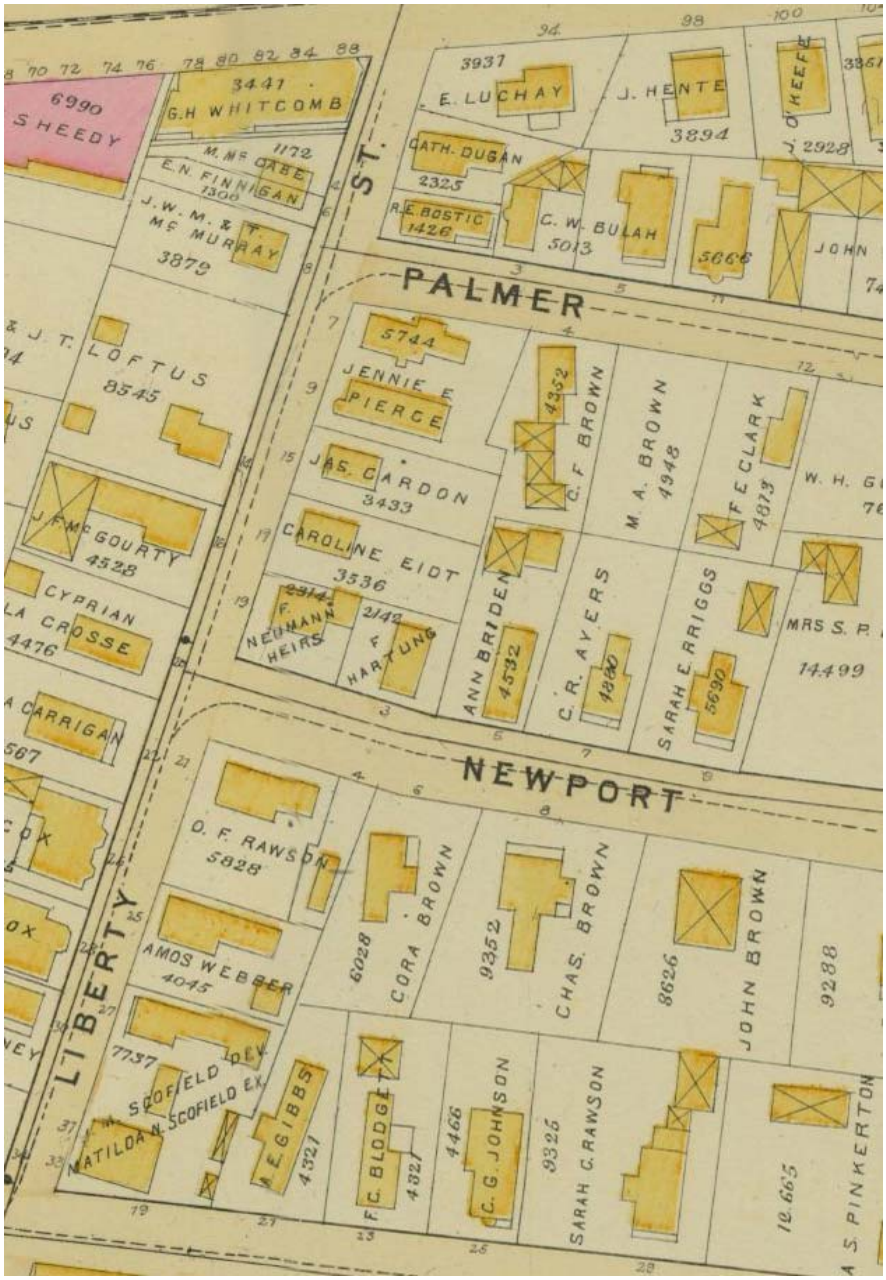
One African American Neighborhood in the late 1880s: Liberty & Palmer Streets



One of the "clustered" neighborhoods of African Americans was in the Liberty Street area, on Worcester's East Side, off Belmont St., near Memorial Hospital. Among residents were Isaac Mason, author of a slave narrative, and the diarist Amos Webber, his home on Liberty St., clearly indicated. Other African American families and individuals living in the area are listed.

Liberty Street

5 *Charles E. Scott*, laborer, *Sarah Dutton*, laundress, *Josephine McTier*, laundress, # 22 *Andrew J. Brown*, hairdresser; *Joseph Carter*, moulder; # 25 *Amos Webber,* messenger; # 27 *John T. Stewart,* laborer; # 27r *Mary Jones*, widow, *Elizabeth Jones*, laundress, *Mrs. C. Bowman*, laundress, *Henry Williams*, laborer, *Raymond Schuyler*, porter, *Henry C. Jackson*, porter; # 28 *Reuben Jackson*, laborer; # 31 *Isaac Mason*, carpet cleaner, *Mary A. Johnson*, widow, *John S. Taylor*, upholsterer, *Daniel Edwards*, painter, *Joseph A. Wilson*, hairdresser; # 33 *Lydia Dyer*, canvasser; # 35 *Christopher Bryant*, woodworker, *Mrs. Indiana Mason,* laundress

Palmer Street

3 *George W. Anderson*, laborer, *Harriet Miller*, widow; # 4 *William Brown*, upholsterer, *Charles Brown*, upholsterer, *George A. Busby*, tailor, *I.D. Hazard*, seamstress; # 5 *Charles W. Bullah*, paperhanger, *Edward B. Gimby*, hairdresser, *Frederick Gimby*, boxmaker, *H.E. Gimby;* hairdresser; # 10 *Charles J. Clark*, helper

Glen Street

[#19, Schofield property, Liberty and Glen Streets]

Anna Van Hoesen, widow, *James Van Allen*, hostler, *William Anderson*, porter & *Laura Allen*, widow

[Source: THE WORCESTER HOUSE DIRECTORY OF 1888]