

Record Series #: 1121-064.08
Name: Cuyler-Brownville Community Collection
Dates: 2023
Extent/Size: 1 folder (0.1 cubic feet)
Language: English

Neighborhood History:

The Cuyler-Brownville Community is made up of two neighborhoods, Cuyler is bounded by Anderson Street on the north, 37th Street on the south, Ogeechee Road and Kollock Street on the west, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the east. Brownville (often referred to as Brownsville) neighborhood is bounded by 37th Street on the north, Victory Drive on the south, Kollock and Ogeechee Road on the west and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the east.

These neighborhoods have a strong African American historic tie, after the end of slavery, the former enslaved moved from rural areas to secluded outlier neighborhoods like Cuyler-Brownville. In 1886, the City extended the city limits covering the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood. Not only were prominent African American businessmen, homeowners, lawyers, and teachers residents in this community but there were also several historic institutions founded there. Charity Hospital on 644 West 36th Street was founded in 1893 as a nursing school, and then turned into a hospital for Black Savannahians to get proper medical care. The Florence Street School, St. Mary's School, and the Cuyler School were integral to educating the African American children in this area. The Cuyler School is now home to the Economic Opportunity Authority at 618 West Anderson Street.

In 1989 the City of Savannah designated Cuyler-Brownville as a Showcase Area II under the City's Showcase Savannah Program and with this initiative the community started to see a revitalization in the area with the involvement of neighborhood citizens. The neighborhood was named a historic district in 1997. In the same year the City of Savannah adopted the Cuyler-Brownville Urban Redevelopment Plan to continue to revitalize the area.

Scope and Content:

The Cuyler-Brownville Community Collection contains prompt cards from area residents with reflections on the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood. These cards were collected from area residents at a Savannah Community Memory Project held in the Crusader Community Center, in the White Bluff neighborhood.

System of Arrangement and Ordering:

The files are arranged by subject.

Conditions Governing Access:

None

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Access Points:

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