

Jesse A. Gibson - Recorder

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ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION DATA SHEET

1. Name of Neighborhood Blandtown  
2. Origin of Name Negro land owner named Blan  
3. Location, boundaries, direction and distance from the heart of the city of Atlanta (Map of area, p. 5) Approximately ten minutes ride from heart of town traveling northwesterly to fork (Howell Mill Road and Marietta Street) and bear to right on Howell Mill Road. See map. Recently annexed to Atlanta

4. County County-Fulton Incorporated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
5. Population: Negro 450 White 50 Total 500  
6. Number of Registered Voters: Negro 100 White Unknown  
7. Number of Citizens over 18 years of age: Negro \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name, address, denomination, and estimated membership of churches serving the Negro population:

Name	Address	Denom.	Mem	Pastor's Name
<u>St. Peter Baptist</u>	<u>Huff Rd.</u>	<u>Baptist</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>Rev. S. Randolph 10 Culpper St. At. 2319</u>
<u>Greater Bethel</u>	<u>Boyd Avenue</u>	<u>A. M. E.</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>Rev. W. S. Vickers 227 1/2 Dunlap St. Ma. 0212</u>
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9. Schools: Elementary (Negro)

Name	Grades	Enr1	Number of Teachers	Number of Classrooms	Condition of Plant
<u>Blandtown Elementary</u>	<u>1-7</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Fair</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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10. Elementary (White)

<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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11. High Schools (Negro)

Name	Grades	Enrol.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Class rms.	Condition of Plant
None					

12. High Schools (White)

None					

13. Names and purposes of projects sponsored by organized community groups:

- (a) Group of men organized to better community --Short lived
- (b) Parent-Teacher Association
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Names and function of social work agencies at work in the community:

- (a) Department of Public Welfare
- (b) Boy Scout Troop #188
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Name and kind of social and recreational facilities:

Negro None  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
White None  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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16. Name and kind of health facilities:

Negro None--use clinic at Rockdale ---Neighboring community  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
White None  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Sources of community income:

Negro	White
<u>Railroad</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<u>Meat Packing Companies</u>	<u></u>
<u>Paint Factory</u>	<u></u>
<u>Fertilizer Factory</u>	<u></u>

18. Community needs according to local resources:

- Paved streets, street lights, sewers
- Street stop signs ----better water system
- Recreation facilities

19. What are the provisions for the following public services:

- (a) Streets Meager
- (b) Sewage and Water Poor sewage system, outside toilets--sewage facilities along Huff Road to bridge
- (c) Garbage Collection Once a week
- (d) Police Protection Poor
- (e) Fire Protection Fair
- (f) Mail Service Fair
- (g) Transportation Facilities Fair
- (h) Others Water system is poor

20. List the names and kinds of neighborhood businesses operated in the Negro community. (Indicate those owned by Negroes)

- (a) Grocery stores--1. Fairly equipped, 2. Poorly equipped
- (b) Restaurant-2-----1-combination Tavern-Cafe
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

21. What is the general condition of the neighborhood in terms of housing, appearance, etc.?

- Run down frame houses----outside toilets---poor water system--bad lighting
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21. Are there many Negro home owners in the community? Yes x What % 65  
No \_\_\_\_\_

22. List names, addresses and telephone numbers of suggested community leaders:

Rev. and Mrs. S. Randolph A. 2319  
Mrs. Cora Robinson-----Huff Road-----Telephone-George Robinson  
Mrs. Sallie Mae Willis----Huff Road  
Mrs. Pauline Anderson----Booth Street

23. List names, addresses, professions, telephone numbers of professional persons living in the neighborhood.

Rev. S. Randolph----Minister-Grocer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. What is your general observation regarding race relationship in the neighborhood?

Very little Association  
Conflicts on trolley--Insulting remarks while riding trolley--remarks  
made b y whites.  
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Remarks: Recently quite a few people have been moving into the community from Abbeville, S. C. These people frequently seek work in mills and factories surrounding the community. It has been reported that the migrants are friends and relatives of natives of the community. The community is definitely a slum area with blighted and miserable living conditions. Even though more than half of the houses are owned by the people themselves, their attitudes for the most part as far as improving their community are apparently apathetic.

The community is approximately 60 years old. The community has had running water for about one year, railroad crossings with no signs, two street lights, one paved road and practically all outside toilets. Some persons contacted by the recorder suggested that the community be dissolved. Incidentally, these persons happen to have been people who worked in the community but lived outside of the community. Leaders in the community suggested that the conditions of the community can possibly be improved if some professional person or agency would give them assistance or guidance. Due to the fact that there have been attempts on the part of people in the community to organize themselves and that the community has been in existence for 60 years or more and that presently a group is in the process of organizing some civic group for the improvement in the community and taking into consideration all of the factors observed by the recorder and opinions and suggestions voiced by leaders and persons who work in the community and do not live there. The Recorder recommends that a Community Program should be carried out.