Commemorating Southeast Lancaster Heritage Notable People & Events in Community History

Number	TITLE	ΤΟΡΙϹ	LOCATION	Number	TITLE	ΤΟΡΙϹ	LOCATION
1	Stevens-Greenland Cemetery	Last public burial ground for African Americans	South Duke Street, near Conestoga River crossing	9	Conestoga Elks Lodge-now Belco Federal Credit Union	Originally built as a Black Fraternal lodge. Olympic medal winner Barney Ewell worked here in his later years	South Duke at North Street
2	Saint Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church	Diversity in faith communities & how some predominantly Black churches moved often, at times against their will	South Duke near Susquehanna Street	10 11	Sumner House Hotel- Site Home of Sadie Harlem—	First hotel owned and operated by African Americans. Est. 1870s Barney Ewell's 1 st track coach who encouraged him	314-316– Howard Avenue North & Rockland Streets
3 4	Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Bethel AME Church Cemetery	Oldest Black Congregation in Lancaster County: members had Underground Railroad connections Graves of Black Civil War veterans and community leaders	Strawberry & North Street Strawberry & North Streets	12	Site Roberto Clemente Park	to overcome the polio affliction in his leg by racing in school Puerto Rican Heritage pride, honoring star baseball player and international humanitarian	South Duke at Dauphin Street
5	Lancaster In "Green Book" c. 1940	Place of rare hospitality here for African American travelers during early to mid 20th century	Home of Abram Polite, Sr., 540 North Street	13	Urban Renewal & its hard impact on community	Widespread displacement of nearly all homes and businesses along east side of South Duke Street Corridor	South Duke St. Corridor
6	Home of James Clendenin	Early Black business and property owner, circa 1820. He helped form a new church that, by late 19th century became Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.	Howard Avenue, possibly No. 515; then known as Middle Street	14	Ebenezer Baptist Church, est. circa 1905, now Church The Light of the World	Illustrates diversity of faith communities; original building was a mission church of St. James Episcopal Church, est. circa 1870. Now, independent church in the community.	Lime & Locust Streets- Northeast corner
7	Crispus Attucks Community Center	Youth education & recreation facility. Building dedicated, 1942; organization established late 1920s	South Duke Street at Howard Avenue	15	Sprenger Brewery— Site	Major employer, but limited opportunities for people of color	Lime & Locust Streets-
8	Dr. Copper & other early Black physicians— Site	Pioneers who aided African Americans' access to basic medical care, widely deprived well into the 20 th century	400 Block, Duke Street	16	Spanish American Civic Association (SACA)	Recognizing Iris MacRae, first SACA Board Chair; brought community development and anti-drug actions to area and bilingual education at School District of Lancaster in the 1970s	South Lime at Chester Street

E

S

SEYMOUR ST

HAZEL ST

ANDREW ST

S

-

EZ

S



13

Z

SH

SDUKE

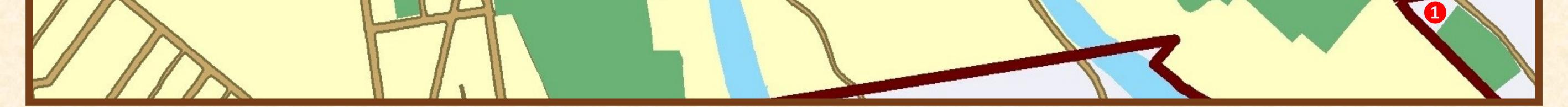
2

¢,

CREI

IRAWBERRY.

Former Location of Reigart's Landing, northern terminus of the Conestoga Navigation Co., a slackwater canal and tow path that connected City commerce with Susquehanna River at Safe Harbor, c. 1825



CHESAPEAKE SI

Prepared by Randolph Harris, Consulting Historian, Lancaster, PA, with research support from the African American Historical Society of South Central Pennsylvania-May 2020