

Health Dept
 what is the law
 with regard to
 sewage and water?
 can people be
 city required to have
 water?

DATE 4-24-53

ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION DATA SHEET

1. Name of Neighborhood (Blackhall Park) Center Hill

2. Origin of Name Community built up around the Baptist Church and called Center Hill

3. Location, boundaries, direction and distance from the heart of the city of Atlanta (Map of area, p. 5) 5 miles from Five Points in South West Atlanta. Northern Boundary, Harden Road; Southern Boundary, Ross Street; Eastern Boundary, University Avenue Expressway; Western Boundary, Stewart Avenue

4. County DeKalb Co. Incorporated: Yes No

5. Population: Negro 50 or 60 families White None in the community Total 50 or 60 families

6. Number of Registered Voters: Negro many White the South Side also

7. Number of Citizens over 18 years of age: Negro Informant said that a large number registered recently and the house always White always

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

Name	Address	Denom.	Mem	Pastor's Name
<u>Center Hill</u>	<u>Grant St</u>	<u>Baptist</u>		<u>Rev. P. H. Howard</u>

White families living near by

9. Schools: Elementary (Negro)

Proximity of white school

Name	Grades	Enrl.	Number of Teachers	Number of Classrooms	Condition of Plant
<u>Stewart Avenue School</u>	<u>1-4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Poor</u>
<u>Slater School</u>	<u>grades above 5</u>				<u>outside toilets</u>
<u>No cafeteria</u>	<u>Children go home to lunch</u>				

10. Elementary (White)

Name	Grades	Enrl.	Number of Teachers	Number of Classrooms	Condition of Plant

11. High Schools (Negro)

Name	Grades	Enrol.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Class rms.	Condition of Plant
<i>None</i>					
<i>Children go to Turner</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Carver H.S.</i>	

12. High Schools (White)

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

- (a) *None*
- (b) *citizens organized to petition Board of Education to maintain school*
- (c) *were successful*

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

- (a) *None*
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

15. Name and kind of social and recreational facilities:

Negro *None*

White _____

16. Name and kind of health facilities:

Negro *None*

White _____

17. Sources of community income:

Negro	White
<u>Unpaid</u>	

18. Community needs according to local resources:

Sewage

19. What are the provisions for the following public services: (no natural gas)

- (a) Streets Unpaved but fair surface
- (b) Sewage and Water Water no sewage
- (c) Garbage Collection Twice a week
- (d) Police Protection Yes
- (e) Fire Protection Yes 2 Stations nearby
- (f) Mail Service Route Delivery once a day
- (g) Transportation Facilities City transportation lines
- (h) Others _____

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

- (a) Grocery Store
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____

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

21. Are there many Negro home owners in the community? Yes What % 95
No _____

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

Mr. Dallas

Mrs. Dorothy Doobe

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

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

Remarks:

Blackhall Park (Center Hill) has a population of about 300. Although it may be classified as a small community, it seems to present some very favorable possibilities for community work. It is located about 5 miles from Five Points in downtown Atlanta and is easily accessible, taking about 15 minutes to make the trip to town. The people are almost entirely land and home owners and you get the impression that the community is made up of closely-knit family groups. For example the gentleman I interviewed when asked to give an estimate of the number of residents in Blackhall Park, gave his answer by saying, "50 or 60 families". There seems to be a great feeling of pride in these family groups and a great concern for and interest in problems that affect their community. The interest is sufficiently keen for citizens of the community to feel that

Anything that isn't right in the Community and has a bad effect on the residents in the Community will be tackled without undue delay or any hesitancy.

There doesn't seem to be a designated leader whom all follow and you get the impression that people in Blackhall will attack anything that they believe is harmful ^{to} ^{them} and will rally around anyone who appears to have the key to the solution and ^{they} will work.

Since the Community seems to have built up around the church, one would assume that the Church is a power in the Community.

Sewage is their chief problem as they see it. I believe they are ready to accept help in getting this ^{and other} jobs done. Perhaps one other area in which they could use some assistance would be in helping them to see that the fight they have been carrying on to maintain a substandard school is wholly unnecessary. It could perhaps be pointed out that it might be to their advantage ^{to} ^{send} children to later school and to use their energies ^{to} ^{get} bus transportation to and from school rather than to insist on keeping their own school to insure their children's safety.

With HighPoint Apartments and Carver Housing Development nearby, Blackhall Park is bound by several rapidly developing subdivisions.

MAP OF AREA

