

# **APPENDIX L**

**PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS BY AFRICAN AMERICANS**

**WITH J-Z SURNAMES**

**Appendix L** is a comprehensive survey of property transactions from 1891 to 1905 for Wilmington's African Americans with J-Z surnames. The goal was to assess the impact of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot on property ownership. Sue Ann Cody's thesis "After the Storm: Racial Violence in Wilmington, North Carolina and Its Consequences for African Americans, 1898-1905" provided a framework for the study but examined only A-J surnames. Cody generously supplied the compiler with notes from her research which proved to be valuable in helping to assemble the preliminary data. The investigation of the J-Z African American surnames constituted original work by the compiler over the course of fifteen weeks in the spring and summer of 2003.

Cody limited the scope of her investigation to transactions involving the following groups: members of the Committee of Colored Citizens, people with A-J surnames with non-Wilmington residences at the time of their land sale, and banished citizens who sold their properties. For this investigation, deed records for all of the African Americans in Wilmington with J-Z surnames were examined. In order to make the undertaking possible, the decision was made to follow Cody's model and limit the analysis to those whose names first appeared in the New Hanover County grantee index and acquired their land within the seven year period of 1891-1898. The research project started with New Hanover County tax lists from 1897 and 1900 that identified black property owners which Cody assembled and supplied to the compiler.<sup>1</sup>

This analysis of the grantee index produced 265 entries. The individual with the most listings was Thomas C. Miller (ca. 1848-1903) with 126 or roughly half of the deed

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<sup>1</sup> Sue Ann Cody, "After the Storm: Racial Violence in Wilmington, North Carolina and Its Consequences for African Americans, 1898-1905" (master's thesis, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2000), 120 and 122-123; Index to Real Estate Conveyances, Grantee, 1729-1954 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Tax Lists, 1897 and 1900 (microfilm), New Hanover County Tax Records, N.C. State Archives, Raleigh.

transactions. After examining the deeds, many names were eliminated because the land had actually been obtained at a date prior to 1891 and not recorded until that year or later. In addition, the number of names was further reduced after examination of the deeds showed that some owners were mortgagors and not purchasers of their property. Furthermore, some names, which listed no year in the index, were eliminated when a check of the deeds placed the transactions before 1891.<sup>2</sup>

The next step was the examination of the grantor index (those selling property) from 1898 to 1905. The number of blacks with J-Z surnames who (1) bought land between 1891 and 1898 and (2) sold or mortgaged that same property between 1898 and 1905 totaled thirty-five. Close, detailed analysis was made of this set of transactions. This group of African Americans, which included a few females, encompassed a broad spectrum on the socio-economic ladder.<sup>3</sup>

The analysis of the property transactions produced no evidence of property seizure. The investigation did indicate whether property was sold for loss and gain over the seven-year period after 1898. An example of property sold at a loss is the case of Stephen Williams, a laborer, who sold part of lot 4 in Block 137 on June 8, 1899, for \$50. Williams had purchased the tract on March 8, 1895, for \$137, meaning that he lost \$87. An unusual case of property gain is the case of baker Lorenzo D. Kennedy. On August 3, 1891, the baker purchased a portion of lot 1 in Block 196 for \$900. On February 26, 1904, he sold the property for \$3,000, a windfall of \$2,100. This likely reflects the fact

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<sup>2</sup> Index to Real Estate Conveyances, Grantee, 1729-1954, New Hanover County (microfilm), State Archives, Raleigh; Books 6-23, 30, D, and LD-A (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh.

<sup>3</sup> Index to Real Estate Conveyances, Grantor, 1729-1954 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Books 21-46, 55, C, D, LD-A, and P (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh.

that he improved the property by constructing a building. Kennedy sold other tracts at a loss, such as part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 250 that he bought for \$150 in April 1891 and which he sold to Capt. John Barry for \$100 in September 1902.<sup>4</sup>

A few owners essentially transferred their property as gifts. For instance, barber Louis H. Peterson obtained parts of lots 2 and 3 in Block 187 in July 1898 for \$500. On December 2, 1904, Peterson presented the tract to Justin M. Bunting, a white Wilmington bookkeeper and manager, for \$1 and other valuable considerations, a relatively common practice. Another example of a land bequest occurred between Delia and Maria Wade. On July 28, 1892, Delia Wade, a cook, purchased a parcel of land in Block 80 for \$100. In March 1899, she gave the land to Maria Wade, presumably a relative, for \$1.<sup>5</sup>

Of the thirty-five deeds examined in detail, ten were sold for loss and fifteen for gain. Analysis indicated a high number of mortgages. Of thirty-five people, seventeen had mortgaged thirty tracts. Sometimes the property was mortgaged more than once. Dr. Thomas R. Mask had the most mortgages (five) with one loan for \$300; another for \$900, and three for \$1,000. Both financial institutions and individuals provided loans. The mortgage deeds indicated none of the borrowers defaulted on their loans.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Book 16, p. 196 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; *Directory of Wilmington, N.C., 1897* (Richmond, Va.: J. L. Hill Printing Co, 1897), 180 and 254; Book 25, p. 554 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 8, p. 85 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 38, p. 618, New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 7, p. 147 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 34, p. 609 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh.

<sup>5</sup> *Directory of Wilmington, N.C., 1900* (Richmond, Va.: J. L. Hill Printing Co, 1899), 57, 163, and 195; Book 23, p. 239 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 43, p. 187 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; *Directory of Wilmington, N.C., 1897* (J. L. Hill Printing Co., 1897), 245; Book 10, p. 301 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 24, p. 636 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh.

<sup>6</sup> Book 28, p. 72 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 42, p. 303 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 44, p. 531 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 37, p. 366 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 33, p. 354 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives,

An effort was made to find biographical data on all landowners. Some personal information was found for each person; more material could be found on some people than on others. Deed records provided names of spouses. The 1897 and 1900 Wilmington city directories offered home and business addresses, occupations, and business names. The 1900 population census gave additional data, such as age, birth month and year, and the number of family members. It also supplied addresses and occupations and whether the individual owned or rented their dwelling. The census recorded if a person's home was free of a mortgage. William M. Reaves' 1998 book "*Strength through Struggle*" was an invaluable source in furnishing detailed biographical material on some of the people. To find additional data, the compiler turned to death notices in Wilmington newspapers, the death register from city of Wilmington, the roster of North Carolina soldiers in the Spanish-American War, and the 1880 population census of New Hanover County.<sup>7</sup>

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Raleigh; Book 35, p. 475 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; Book 40, p. 148 (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh.

<sup>7</sup> Various Books (microfilm), New Hanover County Deeds, State Archives, Raleigh; *Directory of Wilmington, N.C., 1897* (Richmond, Va.: J. L. Hill Printing Co., 1897), various pages; *Directory of Wilmington, N.C., 1900* (Richmond, Va.: J. L. Hill Printing Co., 1899), various pages; Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900: New Hanover County, Population Schedule, National Archives, Washington, D.C. (microfilm, State Archives, Raleigh); William M. Reaves, "*Strength through Struggle*": *The Chronological and Historical Record of the African-American Community in Wilmington, North Carolina, 1865-1950*, ed. Beverly Tetterton (Wilmington, N.C.: New Hanover County Public Library, 1998), various pages; *Morning Star* (Wilmington, N.C.), March 27, 1903 and June 12, 1904, February 14, 1907, and February 23, 1911; *Evening Dispatch* (Wilmington, N.C.), February 22, 1911; *Wilmington Messenger*, February 14, 1907; Wilmington, N.C. Register of Deaths, 1903-1907, State Archives, Raleigh, *Roster of the North Carolina Volunteers in the Spanish-American War, 1898-1899* (Raleigh, N.C.: Edwards and Broughton and E. M. Uzzell, State Printers, 1900), 92-93, and 99; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880: New Hanover County, Population Schedule, National Archives, Washington, D.C. (microfilm, State Archives, Raleigh)

**Jones, Joseph J.;** 610 Eighth Street; Blacksmith (414 Nutt Street)

**Property Purchased:**

- Purchased with Henry Green; part of lots 1, 5, and 6 in Block 31 and all of lot 2 in Block 36; February 2, 1891; \$710 (DB 6, p 611).

**Property Sold:**

- Sold with N. B. Rankin; part of lots 4 and 5 in Block 31, October 6, 1904; Buyer: H. M. Millinor; \$75 (DB 43, p. 321).\*
- Sold with N. B. Rankin; western part of lots 5 and 6 in Block 31; December 6, 1904; Buyer: W. W. Cumming; \$300 (DB 43, p. 208).\*

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$335\*

**Kennedy, Lorenzo D.;** 48; b. April 1850; 701 Red Cross Street (Owned Home/Mortgage Free); Baker; spouse, Sarah Jane Kennedy; 6 children;

**Miscellaneous:**

- Giblem Masonic Lodge Officer, 1888 and 1889.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 250; April 4, 1891; \$150 (DB 7, p. 147).
- Part of lot 1 in Block 196; August 3, 1891; \$900 (DB 8, p. 85).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 250; September 25, 1902; \$100; Buyer: Capt. John Barry (DB 34, p. 609)
- Part of lot 1 in Block 196; February 26, 1904; \$3000; Buyer: Stephen W. Anan (DB 38, p. 618).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Located in Block 196; April 15, 1902; \$250 loan; Loaner: Mechanics Home Association; Discharged: February 26, 1905 (DB 34, p. 31).

**Loss or Gain:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 250: -\$50
- Part of lot 1 in Block 196: +\$2100

**Leonard, Hays/Hayes;** 38, b. June 1860; 715 South Sixth Street (Rented Home); Laborer/Stevedore; Spouse, Eliza A. Leonard; two children.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 4 in Block 64; May 15, 1894; \$10 (DB 17, p. 447).
- Part of lot 4 in Block 64; April 15, 1896; \$162.50 (DB 17, p. 448).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 64; March 29, 1902; \$90; Loaner: Manie Possion; Discharged: December 5, 1902 (DB 34, p. 24).

**Loftin, Isaac;** 48; May 1850; North-South Dock Street, First East of Fifteenth Street [1900 Directory]/1513 Dock Street [1900 Census] (Owned home/Mortgaged free); Huckster; Spouse, Elizabeth Loftin (Washwoman).

**Property Purchased:**

- Purchased with Mary Jane Polite; middle parts of lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 488; August 25, 1898; \$50. The Loftins had a life estate of on the property. Polite was to received the property after their deaths (DB 30, p. 585).

**Property Sold:**

- Sold with Mary Jane Polite; middle parts of lots 3, 4, and 5, in Block 488; June 25, 1901; \$200; Buyer: Asa A. Brown (DB 30, p. 588)

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$150

**Mallett, William P.;** 608 (1897) or 610 (1900) Campbell Street; Driver (1897) and Drayman (1900); Spouse, Jane/Janie Mallett; 5 children.

**Property Purchased:**

- 25 acres located in Cape Fear Township; March 18, 1891; \$25 (DB 7, p. 28).

**Property Sold:**

- 25 acres located in Cape Fear Township; February 25, 1904; \$75; Buyer: Louvenia Allen (DB 40, p. 252).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$50

**Mask, Dr. Thomas R.;** 36, October 2, 1863—February 19, 1911; 510 South Seventh Street (Owned Home/ Mortgage Free); Physician, Pharmacist, and Businessman (12 North Second Street [1897] and 510 South Seventh Street [1900]); Spouse, Carrie T. (Nash) Mask; 2 children; Assistant Surgeon, Third Regiment, North Carolina Troops, 1898; Member of Free Love Lode, Odd Fellows Lodge, and St. Luke's AME Church.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Medical degree from Leonard Medical School, Shaw University in 1888; First Spouse, Georgia (Simmons) Mask, d. January 6, 1894. He built a two-story ten room home at 409 Walnut Street in 1906.
- In his obituary, the *Morning Star* of February 23, 1911 stated that the doctor was "highly esteemed by whites and coloreds alike." Mask's funeral at St. Luke's Methodist Church was attended by blacks and whites. Dr. Charles F. Meserve, president of Shaw University, assisted in conducting the funeral service.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of the eastern part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 91; September 3, 1895; \$460 (DB 17, p. 403).
- Part of the middle of lot 1 in Block 89; January 1, 1896; \$275 (Block 17, p. 5)
- Part of lots 1 and 2 in Block 92; May 9, 1898; \$440 (DB 22, p. 687)

- Eastern end of the western half of lot 5 in Block 224; April 27, 1896; \$330 (DB 17, p. 503)
- Eastern end of lots 5 and 6 in Block 105; September 6, 1898; \$1200 (DB 23, p. 558)

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 1 and 2; July 9, 1902 in Block 92; \$675; Buyer: Isham Thompson (DB 33, p. 367).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lots 1 and 2 in Block 92; December 21, 1898; \$550; Loaner: Cooperative Building and Loan Association; Discharged: July 11, 1902 (DB 24, p. 470).
- Located in Block 105; March 10, 1900; \$1000; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: July 8, 1902 (DB 28, p. 72)
- Part of lot 1 in Block 89; January 9, 1905; \$1000; Citizens' Building and Loan Association; Discharged: February 19, 1907 (DB 42, p. 303).
- Part of lot 5 in Block 224; July 20, 1905; \$900; Loaner: North Carolina Home Building Association; Discharged: February 17, 1907 (DB 44, p. 531)
- Located in Block 91; October 13, 1903; \$300; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: August 13, 1906 (DB 37, p. 366).
- Located in Block 105; July 5, 1902; \$1000; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: January 9, 1907 (DB 33, p. 354).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$235

**Mathews/Matthews, Owen;** 49; May 1849-April 16, 1904; 1312 Brown's Alley (1897) and 520 North Seventh Street (1900); Porter; Spouse, Margie/Marg Matthews/Matthews (Grocer, Matthews and Spruell [Rosa], 700 Campbell Street [1900]); 1 child (adult);

**Miscellaneous:**

- Born, Sampson County; Deacon and Treasurer for Central Baptist Church; Died at age of 55 of Bright's disease; Attending physician at death was Dr. Thomas R. Mask; Buried, Pine Forest Cemetery; Memorial service held at Central Baptist Church on June 12, 1904..

**Property Purchased:**

- Western part of lot 1 in Block 238; March 14, 1898; \$650 (DB 21, p. 498)

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Located in Block 238; March 12, 1903; \$700; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: April 6, 1909 (DB 35, p. 402).

**McDuffie/McDuffee, John N.;** Spouse, Missouri McDuffie/McDuffee;

**Miscellaneous**

- Foreman of Cape Fear Fire Company, 1887-1888.

**Property Purchased:**

- Western part of lots 5 and 6 in Block 96; July 14, 1893; \$175 (DB 12, p. 182).



- West part of lots 5 and 6, Block 96; October 6, 1897; \$200 (DB 22, p. 57)

**Property Sold:**

- Western part of lots 5 and 6 in Block 96; January 16, 1905; \$160; Buyer: J. H. Mack (DB 44, p. 72).

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$15 or -\$40\*

**McFarland/McFarlan, Joseph;** 32; b. April 1866; 710 South Ninth Streets (Owned Home/Mortgage Free); Driver; Spouse, Mary McFarland/McFarlan; 4 children

**Property Purchased:**

- Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 22 (\$75) and all of Block 24 containing 6 full lots (\$200); \$275 (DB 17, 451).

**Property Sold:**

- Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 24; March 13, 1900; \$350; Buyer: Charles S. Burnett (DB 28, p. 38).
- Second quarter of lot 4 in Block 22; May 22, 1900; \$65; Buyer: Andrew Green (DB 27, p. 686).
- Part of lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 22; September 4, 1902 (\$75) & January 4, 1904 (\$1; deed correction relating to improper naming of a street); \$76; Buyer: Charles S. Burnett (DB 34, p. 484 and DB 44, p. 484).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$216\*

**McKoy, Henry;** 56; b. May 1842; 816 Castle Street (1900 Census listed McKoy residing on a farm in the Cape Fear Township, New Hanover County); Laborer (1897)/Farmer (1900); Spouse, Rozella/Rosella McKoy.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 80; July 12, 1894; \$250 (DB 13, p. 629).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 80; June 11, 1900; \$275; Buyer: Robert H. Willis (DB 29, p. 98).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$25

**Miller, Thomas C.;** 50, ca. 1880-March 26, 1903; 216 Castle Street; Real Estate Agent and Pawnbroker (7-9 Dock Street); Spouse, Annie E. Miller

**Miscellaneous:**

- Deputy Sheriff, 1880; Mail Carrier, ca. 1883; Liquor Dealer; First Spouse, Margaret (Johnson) Miller (d. July 12, 1896); 1 child.

- Exiled from Wilmington, 1898; Resided in Philadelphia as widower by 1901; Resided in Norfolk, Virginia, ca. 1898-1903; Barroom proprietor in Norfolk.

**Property Purchased:**

- Tract 1: Eastern half of lot 4 in Block 309 (\$285) and Tract 2: 25 acres in Cape Fear Township being part of old Rock Hill Plantation (\$35); August 13, 1895; \$320 (DB 18, p. 457)
- Part of lot 1 in Block 238; March 18, 1896; \$950 (DB 18, p. 664)
- Part of lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 163; March 29, 1897; \$750 (DB 21, p. 248)
- Tract 1: Anderson & Gwynn Streets (Lot Description) and Tract 2: Part of lot 1 in Block 211; April 12, 1897; \$450 (DB 20, p. 77)
- Part of lot 3 in Block 148; December 28, 1897; \$150 (DB 23, p. 698)
- Part of the western half of lot 2 in Block 224; April 9, 1898; \$410 (DB 22, p. 692)

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 163; November 10, 1899; \$500; Buyer: W. M. Cummings (DB 27, p. 161)
- Part of the northwestern quarter of lot 2 in Block 224; April 15, 1901; \$1500; Buyer: Andrew J. Walker (DB 30, p. 392)
- Part of lot 3 in Block 148; February 3, 1902; \$60.58; Buyer: Sylvia Washington (DB 31, p. 667)
- Eastern half of lot 4 in Block 309; October 25, 1902; \$350; Buyer: John W. Batson (DB 35, p. 9)
- Part of the western half of lot 1 in Block 238; March 12, 1903; \$500; Buyer: W. A. McGowan (DB 35, p. 399)

**Loss or Gain**

- -\$119.42

**Mitchell, John Wesley**, 818 Castle Street; Fish Dealer (1897) and Huckster (1900); Spouse, Melissa C. Mitchell.

**Property Purchased:**

- Eastern quarter of lot 1 in Block 80; December 29, 1894; \$425 (DB 13, p. 173).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 80; April 5, 1899; \$500; Loaner: Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association; Discharged: December 5, 1905 (DB 24, p. 605).
- Part of lot 1 in Block 80; December 1, 1905; \$150; Loaner: Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association; Discharged: March 30, 1908 (DB 46, p. 373).

**Mitchell, William H.**, 709 Campbell Street; Painter (Fourth Street near Walnut); Spouse, Sophia Mitchell.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Mitchell served as financial secretary of the Cape Fear Mutual baseball team. The 1897

- City Directory showed a laborer named William H. Mitchell also residing at 709 Campbell Street. This was probably the painter's son.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 252; March 8, 1895; \$425 (DB 15, p. 198)

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 252; July 17, 1900; \$300; Loaner: Metropolitan Trust Company (DB 29, p. 163).

**Moore, William H.;** 61; February 17, 1837-April 17, 1918; 1314 Market Street; Job Printer (1897, 6 [Mulberry] Grace) and Printer, News Dealer, and Sign Painter (1900, 14 [Mulberry] Grace).

**Miscellaneous:**

- Held the offices of constable, magistrate, registrar, and justice of the peace after the Civil War.
- Worked as a detective in 1869 for Republican mayor of Wilmington;
- N.C. House of Representative, 1874-1875; N.C. State Senate, 1876-1877.
- Owner of *The Home News*. Moore also worked as a farmer and doctor.
- Moore had a telephone in 1900.

**Moore, William H.;** Brown's Alley; Laborer.

**Moore, William H.;** 709 Hanover Street; Laborer

It is not clear which William H. Moore owned the tract.

Spouse, Mary Jane Moore listed on transaction in DB 43, p. 392. However, *Strength through Struggle* mentioned that printer Moore's wife's name was Susan.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 3, 5, and 8 in Block 188; March 24, 1897; \$125 (DB 19, p. 385)

**Property Sold:**

- Moore sold his half of the property being parts of lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 188; April 25, 1905; \$75; Buyer Garnett D. Hargrave (DB 43, p. 391). Hargrave purchased the other half from Lydia Lewis on March 20, 1905, for \$1 and other considerations (DB 43, p. 390)

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$50\*

**Moseley/Mosely, Washington;** Bladen Street near Eighth Street (1897) and 803 Bladen Street (1900); Grocer (1900) and Laborer (1900); Lucinda Moseley/Mosely.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Moseley and his wife was residing in Wake County by 1904.

**Property Purchased:**

- Western part of lot 6 in Block 297; September 5, 1892; \$79.42 (DB 10, p. 483)

**Property Sold:**

- Western part of lot 6 in Block 297; April 18, 1904; \$375; Buyer: A. G. Sartor of Augusta, Ga. (DB 41, p. 212)

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$295.58

**Murray, Julius A.;** 510 Walnut Street (1897) and 211 Church Street (1900); Barber (105 Princess Street [1897] and 28 North Front Street [1900]); Nannie A. Murray.

**Miscellaneous:**

- From 1898 to 1905, Murray and Yarborough were partners. The barber shop featured hot and cold baths. The partnership dissolved after sixteen years. Murray opened his own barber shop at the Heyer Building, located at the southwest corner of Front and Chestnut Streets.
- In 1889, Murray served as the manager of the Cape Fear Fowlers baseball team.
- In January 1924 when Wilmington's "Colored Chamber of Commerce" was formed, Murray became its first vice-president.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 6 in Block 101; March 15, 1897; \$795.42 (DB 19, p. 578).

**Property Sold:**

- Middle part of lot 6 in Block 101; December 15, 1902; \$1 and other valuable considerations; Buyer: John H. Grove Jr. (DB 36, p. 127).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lot 5 and 6 in Block 101; April 1, 1899; \$600; Loaner: Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association; Discharged: October 2, 1905
- Middle part of lot 6 in Block 101; March 2, 1905; \$375; Loaner: W. B. Cooper; Discharged: December 6, 1905 (DB 43, p. 323)
- Part of lot 6 in Block 101; December 5, 1905; \$600; Loaner: Clarendon Saving and Loan Association; Discharged: November 16, 1908 (DB 45, p. 526)

**Nixon, Jane/Janey/Janie;** 38; b. May 1860; 707 Hanover Street (Owned home/Mortgage free); Spouse, John O. Nixon (Grocer); 6 children.

**Miscellaneous:**

- John O. Nixon's grocery store was located at 801 Nixon Street. As a Republican, he served several terms on the Wilmington Board of Aldermen. Nixon ran for the General Assembly in 1898.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 339; December 20, 1893; \$400 (Purchased from her husband; DB 12, p. 654) Property Description needed
- Part of lot 1 in Block 326; December 22, 1893; \$100 (Purchased from her husband; DB 12, p. 652) Description of lot needed.

**Property Sold:**

- Middle part of lot 1 in Block 326; September 1, 1900; \$25; Buyer: W. M. Cumming (DB 29, p. 349)

- Sold with Simon Ashe; Eastern part of lots 1 and 2 in Block 326; September 4, 1900; \$25; Buyer: W. M. Cumming (DB 29, p. 351)
- Beginning at NE corner of 8th & Nixon & running thence in an E direction along the N line of Nixon 50 ft, thence in N direction parallel with 8th 55 ft thence in a W direction parallel with Nixon 50 ft thence in a S direction along the line of 8th 55 ft to the point or place of beginning to wit the NE corner of 8th & Nixon (Part of lot 5 in Block 339?); August 3, 1901; \$365; Buyer: Charles Wessell (DB 32, p. 161)

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$85\*

**Peterson, Louis H.;** 39; b. May 1859; 4 Princess Rooms, Fifth and Walnut Streets (1897) and 111 North Eleventh Street (1900; Owned home/Mortgaged free); Barber; Spouse, Katie/Kate Peterson; 2 children.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 187; July 12, 1898; \$500 (DB 23, p. 219)

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 187 being the same conveyed by J. M. Bunting to Louis H. Peterson and recorded in DB 23, p. 219; December 2, 1904; \$1 and other valuable considerations; Buyer: H. F. Wilder (DB 43, p. 187)\*

**Property Mortgaged:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 187; July 12, 1898; \$365; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: January 8, 1902 (DB 23, p. 220)
- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 187; July 13, 1898; \$215; Loaner: Justin M. Bunting; Discharged: January 8, 1902 (DB 23, p. 220)

**Rivera, Thomas Jr.;** 39; b. December 1859; 711 Walnut Street (1897) and 410 North Seventh Street (1900; Owned home/Mortgage free); Funeral Director/Undertaker, 703 North Fourth Street; Spouse, Eliza E. Rivera; 6 children.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Rivera was the adopted child of Thomas Rivera Sr. His father was an undertaker, ca. 1880-1900; his business was located at 11 North Third Street.
- Rivera operated his funeral business from ca. 1894 to 1906. By 1906, he moved his business to Durham.

**Property Purchased:**

- West part of lot 3 in Block 224; September 19, 1898; \$450 (DB 23, p. 482).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- In Block 224; July 3, 1902; \$300; Loaner: Mechanics' Home Association; Discharged: January 11, 1905 (DB 33, p. 343).
- Part of lot 3 in Block 224; January 6, 1905; \$400; Loaner: Martin Schibben; Discharged: June 6, 1906 (DB 43, p. 234).

- Part of lot 3 in Block 224; April 13, 1905; \$655; Loaner: Martin Schnibben; Discharged: June 4, 1906 (DB 43, p. 359).
- Part of lot 3 in Block 224; September 14, 1905; \$650; Loaner: Martin Schnibben; Discharged: June 4, 1906 (DB 45, p. 224).

**Royall/Royal, Fannie (Hill);** 312 Brunswick Street (Rented home); Spouse, Obadiah/Obediah Royall/Royal (Laborer [1898 and 1900] and Drayman [1900]).

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 278; July 21, 1891; \$200 (DB 9, p. 552).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 278; September 26, 1899; \$500; Buyer: James A. Wright (DB 27, p. 59).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$300

**Sharpless, Salina/Serlina/Serliner;** 68, b. December 1829; Cape Fear Township (Owned Farm/Mortgage Free); Spouse, Abraham Sharpless (Farmer); 1 nine month old granddaughter residing in 1900.

**Property Purchased:**

- 5 acres; part of land commonly know as the Hermitage; September 16, 1891; \$25 (DB 9, p. 157).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- 5 acres; part of land commonly known as the Hermitage; January 1, 1900; \$36; Loaner: Sam Blossom (DB 30, p. 197).

**Sidbury/Siduary/Sidberry, Walter;** 32; b. May 1866; 111 McRae's Alley; Laborer; Spouse, Mary Ann Sidbury/Siduary/Sidberry (Washwoman).

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 326; May 23, 1895; \$50 (DB 15, p. 571).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 326; December 22, 1902; \$65; Buyer: W. A. Cumming (DB 36, p. 298).
- Part of lot 2 in Block 326; February 21, 1905; \$200 (DB 44, p. 76).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +15\*

**Simmons, Susan;** 211 Beatty's Alley

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 262; December 11, 1895; \$365 (DB 22, p. 147)

**Property Mortgage:**

- Part of lots 2 and 3 in Block 262; June 14, 1901; \$67.22; Loaner: Salle E. Marshall (DB 31, p. 267).

**Sims, Rev. Lawrence B.;** Reverend, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church; Spouse, Sarah E. Sims.

**Property Purchased:**

- Western part of lot 4 in Block 238; March 25, 1893; \$400 (DB 15, p. 1).

**Property Sold:**

- Western part of lot 4 in Block 238; July 4, 1904; \$950; Buyer: Lorenzo D. Kennedy (DB 39, p. 577).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$550

**Spell/Spells, Rev. Joseph;** 48; b. March 1850; 1318 North Sixth Street; Reverend, First Baptist Church; Spouse, Lizzie Spell/Spells; 4 children.

**Miscellaneous:**

- When the United Charities was formed on December 31, 1894, Rev. Spells served on the first board of directors.
- By May 1900, Rev. Spells was living in Wooten, Ohio while his wife still remained in Wilmington.

**Property Purchased:**

- Western half of lots 1 and 2 in Block 349; March 9, 1896; \$25; Seller: Trustees (J. M. Yarborough, March E. Walker, and Charles/Charley L. June) of the First Baptist Church Colored of Wilmington (DB 17, p. 350).

**Property Mortgage:**

- Western half of lots 1 and 2 in Block 349; August 17, 1900; \$125; Loaner: D. L. Gore; Discharged: September 3, 1902 (DB 28, p. 514)

**Summers, Laurence;** Spouse, Charity Summers.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lots 5 and 6 in Block 134; July 27, 1897; \$212 (DB 20, p. 422)

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 5 and 6 in Block 134; December 2, 1897; \$100; Buyer: Solomon Sternberger Jr. and and Julius Sternberger (DB 23, p. 642)

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$112

**Swan/Swann, Louisa/Louise C. (Flanagan);** 45, April 1853; Market Street corner Seventeenth Street (1897) and 1621 Market Street (1900; Owned home/Free mortgage);

Grocer, Spouse, William Swan/Swann; 2 sons, 2 grandchildren, 1 daughter-in-law, and 1 mother-in-law.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Roger Swan/Swann, a porter, featured in 1897 city directory as residing at Market Street corner Seventeenth Street.
- The 1900 census listed Swan as a widow. Her husband Roger Swan was not listed in the 1897 city directory, meaning she may have been a widow prior to 1897.

**Property Purchased:**

- 17 5/8 acres near 2 mile post of W and TS Plank Road; June 20, 1891; \$525; Swan had previously owned the land when she still had her maiden name of Flanagan (DB 8, p. 282).

**Property Sold:**

- 17 5/8 acres near 2 mile post of W and TS Plank Road; Conveyed to Lousia C. Swan by deed from George Harris and recorded in DB 8, page 282; September 5, 1900; \$1; Buyer: Edward Swan (DB 32, p. 636).

**Taylor, Lucy Ann;** 59; b. April 1839; 914 Murpheys Alley (Owned home/Mortgage free); Washwoman; Widow (1900); 6 grandchildren.

**Taylor, Lucy;** 58, b. March 1840; 318 South Third Street; Cook; Single; Enumerated with a 58 year old white widow named Kate Cummings and the white woman's 3 neices.

It is unclear which Lucy Taylor owned the property.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of the western half of lot 3 in Block 239; 1895; \$150 (DB 16, p. 550)

**Property Sold:**

- Part of the western half of lot 3 in Block 239; February 28, 1900; \$100; Buyer: Margaret E. Heyer (DB 27, p. 386)

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$50

**Waddell/Waddel, Rosannah/Rosa;** 78; b. March 1820; 212 Castle Street; Enumerated with her grandson, Edward Guion/Guyon, barber, and his wife and son.

**Property Purchased:**

- Middle part of lots 1 and 2 in Block 74; June 25, 1892; \$600 (DB 10, p. 289).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lots 1 and 2 in Block 74; August 15, 1905; \$1000; Buyer: J. F. Baggett (DB 44, p. 681).

**Loss or Gain**

- +\$400



**Wade, Delia;** 612 South Ninth Street, Cook.

**Property Purchased:**

- Southeast quarter of lot 3 in Block 80; July 28, 1892; \$100; Sold by James Wilson (DB 10, p. 301).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of southeastern one-quarter of lot 4 in Block 80; March 8, 1899; \$1; Buyer: Maria Wade, tract was conveyed to Delia Wade from James Wilson, July 28, 1892 (DB 24, p. 636. The 1899 deed is the same as the earlier one. Evidently, a mistake was made on the lot numbers.).

**Walker, Andrew Jackson;** 41; 1857-February 13, 1907; 1109 North Fifth Street; Stevedore and Custodian (Seaboard Air Line Building); Spouse, Florence W. (Taylor) Walker; 2 children.

- Officer Free Love Lodge No. 1469, Order of Odd Fellows, 1875-1876; Officer for Cape Fear Tent No. 1, Grand United Order of Rechabites (temperance organization), 1884; Officer of Giblem Masonic Lodge, Grand Lodge of Colored Masons of North Carolina; Member of Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley and Wilmington, Onslow, & East Carolina Railroad Club, 1888; Wilmington Board of Alderman (First Ward), 1890 and 1896-1897; Magistrate, 1896; President of the Emancipation Proclamation Society, 1898; Original member of Board of Deacons and First Sunday School Superintendent, Central Baptist; Major, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, North Carolina Volunteer, 1898-1899; Part of group the reincorporated Wilmington Colored Educational Institute, 1898.
- On February 8, 1900, Walker lost a house he owned to fire that also destroyed the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.
- Buried at the National Cemetery in Wilmington.

**Property Purchased**

- Part of lots 3 and 4 in Block 324; January 19, 1898; \$600 (DB 21, p. 590)

**Property Sold**

- Part of lots 3 and 4 in Block 324; January 8, 1902; \$400; Buyer: Lucy A. Smith (DB 32, p. 489)

**Property Mortgage**

- Part of lots 3 and 4 in Block 324; December 31, 1900; \$150; Loaner: Cooperative Building and Loan Association (DB 29, p. 470)

**Loss or Gain**

- -\$200

**Walker, Margaret/Maggie;** 50; May 1858; 711 Hanover Street (Owned home/Mortgage free); Cook; Widow; 4 sisters, 2 nieces, and 1 nephew.  
711 Hanover Street (1897 and 1900 City Directory)

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 267; August 1896; \$451 (DB 18, p. 275)

**Property Mortgage:**

- Part of lot 5 in Block 267; February 19, 1903; \$135; Loaner: Clarendon Savings and Loan Association; Discharged: September 6, 1911 (DB 35, p. 475).
- Part of lot 5 in Block 267; February 22, 1904; \$360; Loaner: Clarendon Savings and Loan; Discharged: August 25, 1910 (DB 40, p. 148).

**Washington, Simon;** 515 South Ninth Street; Laborer; Spouse, Mary Washington.

**Property Purchased**

- In Block 40; June 15, 1891; \$110 (DB 7, p. 658).

**Property Sold:**

- In Block 40; January 11, 1898; \$1; Buyer: People's Perpetual Building and Loan Association (DB 22, p. 323).

**Property Mortgaged:**

- In Block 40; April 8, 1896; Loan amount unknown; Loaner: People's Perpetual Building and Loan Association (DB 22, p. 73).

**White, Alfred;** 908 North Second Street (Owned home/Mortgage Free); Laborer/Stevedore; Spouse, Lucinda White; 1 daughter and mother-in-law residing.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Wounded during the riot.

**Property Purchased:**

- Located in Block 291; Situated in Wilmington on Second Street between Bladen and Harnett Streets; June 29, 1892; \$225 (DB 10, p. 685).

**Property Mortgage:**

- Southwestern portion of lot 4 in Block 291; May 7, 1900; \$62.20; Loaner: D. L. Gore (DB 28, p. 278).

**White, Robert Henry;** 29; b. March 1869; 906 Green Street (Owned home/Mortgage free); Grocer (520 Dickinson Street); Spouse, Fannie E. White; 1 child and 1 sister

**Miscellaneous:**

- Member, St. Stephen A. M. E. Church. Following fire that struck the church's main building in 1915, White served as a manager for a cantata called Joseph and His Brethren to raise money for its rebuilding
- Board of Trustees, YMCA, 1919. During this time the YMCA launched a campaign to construct a new building.

**Property Purchased**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 255; April 17, 1894; \$100 (DB 13, p. 253).
- Middle part of lot 1 in Block 255; September 17, 1897; \$100 (DB 23, p. 387).

**Property Sold**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 255; September 18, 1901; \$500 (DB 32, p. 227).

**Property Mortgage**

- Part of lot 1 in Block 255; June 17, 1899; \$225; Loaner: Cooperative Building and Loan Association; Discharged: October 23, 1900 (DB 26, p. 53).
- Part of lot 1 in Block 255; October 22, 1900; \$275; Loaner: Cooperative Building and Loan Association; Discharged: September 21, 1901 (DB 28, p. 689).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$400

**Williams, Edward/Ed;** 38; May 1860; 921 Rankin Street (Owned home/Mortgage free); Teamster/Drayman; Spouse, Elsie/Elcey Williams (Laundress); 5 sons and wife's brother residing.

**Property Purchased:**

- Eastern half of lot 5 in Block 240; July 1, 1896; \$500 (DB 18, p. 326).

**Property Mortgage:**

- Part of the eastern half of lot 5 in Block 240; September 18, 1903; \$400; Loaner: Cooperative Building and Loan Association; Discharged: July 19, 1909 (DB 37, p. 325).

**Williams, Mary Jane;** 619 South Eighth Street; Washwoman; 2 children.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Living with her brother-in-law George Spicer (Drayman) along with his wife, and two children. Her mother Jane Williams lived in the same residence. The dwelling was rented.

**Property Purchased:**

- Tract 1: Part of lots 3 and 4 in Block 339; Tract 2: 21 acres in Cape Fear Township (Old Avenue of Rock Hill Plantation); December 5, 1895; \$2 (DB 21, p. 526).

**Property Sold:**

- 21 acres in Cape Fear Township (Old Avenue of Rock Hill Plantation); August 29, 1899; \$250; Buyer: Noah Barry? (DB 26, p. 238)

**Property Mortgage:**

- 21 acres (Old Avenue of Rock Hill Plantation) and 5 adjoining acres; February 21, 1899; \$80; Loaner: Charles E. Shaw; Discharged: September 2, 1899 (DB 25, p. 201).
- Part of lots 3 and 4 in Lot 339; January 10, 1900; \$75; Williams is indebted to Herbert McClammy, an attorney, for professional services (DB 26, p. 619).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$248

**Williams, Stephen;** 231 South Twelfth Street; Laborer; Spouse, Eliza J. Williams.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of the west half of lot 4 in Block 137; March 8, 1895; \$137 (DB 16, p. 396).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of the western half of lot 4 in Block 137; June 8, 1899; \$50; Buyer: Du Brutz Cutlar (DB 25, p. 554).

**Loss or Gain:**

- -\$87

**Wright, Buchanan/Buck C.;** 620 Tenth Street; Deputy Sheriff.

**Miscellaneous:**

- By June 1903, Wright was living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Property Purchased:**

- Part of lot 6 in Block 76; August 1897; \$125 (DB 20, p. 535).

**Property Sold:**

- Part of lot 6 in Block 76; June 10, 1903; \$400; Buyer: Thomas H. Wright (DB 37, p. 18).

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$275

**Wright, Nathan;** Spouse, Violet Wright

**Property Purchased**

- Part of the east half of lot 4 in Block 347; an agreement dated November 23, 1893 between Wright and Simon McCoy allowed the former to obtain the tract for \$275 by pay installments with an initial payment of \$105 at no interest (DB 12, p. 560); Deed Conveyed, December 23, 1898, \$275 (DB 28, p. 300).

**Property Sold**

- Part of lot 4 in Block 347; October 23, 1905; \$400 (DB 45, p. 410)

**Loss or Gain:**

- +\$125