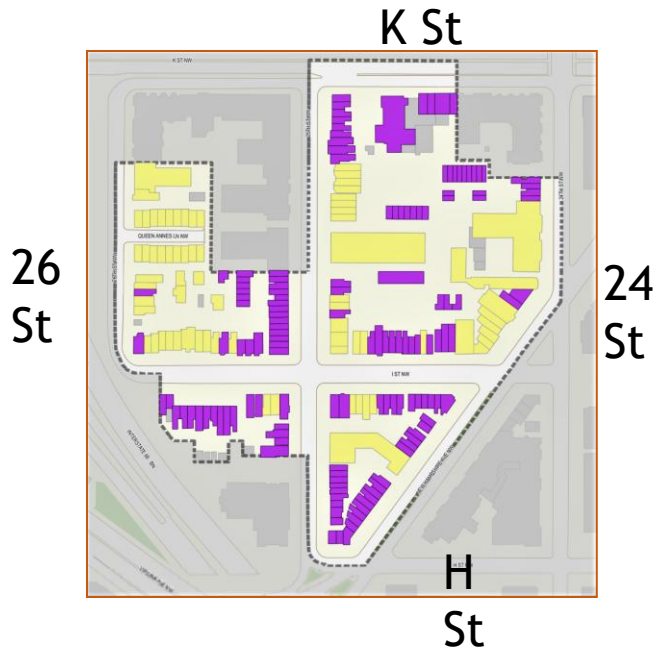

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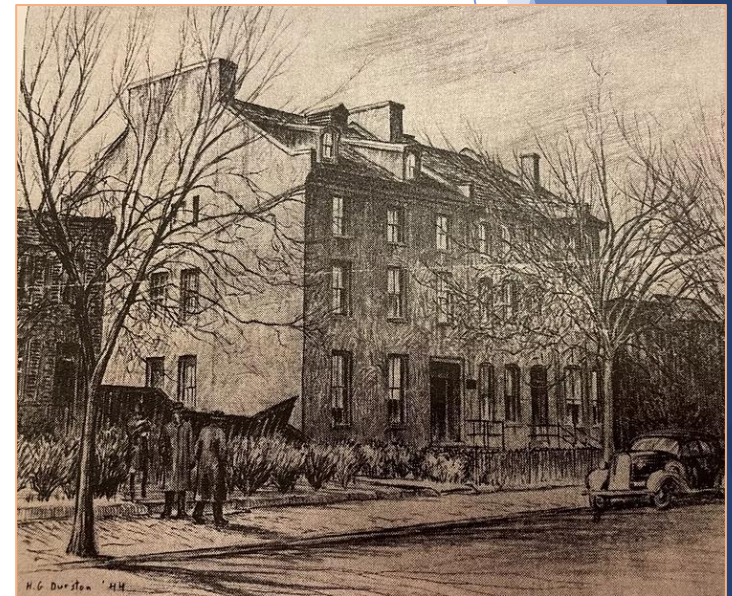
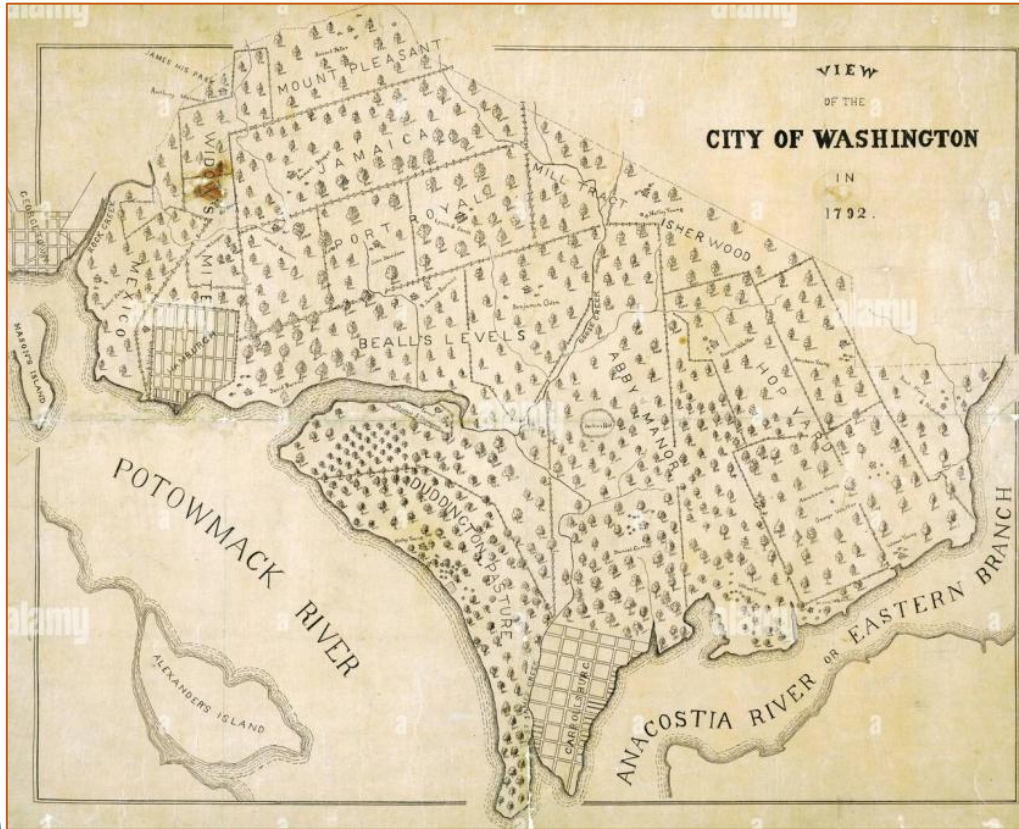
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Foggy Bottom/West End boundaries



Foggy Bottom Early History



Foggy Bottom Industry



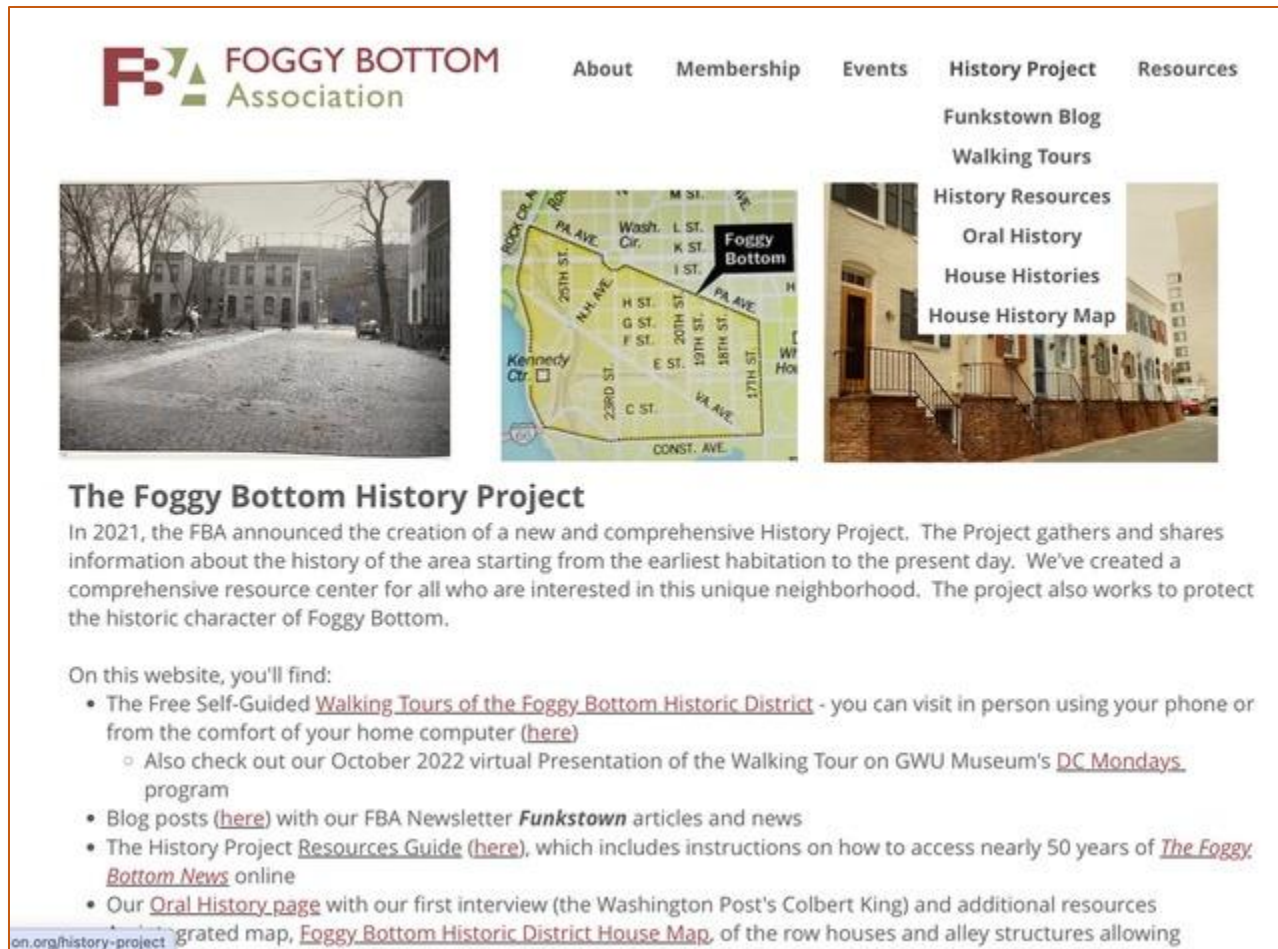
Homes in the Historic District



Housing Changes in Foggy Bottom



The History Project's initiatives are on the FBA website



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FOGGY BOTTOM Association

About Membership Events **History Project** Resources

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The Foggy Bottom History Project

In 2021, the FBA announced the creation of a new and comprehensive History Project. The Project gathers and shares information about the history of the area starting from the earliest habitation to the present day. We've created a comprehensive resource center for all who are interested in this unique neighborhood. The project also works to protect the historic character of Foggy Bottom.

On this website, you'll find:

- The Free Self-Guided [Walking Tours of the Foggy Bottom Historic District](#) - you can visit in person using your phone or from the comfort of your home computer ([here](#))
 - Also check out our October 2022 virtual Presentation of the Walking Tour on GWU Museum's [DC Mondays](#) program
- Blog posts ([here](#)) with our FBA Newsletter *Funkstown* articles and news
- The History Project [Resources Guide](#) ([here](#)), which includes instructions on how to access nearly 50 years of *The Foggy Bottom News* online
- Our [Oral History page](#) with our first interview (the Washington Post's Colbert King) and additional resources
- An integrated map, [Foggy Bottom Historic District House Map](#), of the row houses and alley structures allowing

on.org/history-project

History Shared in Walking Tours

- ▶ Self-guided History and Arts Tours
- ▶ Family Worksheet
- ▶ In person tours



HISTORY TOUR:



[THECLIO.COM/TOUR/2098](https://theclio.com/tour/2098)

ART TOUR:



[THECLIO.COM/TOUR/2116](https://theclio.com/tour/2116)

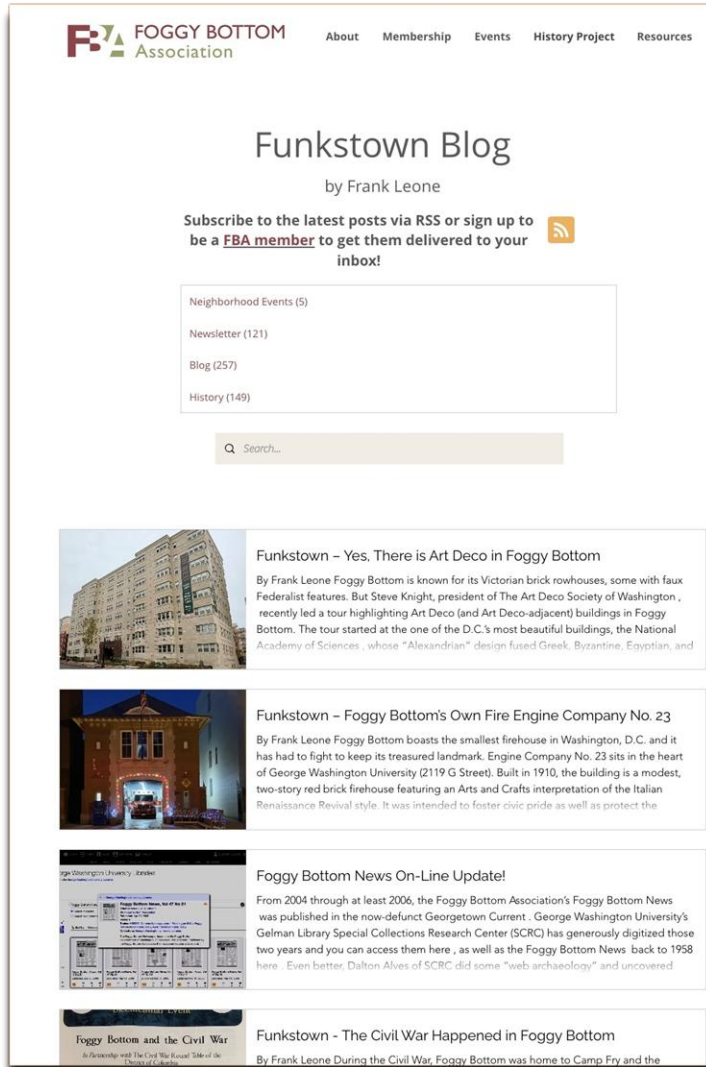


The smartphone screen shows a mobile app interface with a list of tour options and descriptions. The text on the screen includes:

- Foggy Bottom's Grandest House**
One week before the original nation's independent historic house in the Foggy Bottom Historic District. Built in 1865, it was used as a grocery store and residence from the 1860s to the 1950s. Its two-story brick construction and architectural details are typical of the neighborhood.
- Welcome: The Foggy Bottom Historic District**
The walk leads you through its alleys, streets, and parks of the East Block working class Foggy Bottom Historic District. In the 1800s, and especially after the Civil War, industries developed in Foggy Bottom along the Potomac River. The District houses between the Washington Post Light tower.
- The Foggy Bottom Historic District...**
Thank you for reaching for something this walking tour. In a small neighborhood, let you see surprising things that are a must to see. By now, you must be ready for a beverage. Head to 2nd and D Streets, just past the Foggy Bottom Metro station to Cicco Restaurant or another neighborhood eatery. There, you can enjoy a drink and a bite of food.
- Working-Class Row Houses**
The 3400 block of F Street features typical industrial working class Foggy Bottom historic District row houses. Most of the brick row houses you see on both sides of the street were built between 1880 and 1910. The row houses were also used as grocery stores, saloons, and other neighborhood businesses. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Historic Houses and Modern Murals**
Heading north, towards Washington Circle, in a white

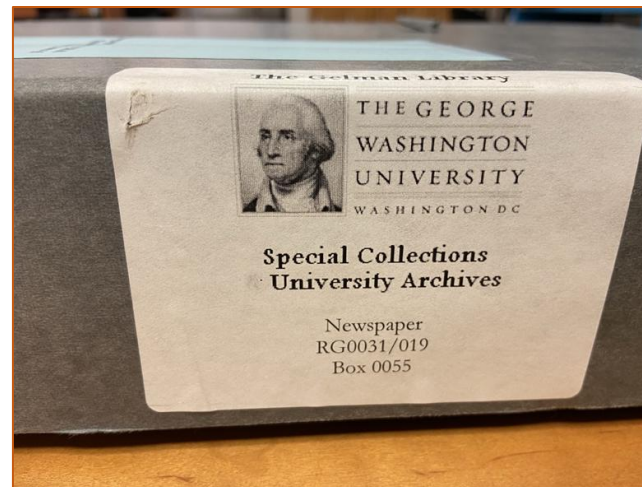
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“Funkstown,” Oral Histories and Other Resources

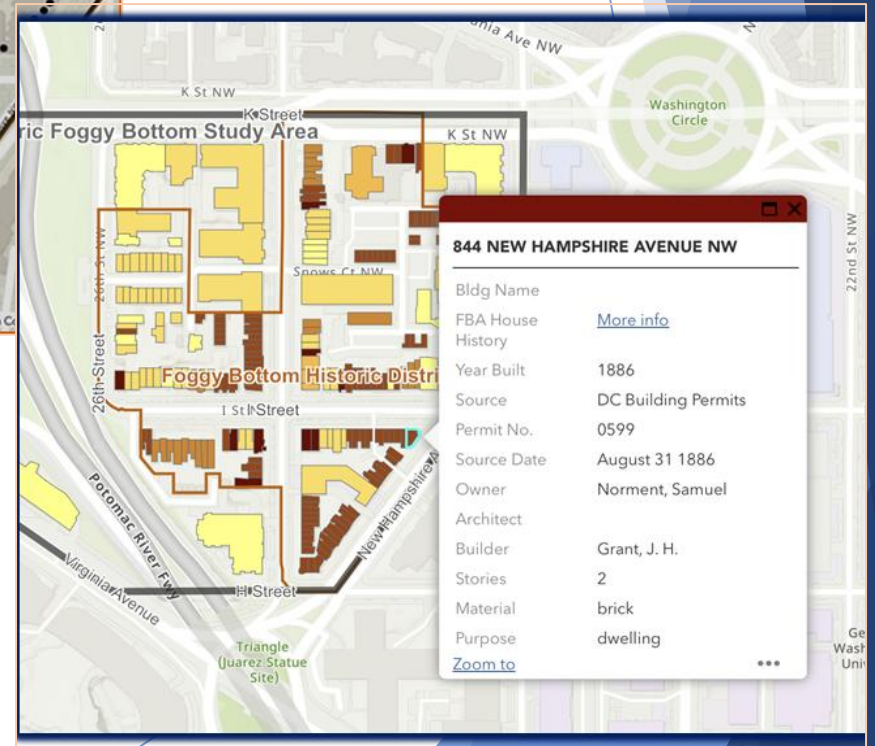
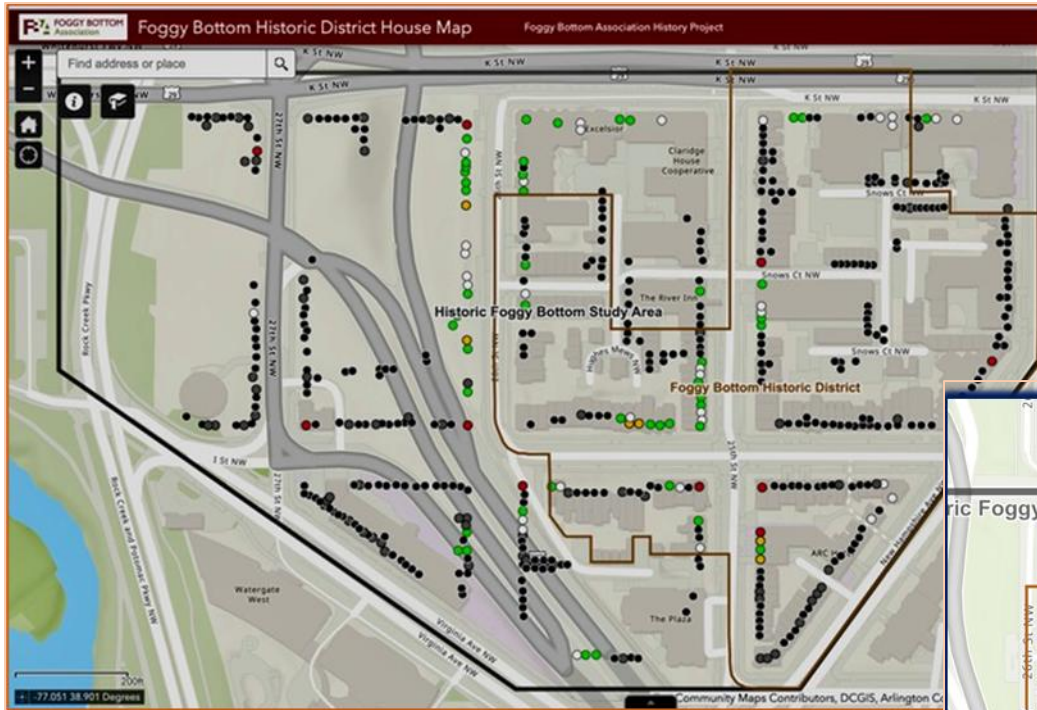


The screenshot shows the Funkstown Blog website. At the top is the Foggy Bottom Association logo and navigation links: About, Membership, Events, History Project, Resources. The main heading is "Funkstown Blog" by Frank Leone. Below this is a subscription prompt: "Subscribe to the latest posts via RSS or sign up to be a FBA member to get them delivered to your inbox!" with an RSS icon. A sidebar on the left lists categories: Neighborhood Events (5), Newsletter (121), Blog (257), and History (149). A search bar is located below the sidebar. The main content area features five article teasers, each with a small image and a title:

- Funkstown – Yes, There is Art Deco in Foggy Bottom**
By Frank Leone Foggy Bottom is known for its Victorian brick rowhouses, some with faux Federalist features. But Steve Knight, president of The Art Deco Society of Washington, recently led a tour highlighting Art Deco (and Art Deco-adjacent) buildings in Foggy Bottom. The tour started at the one of the D.C.'s most beautiful buildings, the National Academy of Sciences, whose "Alexandrian" design fused Greek, Byzantine, Egyptian, and
- Funkstown – Foggy Bottom's Own Fire Engine Company No. 23**
By Frank Leone Foggy Bottom boasts the smallest firehouse in Washington, D.C. and it has had to fight to keep its treasured landmark. Engine Company No. 23 sits in the heart of George Washington University (2119 G Street). Built in 1910, the building is a modest, two-story red brick firehouse featuring an Arts and Crafts interpretation of the Italian Renaissance Revival style. It was intended to foster civic pride as well as protect the
- Foggy Bottom News On-Line Update!**
From 2004 through at least 2006, the Foggy Bottom Association's Foggy Bottom News was published in the now-defunct Georgetown Current. George Washington University's Gelman Library Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) has generously digitized those two years and you can access them here, as well as the Foggy Bottom News back to 1958 here - Even better, Dalton Alves of SCRC did some "web archaeology" and uncovered
- Funkstown - The Civil War Happened in Foggy Bottom**
By Frank Leone During the Civil War, Foggy Bottom was home to Camp Fry and the



Historic District House Map

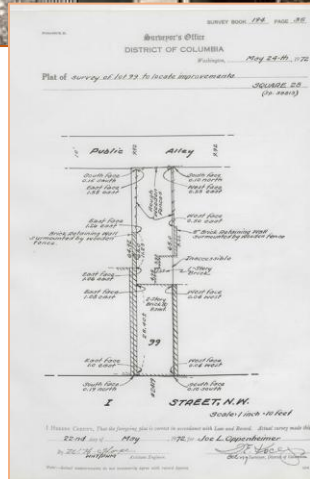
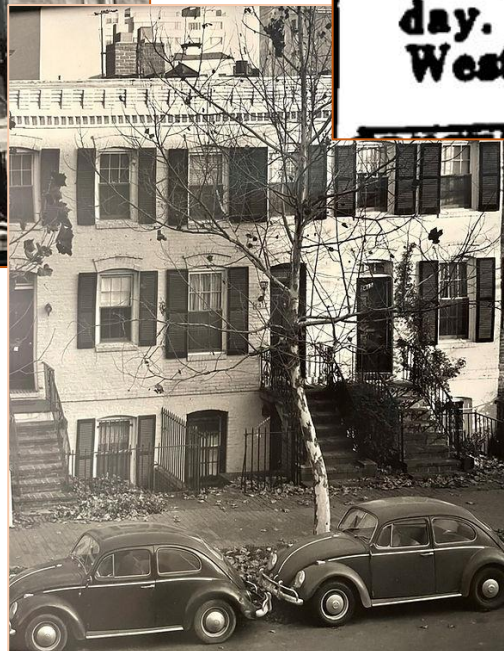


In 1920, Della Shaw operated a home bakery with a coal fired oven - 2417 I St.

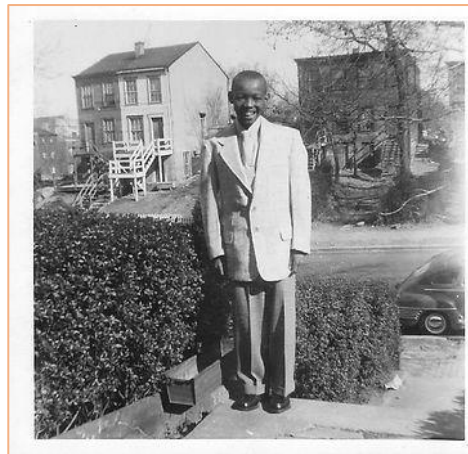
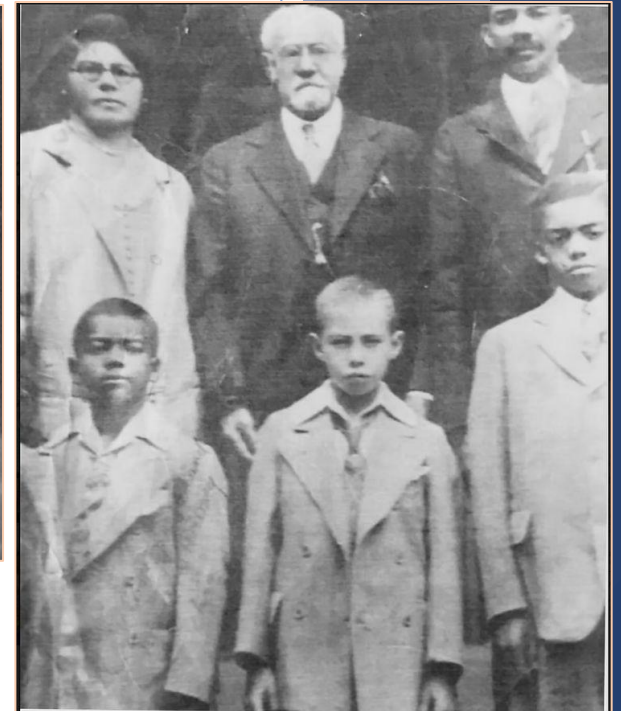


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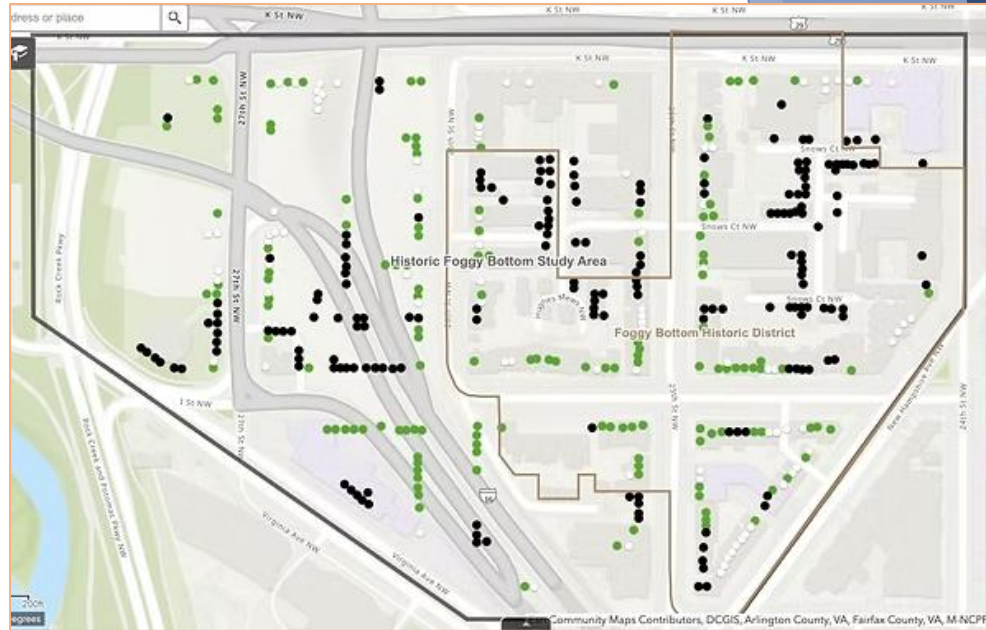
NOTICE—Boston House Pastry Shop, 2417 Eye st. N. W.—
Bread is a necessity; you should eat good home-made bread, hot rolls, doughnuts and cakes every day. **DELLA M. SHAW**, phone West 2587.



In the 1950s, “Mama” Carmichael and the extended family at 2502, 2505 and 2512 I St.



Irish Immigrants Foggy Bottom



The big yellow house on the corner or the Fitzgerald House - 844 N.H. Ave.



In 1920 there were 11 Jewish immigrant-operated corner grocery stores/ residences



Neighborhood store and funeral home- 2426 I St.



Resident/Owner

1881 - Dorsey family, James, Helen, Mary and Michael. Michael, stone cutter, City Directory.

1890 - John Garley, (injured in serious elevator accident at 26th and G Sts, (Evening Star, Feb 15, 1980, p.5)

1894 - Phillip Barbour, undertaker, City Directory

1908 - Paul Posner, plays on local baseball team (Washington Herald, May 29, 1908, p.8)

1910 - Morris Dubb, tailor; City Directory

1914 - Jas Stevens

1924 - James E. Shea lists an ad to rent property as a store and dwelling for \$32.00/mth. (Evening Star, Feb. 13, 1924, p.33)

1925 - dwelling is home to W.T. Moten funeral parlor (Evening Star, Dec. 10, 1925, p. 7)

1928 - dwelling is home to F. M. Smith funeral parlor (Evening Star, Aug. 28, 1928, p.9). In

September an ad was placed to sell a Ford coach vehicle located at the rear of this property. This Model A chassis was commonly customized for hearses and ambulances.

1930 - Frank M. Smith, undertaker, Smith's Undertaking Parlor (Evening Star, Mar. 16, 1931, p.9)

1940 - William T. Moten, funeral director, (City Directory)

H. Lowe's funeral home (Evening Star, June 15, 1941,

aker "was robbed of \$30
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Baltimore." (Evening Star
telephone (City Directory

50 COLORED Laborers wanted for New Brunswick, N. J. Big pay, good board and lodging, steady work, chance for advancement, come ready to go 8 a. m. Patriotic and Protective So. 2426 I St. N. W. Phone West 38.



Saloon, church, house/store, billiards, West End Barber Shop, and residence - 901 26th St.



This is a contributing entry for [Foggy Bottom Historic District Arts Walking Tour](#) and only appears as part of that tour. [Learn More.](#)

Albert Paley's Steel Entry Gates

Introduction

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The large renovated house at the corner of 26th and I Streets features forged, fabricated, and painted steel entrance and vehicular gates created by Albert Paley in 1981. The companion gates express forms of burned metal and rough forgings. He shows the possibilities of Blacksmithing with the vertical and low horizontal pieces imprinted with pattern and the large circular shape.

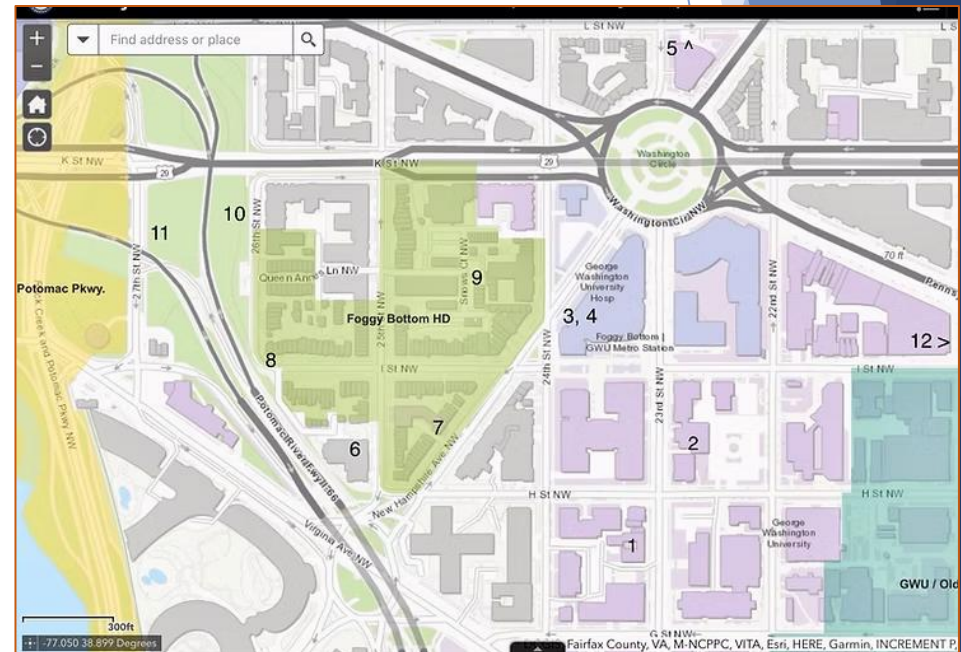
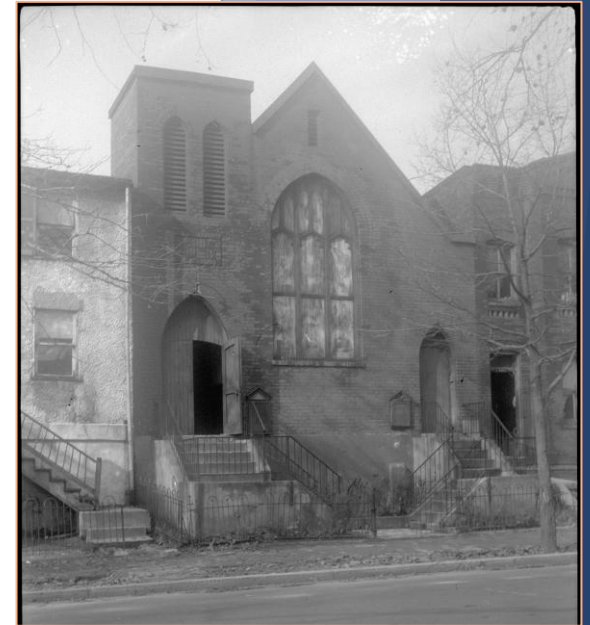
Paley was a successful jeweler when he entered the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C.'s national competition in 1974 to design decorative doors for its shop. Winning the competition changed the focus of his work and changed Paley's career. His "Portal Gates" made of brass, steel, copper and bronze, instantly became an icon for the museum and led to numerous commissions, propelling his practice toward monumental architectural ironwork. Paley is probably the best-known for his use of iron as material for his large complex sculptures, furniture, and jewelry.

907 26th St NW
Washington, District of Columbia
[View on Google Maps](#)

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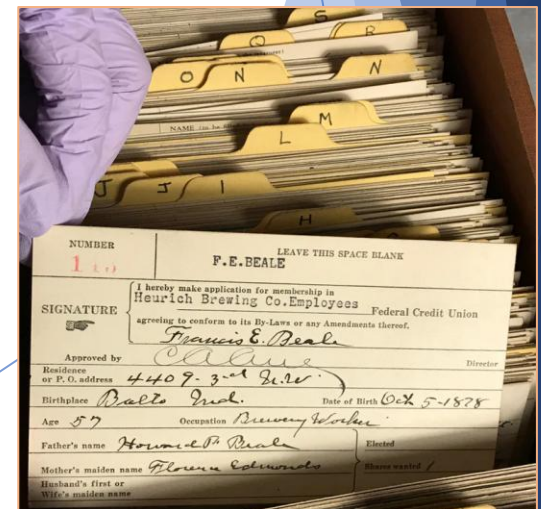
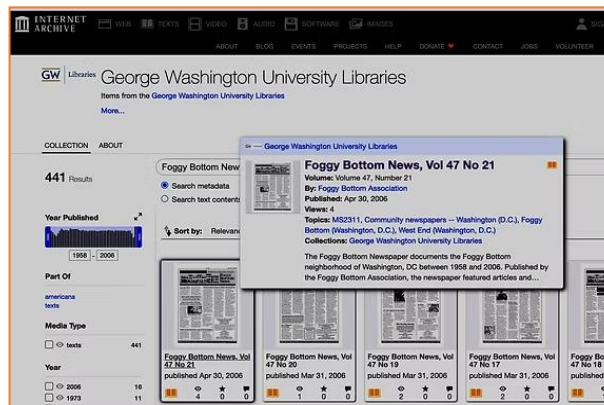
Backstory and Context

Over 12 African American Churches in Foggy Bottom



In the works ...

- ▶ Attend the DC History Conference, May 1-2. Visit our table. It's free at MLK Library.
- ▶ Historic District House Map updates -1920 Census added
- ▶ House History Page updates from GWU student research
- ▶ Review Heurich brewery workers credit union cards
- ▶ New GWU Campus Plan - historical aspects
- ▶ GW adding FBNews issues to digitized collection
- ▶ Working with the new Watergate Museum



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