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**Name:** History Round-up Days – Carver Village  
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***Neighborhood History:***

The Carver Village neighborhood, founded in 1946, was developed as the first African American subdivision in the United States by The Byck-Worrell Company. Historic Carver Village is considered to be bounded by West Gwinnett Street on the north, Allen Avenue on the east, Blun Avenue on the south, and Collat Avenue on the west. It is made up of neighborhoods previously known as Water Works, Springfield Terrace, Flatland Village, Mexico City, and Collat's Quarters. Today, the wider community surrounding historic Carver Village is commonly referred to as Carver Heights. Carver Heights extends from the Springfield Canal on the east, to Louisville Road on the north, Blun Avenue on the south, and Endley Street on the west. Significant landmarks in the neighborhood include Springfield Terrace School (also known as Pearl Lee Smith School), Hannah Chapel (now Flipper Chapel), and Water Works Pump House (now part of City Lot).

***Scope and Content:***

Record Series 1121-064.01, History Round-up Days – Carver Village contains documents related to the planning of the December 2016 and September 2017 History Round-up Days events, historical accounts and information gathered as part of the events, digital scans of photographs provided by Carver Village residents, audiovisual recordings of oral history interviews conducted during the events, and one scanned property deed for a Carver Village home. Select digital images are available through the [Municipal Archives Digital Image Catalog](http://www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections) ([www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections](http://www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections)).

***System of Arrangement and Ordering:***

Files are both physical and digital in format. Digital files are arranged according to donor or interviewee.

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None

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**Access Points:**

African American Churches  
African Americans -- Housing  
African Americans -- Segregation  
Byck-Worrell Company  
Canals – Springfield (Savannah, GA)  
Churches – Hannah Chapel  
Churches – Flipper Chapel  
Ellis, Chester  
Ellis, Wilmotine  
Neighborhoods – Carver Village  
Neighborhoods – Collat's Quarters  
Neighborhoods – Flatland Village  
Neighborhoods – Mexico City  
Powers, Johnnie  
Richards, Essie  
Shinhoster, Richard  
Springfield Terrace School (Savannah, GA)  
Walker, Gladys  
Wallace, Cody  
Waterworks Building (Savannah, GA)  
Williams-Orage, Charlsetta  
Williams-Crawford, Edith Marie

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***Inventory:***

<i>Folder #</i>	<i>Description</i>
1121-064.01-1	Planning documents for the History Round-up Days events
1121-064.01-2	Deed for 915 Bowden Street, 1947 [photocopy]
1121-064.01-3	Historical information and identifications from Carver Village residents

**Digital Files [housed in E-Archives under 1121-064.01]**

Folder 1121-064-01.4 Scanned photographs from residents (243 images)  
[see attached inventories for description of Digitized Images]

- Donor 1: Richards, Essie
- Donor 2: Powers, Johnnie
- Donor 3: Ellis, Wilmotine
- Donor 4; Williams-Orage, Charlsetta
- Donor 5: Walker, Gladys
- Donor 6: Shinhoster, Richard

Folder 1121-064.01-5: Oral history recordings [includes 3 files per interviewee: video, audio, and still photograph]

- Interview 1: Ellis, Wilmotine
- Interview 2: Ellis, Chester
- Interview 3: Powers, Johnnie
- Interview 4: Williams-Orage, Charlsetta
- Interview 5: Wallace, Cody
- Interview 6: Williams-Crawford, Edith Marie
- Interview 7: Shinhoster, Richard

**Items 1121-064.01-6a and 6b (oversized)**

Two aerial-view maps of the Carver Heights vicinity, marked up by residents noting landmarks and neighborhood designations. Further explanations of these notations are available in folder 1121-064.01-3.

***DIGITIZED IMAGES INVENTORY***

Note: Identifications provided by donor at point of collection, not all donors provided identifications

**Donor 1: Richards, Essie (170 images)**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Identification</u>
1	Pearl Lee Smith School
2	food drive (after 1997)
3	food drive (after 1997)
4	Community Center Opening Ceremony, March 26, 1997
5	Community Center Opening Ceremony, March 26, 1997
6	food drive (after 1997)
7	newspaper
8	no information
9	No information
10	Reverend Wright, Hanna Church (now Flipper), food drive (after 1997)
11	Showcase Savannah home
12	No information
13	No information
14	Annual Banquet
15	Reverend Wright, Hanna Church (now Flipper), food drive (after 1997)
16	Reverend Wright, Hanna Church (now Flipper), food drive (after 1997)
17	Driver of the food drive truck
18	Mayor Floyd Adams speaking at Community Center Opening Ceremony, March 26, 1997
19	no information
20	Mr. John Finnex, guest speaker at annual banquet
21	Ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of Community Center March 26, 1997 - City Manager Brown, Robert Walker, Dorothy Patterson, Mrs. Lovett, Carey Butler, Mrs. Richards, Rev Wright (left to right w/ ribbon)
22	2nd convention, Civic Center, Mr. James Hall was speaker 1996
23	Youth dancers at Civic Center neighborhood competition, 1996
24	State representative Dorothy Pelote, Deacon Charlie Boatwright, Essie Richards 1996
25	Community Center Opening, Mayor Adams March 26, 1997
26	Community Center Opening, Mayor Adams March 26, 1997
27	Carver Heights Community Center ribbon cutting ceremony, March 26, 1997
28	March 1997
29	March 1997
30	March 1997
31	Rev Wright holding placard after winning \$500 prize for most attendees at 1996 Spirit Awards (*spent \$500 to buy stallions mascot costume)

- 32 Community Center Opening Ceremony, March 26, 1997
- 33 Community Center Opening Ceremony, March 26, 1997
- 34 Coach Richards and another man at Community Spirit Awards
- 35 Sign looking towards Kennedy Park from Community Center March 26, 1997
- 36 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony March 26, 1997
- 37 Community Spirit Awards, Civic Center
- 38 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 39 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony March 26, 1997, Rep. Jack Kingston addressing crowd
- 40 Sign looking towards Kennedy Park from Community Center March 26, 1997
- 41 No information
- 42 Mrs. Richards giving an address as President of Neighborhood association at Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 43 Rep. Jack Kingsdon, Mayor Floyd Adams, Alderman David Jones at Opening Ceremony
- 44 no information
- 45 Charles Gordon addressing the crowd at Ribbon Cutting
- 46 Mrs. Richards giving an address as President of Neighborhood association at Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 47 Friends from West Side community in T Shirts, Mrs and Mr Dunham and Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, 1996
- 48 Carver Heights Community Center under construction, 1996
- 49 No information
- 50 No information
- 51 No information
- 52 Johnny Johnson, Deacon David Boatwright, Mrs. Johnson at Showcase Savannah
- 53 No information
- 54 no information
- 55 March 1997
- 56 no information
- 57 no information
- 58 no information
- 59 no information
- 60 March 1997
- 61 Annual Banquet
- 62 Carver Heights Stallions award, 1996
- 63 Pearl Lee Smith School.
- 64 Mrs. Bozemore (115 year old woman, Eliza?)
- 65 Mrs. Richards, James Flowers, Herman Thomas giving donation to ?? 1985, Dorothy Pelote at Pearl Smith School
- 66 no information
- 67 March 1997
- 68 March 1997

- 69 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 70 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 71 Food Drive (after 1997)
- 72 Annual Banquet
- 73 Friends from West Side community in T Shirts, Mrs. and Mr. Dunham and  
Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, 1996
- 74 Shot of the annual banquet room
- 75 Ray Allen (County Commissioner) at 1984 Carver Heights Banquet
- 76 Coach Ronald Richards at 1996 Banquet
- 77 Mrs Richards, Mrs Grace Taylor giving accolades to Mrs. Richards at Annual  
Banquet
- 78 Food drive (after 1997)
- 79 Mrs. Price from Woodville, 1996
- 80 Podium at Annual Banquet
- 81 Mrs. Pelote at the podium, annual banquet
- 82 Rev. Wright giving Mr. Finney a certificate of appreciation at Annual Banquet
- 83 Goodwill Baptist Church
- 84 Coach Ron Richards with 3 players from Carver Heights Stallions at Annual  
Banquet
- 85 Mayor Adams at Annual Banquet Head Table
- 86 Finney's Daughter introducing him
- 87 no information
- 88 Mrs. Richards, James Flowers, Herman Thomas giving donation to ?? 1985,  
Dorothy Pelote at Pearl Smith School
- 89 March 1997
- 90 no information
- 91 March 1997
- 92 March 1997
- 93 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 94 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 95 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 96 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 97 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 98 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 99 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 100 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 101 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 102 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 103 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 104 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 105 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 106 Carver Heights Banquet, 1984
- 107 Pearl Smith School

- 108 House
- 109 Olivia Johnson, 1984 Carver Heights Banquet
- 110 Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Davis 1984 Banquet
- 111 Carver Village, first homes developed circa 1947, note the unpaved streets, sidewalks across drainage ditches
- 112 Food drive
- 113 (from right to left) Deacon Charlie Boatwright, Deacon George Steward
- 114 City Youth Convention for spirit awards (Stallions)
- 115 no information
- 116 no information
- 117 no information
- 118 no information
- 119 Showcase Savannah House
- 120 no information
- 121 no information
- 122 (from left to right) Floyd Adams, Essie Richards, unidentified woman at Carver Village Community Center
- 123 No information
- 124 Representative Pelote (in pink) in Community Center
- 125 Showcase Savannah House
- 126 Mrs. Bozmore (115 year old woman, Eliza?)
- 127 Mrs. Amanda Plummer "Dictionary Lady" at Annual Banquet (She provided dictionaries for all the students in the neighborhood, taught at Garrison School in 1990's)
- 128 Reverend Wright, Mrs. Richards, Representative Pelote at the dedication for the Stallions sign, 1996 with team in the back
- 129 more cheerleaders at the Stallions dedication, Gwinnet Street, 1996
- 130 Stallion mascot for sports teams
- 131 Mary's Place
- 132 Carver Heights Stallions Cheerleaders, 1996
- 133 Representative Pelote at Pearl Smith School
- 134 Banquet at Pearl Smith School
- 135 Vendall William 1984 - Carver Heights Banquet
- 136 Banquet
- 137 Representative Pelote, Catherine Jackson (Pearl Smith, principal)
- 138 Mrs. Millidage 1984 Banquet
- 139 Showcase Savannah House
- 140 Ellen Powell, Representative Pelote, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Small 1990's CH Banquet
- 141 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 142 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 143 Carver Village Annual Banquet
- 144 Mrs. Evelyn Daniels, 1984 Carver Heights Banquet

- 145 Food Drive (after 1997)
- 146 no information
- 147 Mrs. Polite House of the Month on Brickyard
- 148 Grand Opening of Community Center, completed landscaping. March 1997
- 149 Mayor Adams
- 150 House of the Month, Showcase Savannah
- 151 no information
- 152 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 153 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 154 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 155 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 156 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 157 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 158 Houses that do not exist anymore, no information
- 159 Houses and Streets
- 160 Houses and Streets
- 161 Houses and Streets
- 162 Houses and Streets
- 163 no information
- 164 Community Garden
- 165 no information
- 166 no information
- 167 no information
- 168 Community Spirit Awards presentation boards
- 169 Friends from West Side community in T Shirts, Mrs and Mr Dunham and  
Commissioner Priscilla Thomas, 1996
- 170 Flipper Chapel AME Church

**Donor 2: Ellis, Wilmotine (13 images)** – scans from the Pearl Lee Smith School dedication program, newspaper clippings related to Pearl Lee Smith School

**Donor 3: Powers, Johnnie (4 images)** – 2 images of homes in Carver Village, and a scan of a newspaper article about Mr. Powers

**Donor 4: Williams-Orage, Charlsetta (14 images)**

- 189 Springfield Terrace School Student
- 190 Springfield Terrace School Student
- 191 Springfield Terrace School Student
- 192 Springfield Terrace School Student
- 193 Springfield Terrace School Student, last name Harten



- 194- 9 photographs, 2 variations: 1st Springfield Terrace School in middle  
202 background, 3rd person on the left in the back is Ms. Miley, last person on  
the right is Mrs. Thomas, with Mr. Thomas (5th from right), on the left is Mr.  
Fireman, 4th from right is Florence Perry (in center with black hat), most  
likely breaking ground for Independent Hall, as these were the founding  
members of the organization), also shows Kemper store

**Donor 5: Walker, Gladys (21 images)**

- 203 Roosevelt Walker  
204 John Paul Walker, 1959-1960 School Year  
205 Patricia Walker - citizenship certificate  
206 Michael Al Walker, May 24, 1966  
207 no information  
208 Isaac Walker (in sweater), Robert Jr. (in white shirt)  
209 Gladys Walker Crime Prevention certificate  
210 Gladys Walker  
211 Certificate - Keep Savannah Beautiful team 1999  
212 Certificate for service, 1997  
213 (program through 219) cover  
214 Program  
215 Board of Directors  
216 Acknowledgements  
217 History  
218 History  
219 History  
220 (program through 222) Cover  
221 Program  
222 Dedication  
223 no information

**Donor 6: Shinhoster, Richard (2 images)**

- 224 Carver Village Championship Baseball Team, early to mid-1950's; Springfield  
Terrace after school program managed by Pauline Wright (woman in the  
picture), called the "raggedy nine"; Mr. Standrick was the coach, also showing  
Ike Carter, Hugh Bryant (Estella Shabazz's brother), and Woodrow Conyers  
225 Later Springfield Terrace baseball team, Eric Shinhoster is second from the  
right on the bottom row