

An Older African American Neighborhood: John, Lily, North Ashland, & Bowdoin Streets

Starting in the 1850s southern blacks began moving to Worcester and settled at North Ashland Street, off Highland Street, then an edge of the city's residential development. Here formed a "clustered" community of African Americans on Worcester's West Side. Several residents owned their homes and operated successful businesses. By the late 1880s the city's fourth black congregation, Mt. Olivet, later John Street Baptist Church organized in this area.

North Ashland Street Residents: #9

Frederick L. Clough, porter, *Lucretia D. Moore*, laundress, *Henry Gibson*, waiter, *Timothy Gunn*, shoemaker; #9r *Mrs. Lizzie Mason*, cleaner; #11, *Eliza Dyer*, widow, *James L. Dyer*, waiter, *Mary N. Robins*, laundress, *John Anderson*, coachman, *Thaddeus J. Hamilton*, waiter; #33 *Alfred Shepard*, driver; #35 *Thomas C. Smart*, carpet cleaner; #37, *George J. Lindsey*, cartman; #39, *Harriet Moore*, widow, *Matilda Wiggins*, laundress, *Elizabeth Braddock*, laundress, *Emeline Fleet*, laundress, *Rachel Ward*, laundress

John Street Residents: #56

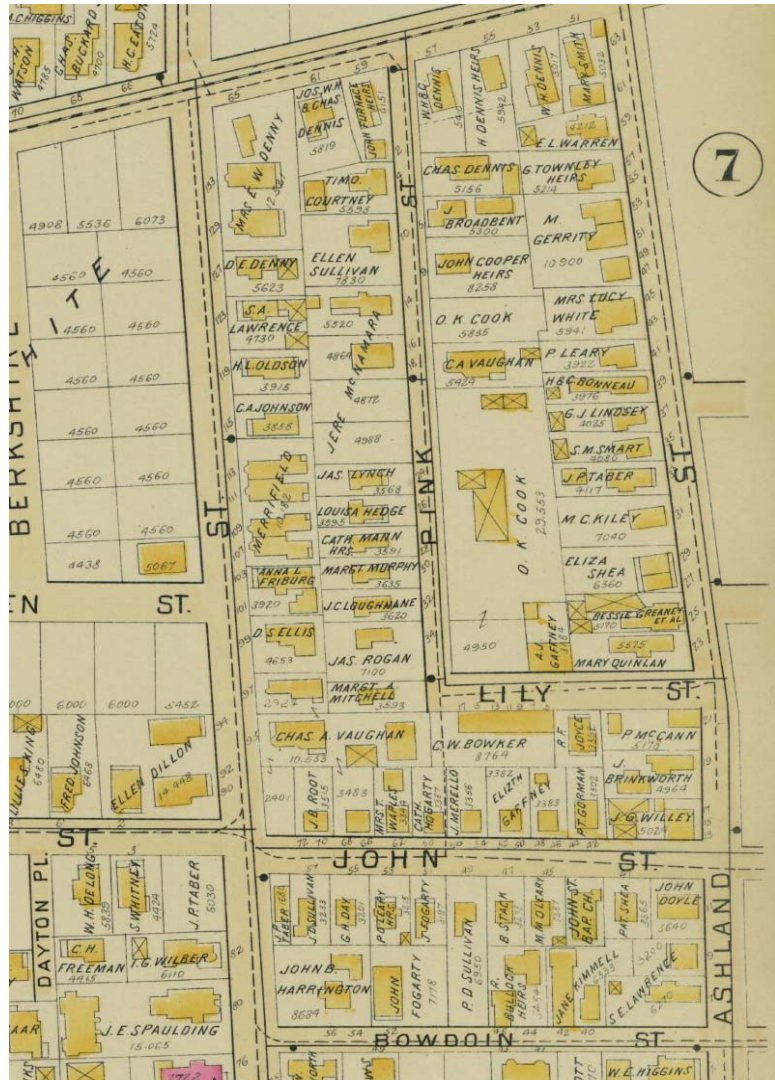
Joseph McBride, driver; #56 *Emery G. Phelps*, driver; #62, *Thomas Waples*, carpenter; #64, *Henry Johnson*, carpet cleaner; #66 *Hannah Gillum*, laundress, *David Martin*, hairdresser; #68, *Fannie Gates*, laundress; #70, *Mrs. Jennie Wilson*, laundress, #72, *Joseph Anderson*, bootmaker

Bowdoin Street Residents: #28,

Clarinda Kennard, hairwork, *Rachel A. Kennard*, widow, *William A. Barker*, machinist; #40 *Charles W. Scott*, janitor; #42, *Francis W. Cummings*, janitor; #56, *Henry Walker*, hairdresser

Bowdoin Street Court Residents: #2 *Mrs. Hepsibeth Costello*, *Alexander F. Hemenway*, hairdresser, *William A. Hemenway*, coachman, *George W. Peck*, coachman; #3 *John Moore*, hairdresser, *Simon Grant*, carpenter; #4 *James H. Clark*, engineer; #5 *Charles Harris*, coachman, *Alfred Edwards*, porter

Lilly Street Residents: #7 *Mrs. Sybil A. Dyer*, laundress, *Susan Wamsley*, laundress; #9 *Elizabeth Reed*, laundress, *Eugene M. Hennessey*, farmer; #11 *Gloster D. Wanso*, teamster; #13 *Henry Mercer*, basketmaker, *William Woods*, whitewasher; #13 *Charles Dyer*, teamster, *Maria Stanley*, laundress; #17 *Venus Simmons*, laundress; *Samuel S. Latham*, laborer, *Horatio Lovett*, laborer.



[Source: WORCESTER HOUSE DIRECTORY OF 1888]