Historic Seattle Building Dialogue: The CaytonRevels House

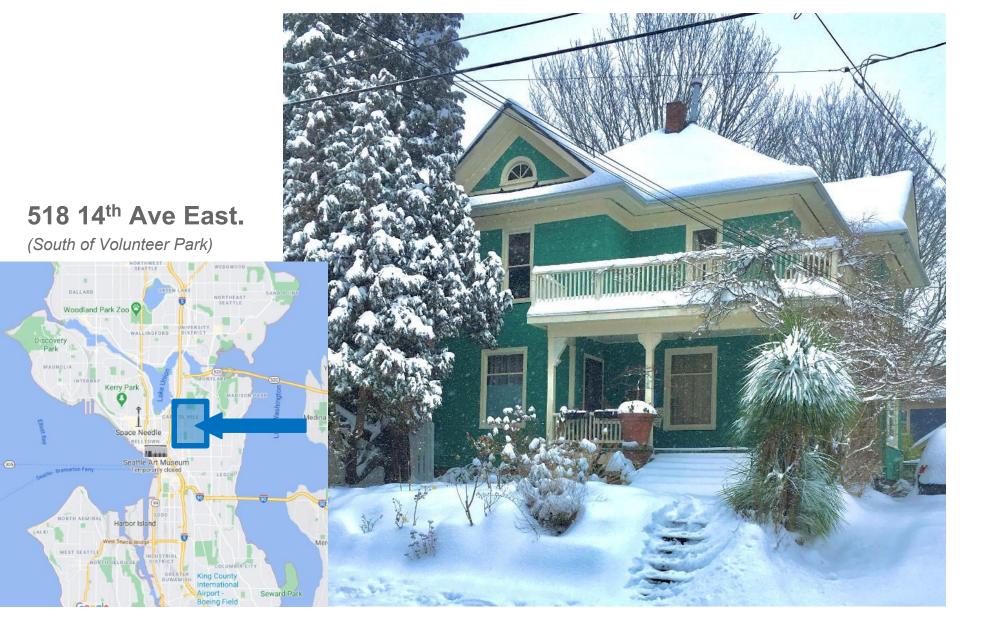




Photo: The Seattle Republican, September 3, 1909



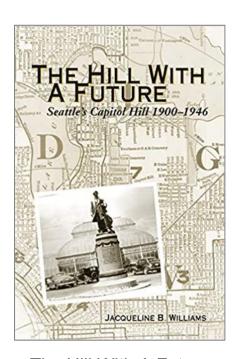
Cayton family, circa 1904 Photo: Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library



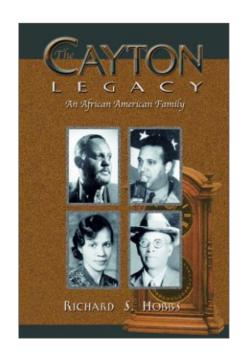




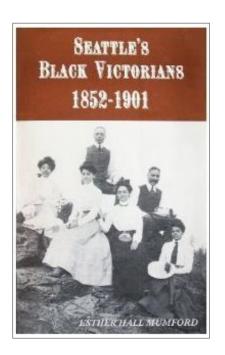




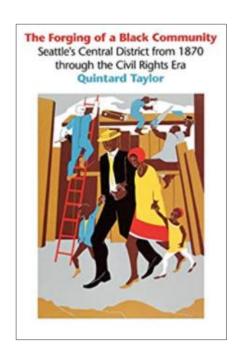
The Hill With A Future **Jacqueline B. Williams**



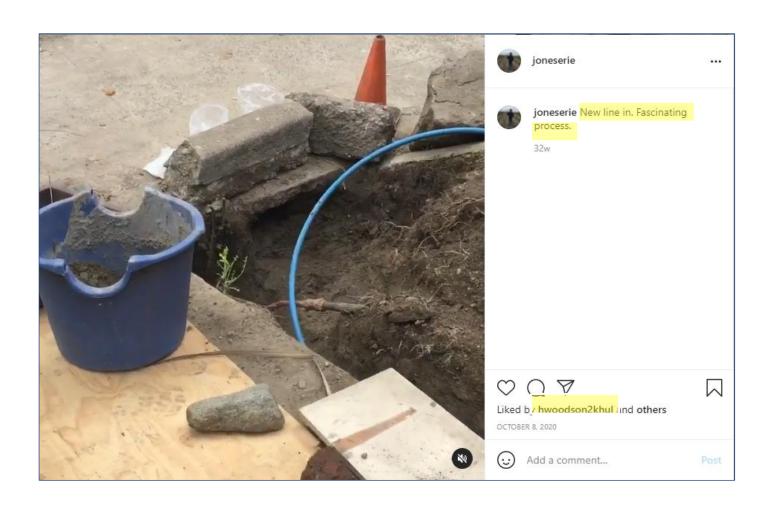
The Cayton Legacy Richard S. Hobbs



Seattle's Black Victorians
Esther Hall Mumford



The Forging of a Black Community Quintard Taylor



Nominating A Landmark: The Required Criterion

Criterion for Designation

- **Criterion A** It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation
- Criterion B It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation
- Criterion C It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation
- Criterion D- It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction
- Criterion E It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder
- **Criterion F-** Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.

Criterion B:

Associated with <u>a person</u> important in the history of the City, state, or nation



Photo: Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library Cayton family, circa 1904

- Horace Cayton published one of the most-read newspapers in the city from 1894-1913, the Black-owned Seattle Republican
- Susie is the daughter of Hiram Revels, the first Black U.S. Senator (Mississippi, 1870); she is also likely Seattle's first female Associate Editor in 1900
- Both made significant contributions to the development of early Seattle including:
 - Republican party politics
 - Children's Hospital policies
 - Founding of Seattle NAACP
 - Civil rights activism

Criterion C:

Associated with an aspect of the <u>cultural</u>, <u>political</u>, <u>or economic heritage</u> of the community, City, state or nation

- Women's history
- Black American history
- Civil rights activism
- History of journalism
- History of local politics
- Regional racial discrimination



Criterion A:

Associated with a <u>historic event</u> with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation

THE SATTLE REPUBLICAN

ONLY THE NEGRO NOT WANTED.

Daniel Jones, the Seattle real estate shark, went into court a few days ago and swore that the owning and occupying of real estate on the part of a Negro "in an exclusive community," which is a community where the property is sold at a big price and building restrictions are imposed in order to prevent only gold bugs from living thereon, greatly depreciated the value of that property.

The Seattle Republican, Vol. 15, No 24, April 9, 1909

First documented instance of racial residential discrimination against Black Americans in Seattle.

- Real estate broker Daniel Jones sued Cayton in 1909 for lowering property values by living in his Capitol Hill home.
- Jones developed much of Seattle including Squire Park and Mt. Baker-and went on to famously try to stop other Black Americans from moving to his Mt. Baker developments.
- Capitol Hill officially began incorporating racial restrictive covenants in property deeds in the 1920s.

Criterion D:

Embodies characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction

The Cayton-Revels House embodies distinctive visible characteristics of **plan or pattern book Queen Anne homes** erected on speculation by builders.



Design No. 511, The Radford American Homes



Cayton-Revels House, 1937 (built 1902)



MLK Birth Home; Atlanta, GA (built 1895)

Applying the Criterion for Designation

Example: Black Panther Party Seattle Headquarters (Madrona)

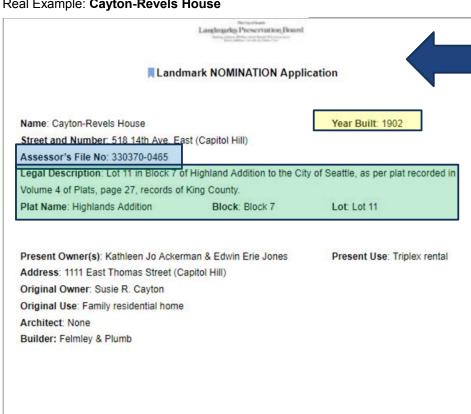


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Nominating A Landmark: The Proposal

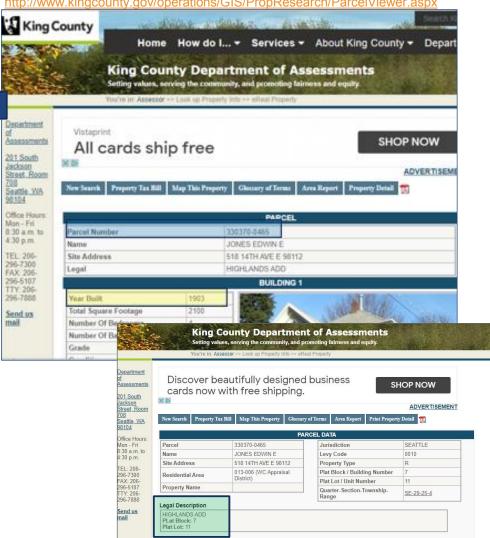
Nomination Application

Real Example: Cayton-Revels House

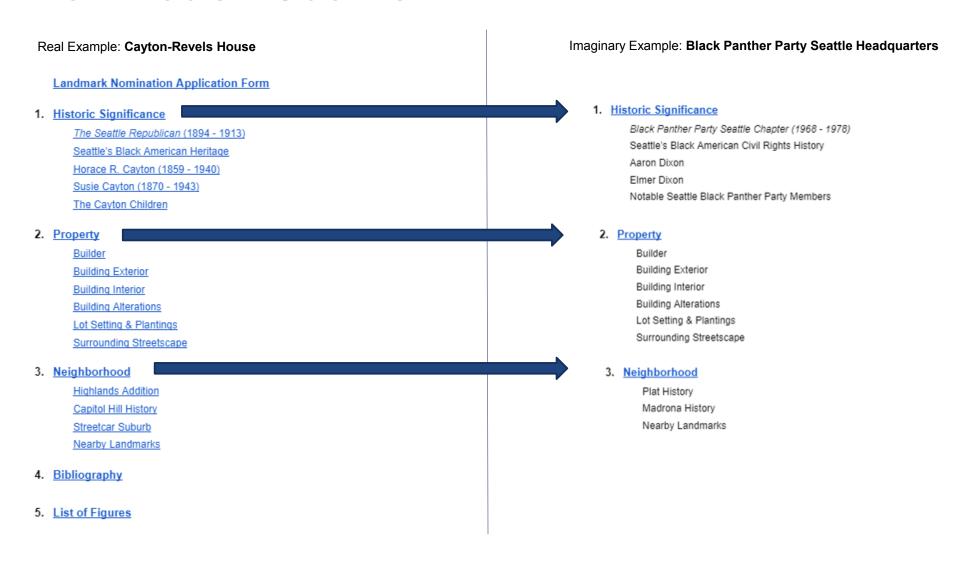


King County Parcel Viewer

http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/GIS/PropResearch/ParcelViewer.aspx



Nomination Outline



Research Resources

Real Example: Cayton-Revels House

Landmark Nomination Application Form

1. Historic Significance

The Seattle Republican (1894 - 1913)

Seattle's Black American Heritage

Horace R. Cayton (1859 - 1940)

Susie Cayton (1870 - 1943)

The Cayton Children

2. Property

Builder

Building Exterior

Building Interior

Building Alterations

Lot Setting & Plantings

Surrounding Streetscape

3. Neighborhood

Highlands Addition

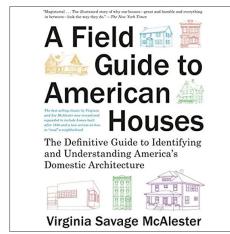
Capitol Hill History

Streetcar Suburb

Nearby Landmarks

- 4. Bibliography
- 5. List of Figures

- Washington Digital Newspapers, https://washingtondigitalnewspapers.org
- Library of Congress, https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov
- HistoryLink.org, https://historylink.org/
- The Seattle Times Archive (subscription required)
- "A Field Guide to American Houses"
- by Virginia Savage McAlester
- Google Search!



King County Resources for Property History Research

https://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/search-collections/research-tips-and-tools/resources-for-property-history-research



Collection Search

Browse Archives Collections

Digital Archives

Search Legislative Records

> Resources by Council District

✓ Research Tips & Tools

> Resources for Property History Research

Resources for Genealogical Research

Resources for Property History Research

There are many different avenues to research the history of a particular building or piece of property. One place to start is the King County Parcel Viewer , which is searchable by address or parcel number. This database includes information such as the property's legal description, appraised value, recent sales, square footage, and building construction and features. It also links to Assessor's property reports, GIS information, property tax information, and other resources.

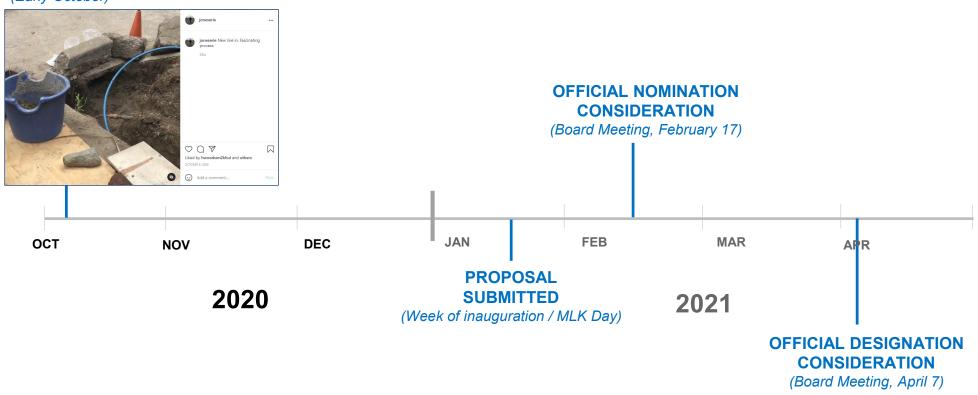
The **King County Recorder's Office** 🗹 holds real property records including deeds, easements, mortgage documents, liens, and bills of sale. Tracing these documents back through time will reveal owners' names and other information. You may **search online** 🗹 for these records as well as excise tax information, registered land, and plat names. Recordings prior to 1991 that are not available on the Recorder's website can be accessed at the **King County Archives** 🗹.

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections **Microfilm Library** has building permits from the 1890s to the present and building plans for single-family residences from 1974 to the present.

Fire insurance maps, such as Sanborns, can also be useful for researching building histories and land use. The Seattle Public Library has **Sanborn maps available online** [7], accessible

INITIAL MEETING

(Early October)





Susan Cayton Woodson (1918 – 2013)