactly as presented at Grand Terrace in Chicago.

Tickets on sale at Johnson drug, H&M Bar, Tuxedo Billiards. Advance sale tickets—90c. At door—\$1.10, tax included.

1930-1939

- Great Depression
- Redlining
- Jobs Begin Disappearing



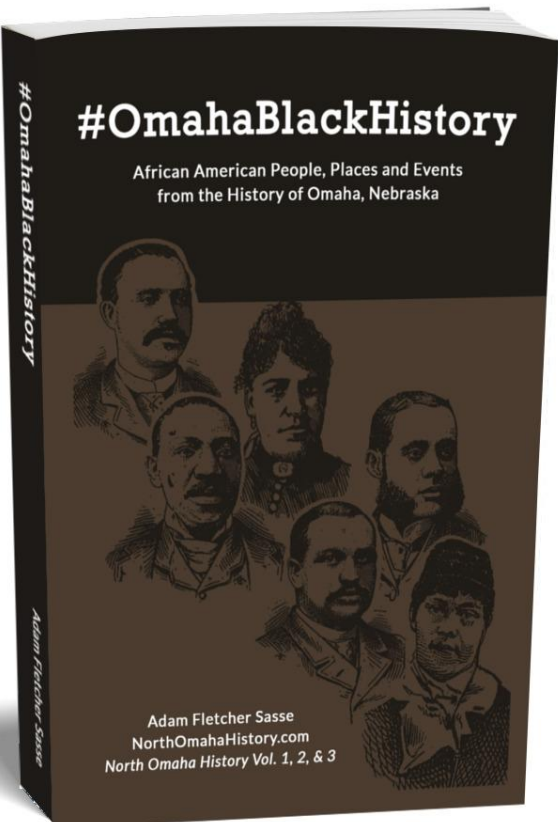
North Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska.





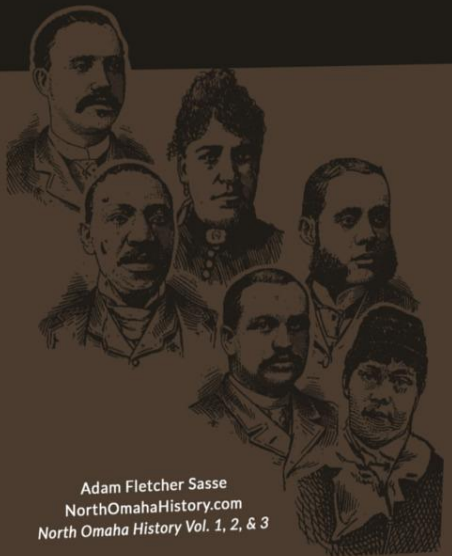






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