

## The Washington State Black Historic Sites Survey

NPS Under-represented communities grant for Black Creators in Washington State & DAHP expanded scope for additional research

Focus on Seattle

April 2023

### Sponsors



### Consultants



## OVER 50 SITES IDENTIFIED AROUND THE STATE WITH SIGNIFICANCE TO BLACK HISTORY

### fieldwork begun:

Everett  
Seattle  
Tukwila  
Tacoma  
Roslyn  
Pasco  
Spokane  
Vancouver  
Portland

70

number of identified sites in locations where we have done fieldwork

6

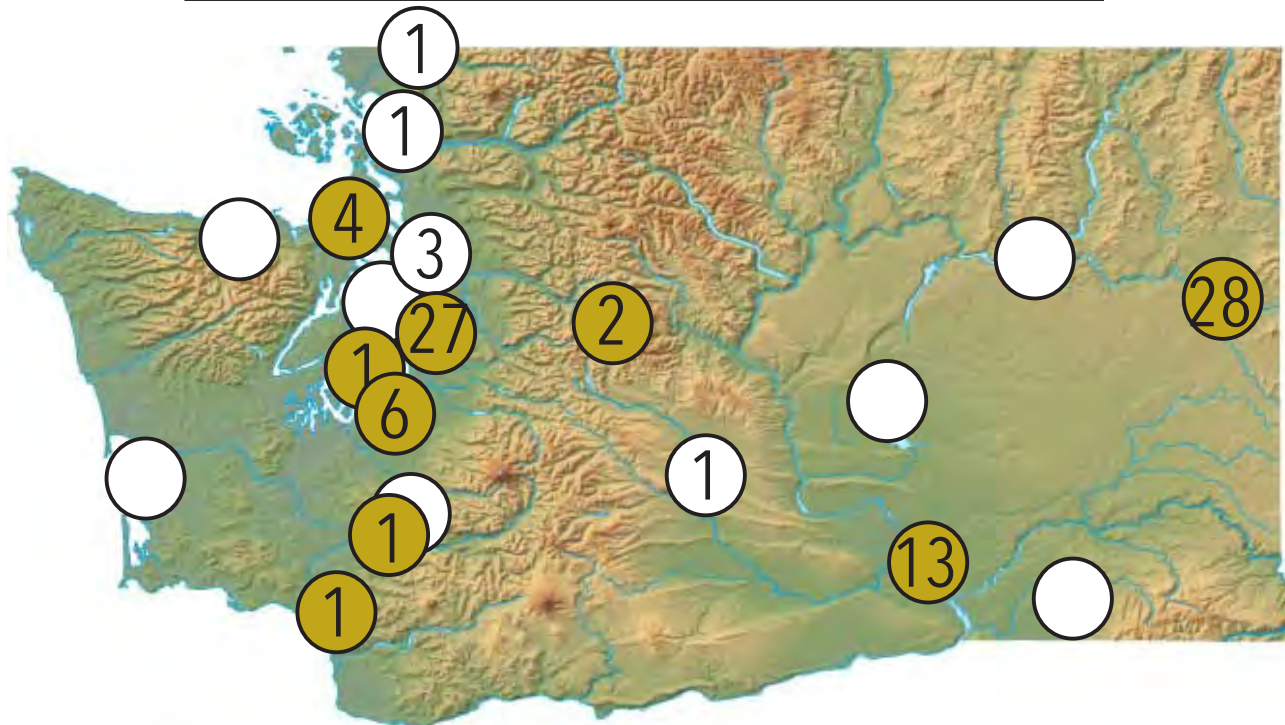
number of identified sites in known locations where we still need to do fieldwork

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areas where fieldwork still needs to be done but specific sites have not yet been identified

### fieldwork still to do:

Olympic Peninsula  
Yakima  
Walla Walla  
Bellingham  
Bothell  
Woodland  
Centralia  
Bremerton  
Moses Lake  
Grand Coulee



**commemorative sites** identified in at 7 cities so far

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Dr. James Washington Jr. and Janie Rogella Washington House and Studio



Dr. James Washington and Janie Rogella Washington House and Studio, Seattle



## COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS



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Black Heritage Society

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Eastern Washington University (Roslyn project)

Dr. James Washington and Janie Rogella Washington

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Cavalry Baptist Church (Spokane)

Morningstar Church (Pasco)

Everett Public Library

Buffalo Soliders Museum

Travelling while black



Partnerships on special topics: Contributor Prof. Tyler Sprague with Sierra Miles at UW

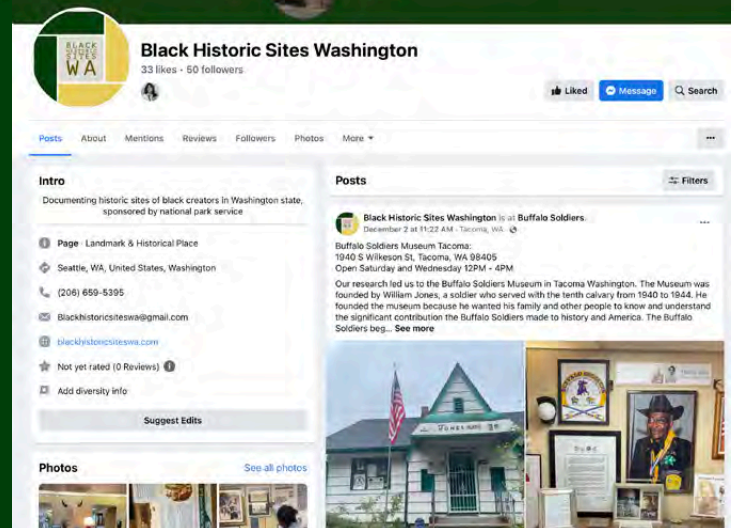
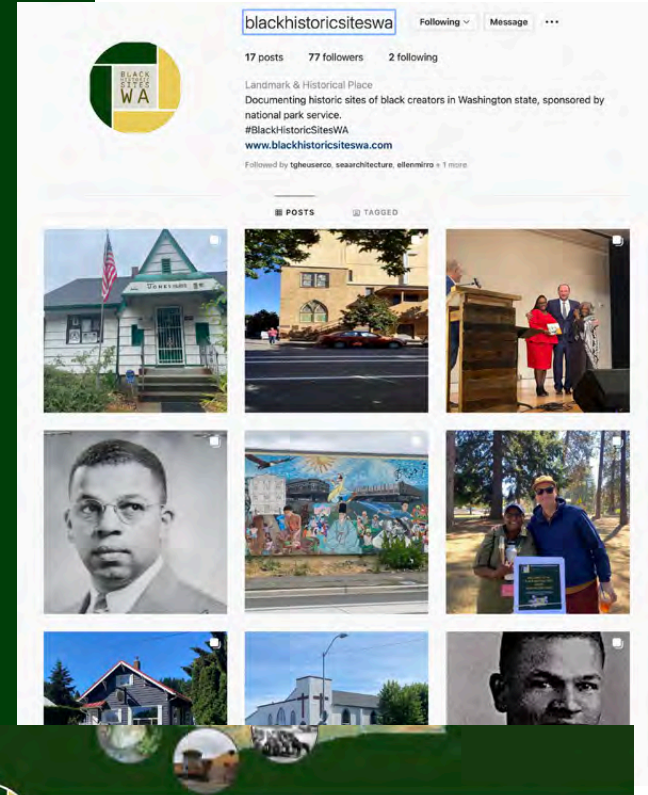


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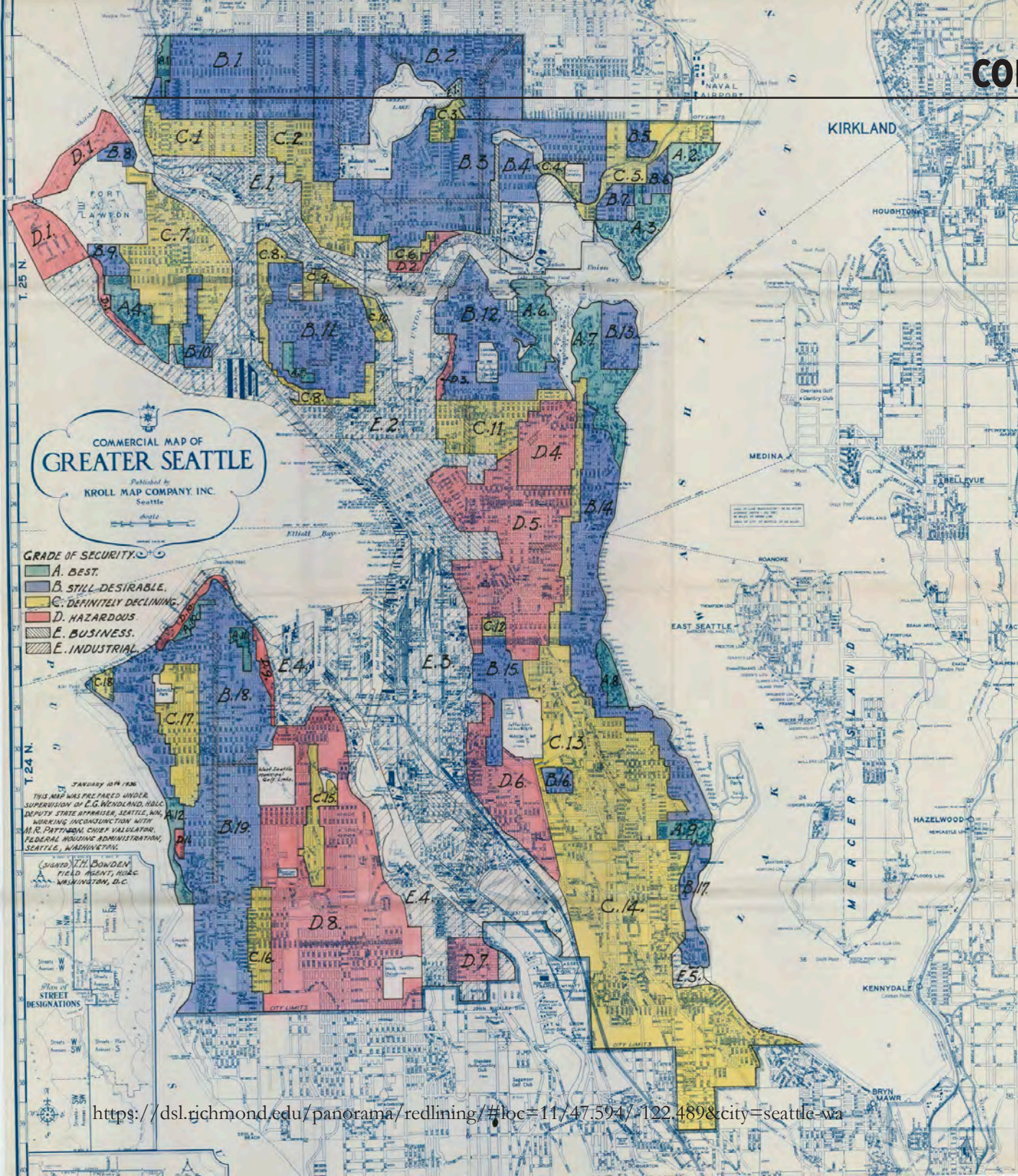
# WELCOME TO THE BLACK HISTORIC SITES SURVEY: WASHINGTON STATE

Documenting historic sites significant to Black History in Washington State,  
sponsored by National Park Service (NPS) and Department of Archaeology and  
Historic Preservation (DAHP)





# CONSIDERATIONS IN SEATTLE



<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=11747.594/-122.489&city=seattle-wa>

## Areas by Grade

Area	Grade
6%	A "Best"
41%	B "Still Desirable"
31%	C "Definitely Declining"
22%	D "Hazardous"

## Demographics

368,302	Total Population (1940)
16.2%	Foreign-born white
0.8%	Foreign-born Japanese

## Seattle, WA

D3

D4

D5

Compare All

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This is the Negro area of Seattle.

## Seattle, WA

D4

D5

D6

Compare All

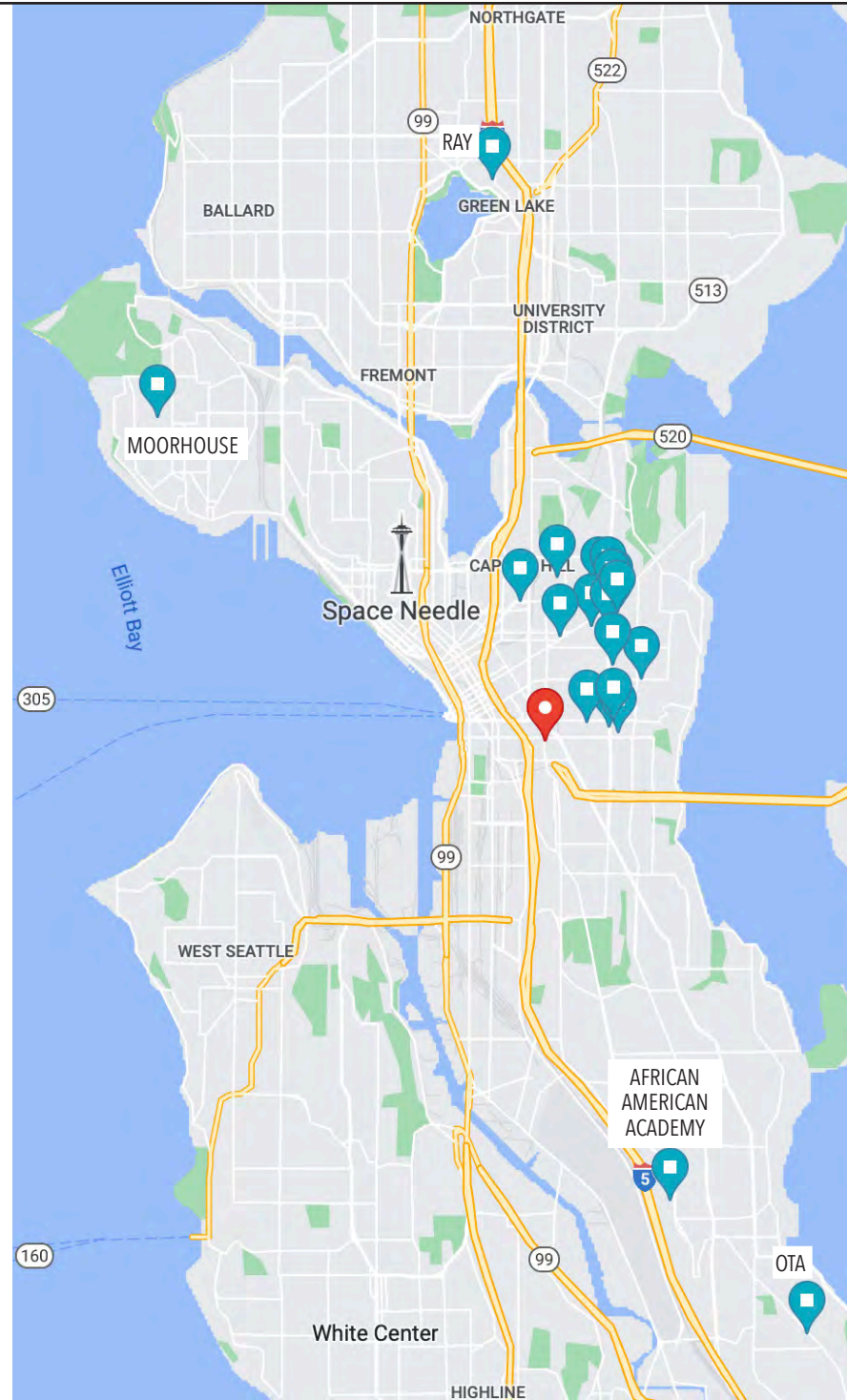
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This district is composed of various mixed nationalities. Homes are occupied by tenants in a vast majority. Homes generally old and obsolete in need of extensive repairs.



## SEATTLE LANDMARKS listed in gold

1. African American Academy (2000), 8311 Beacon Ave S
2. Ben Mar Apartments (1950), 315 23rd Avenue E
3. Historic site of the Black and Tan Club (1917), 1201 Jackson Street
4. Cannon House (2001), 113 23rd Ave S
5. **Cayton Revels House (1907)**, 518 14th Ave E
6. **Coleman School\***/African American Museum, (1909) 2300 S Massachusetts St
7. Cragwell Residence (1904), 1623 23rd Avenue
8. **Douglas Truth Library (1913)**/Soul Pole (1960s), 2300 E Yesler Way
9. Ebenezer AME Mt. Zion Church (1900), 1716 23rd Avenue
10. **First AME Church (1912)**, 1522 14th Avenue
11. Grose House (1901) and Grose Family House (1910), 1733 & 1735 24th Avenue
12. Hollingsworth Residence (1906), 2309 E John
13. **Langston Hughes Center\*** (1915), 104 17th Ave S
14. McAdoo Office, (1904/1950s) 1716-1718 E Olive Way



## LIST OF SEATTLE SITES

15. Moorhouse Residence (1942), 3038 37th Avenue W
16. **Mt Zion Baptist Church (1962)** / Oracles of Truth, 1634 19th Avenue
17. Odessa Brown Center (1990), 2101 E Yesler Way
18. Ota Residence (1956), 10300 61st Avenue South
19. People's Wall (1969), 167 20th Avenue
20. **Prince Hall Masons (1921/1975)**, 306 24th Avenue S
21. Ray Residence (1907), 7526 Sunnyside
22. SOIC (1909), 2324 E Madison
23. The Obelisk (1970), 301 21st Avenue E
24. WaNaWari/Green Family Home (1909) 911 24th Ave
25. **Dr. James Washington Jr. and Janie Rogella Washington House and Studio**
26. Phyllis Wheatly Center/YWCA Cherry Street (1953), 2820 E Cherry Street
27. Woodson Apartments (1908), 1820 24th Avenue

\* context of landmark report could be updated for more thorough information on Black History

## GEMS IN OUR BACKYARD

### Lloyd P. Ray Residence, 7526 Sunnyside, Seattle

The stonemason's home illustrates black creators who helped shape our everyday built environment



### Ben Mar Apartments, 315 23rd Avenue, Seattle

One of Benjamin McAdoo's many significant works in Seattle



### The Obelisk by Dr. James Washington Jr., 301 21st Avenue E, Seattle (@Meany MS)

The sculpture is an example of world class art produced by black creators that is easily accessible to the public.



## THEMES: PIONEERS & EARLY 20TH CENTURY

residences:  
Cragswell,  
Grose, Green,  
Ray



Landmarked  
Cayton Revels House



development associated with  
the AYPE: The Woodson



The music scene/Jazz alley :  
the former Black & Tan



## THEMES: SIGNIFICANT BLACK ARCHITECTS

mid 20th Century: Benjamin  
McAdoo



21st Century: Mel Streeter and  
Donald King





## THEMES: CHURCHES, THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



First AME

There are over 50  
Black Churches in  
Seattle



Ebenezer Mt. Zion



Mt. Zion