

EXPLORING HISTORY ONLINE

virtual workshop



An aerial photograph of Washington, D.C., showing a dense urban landscape with numerous buildings, streets, and green spaces. The Washington Monument is visible on the right side of the image. A large white rectangular box with a red border is superimposed over the center of the image, containing two lines of red text.

We're stuck inside!

**That doesn't mean we
can't explore the history
of our city and its many
important sites.**

TODAY WE WILL...

- ★ Explore some online resources
- ★ Try out an example
- ★ Q & A

WHERE TO START?

It's helpful to go in with a question or goal!

Ask yourself:

What am I hoping to learn?

What am I really looking for?

PLACES TO VISIT

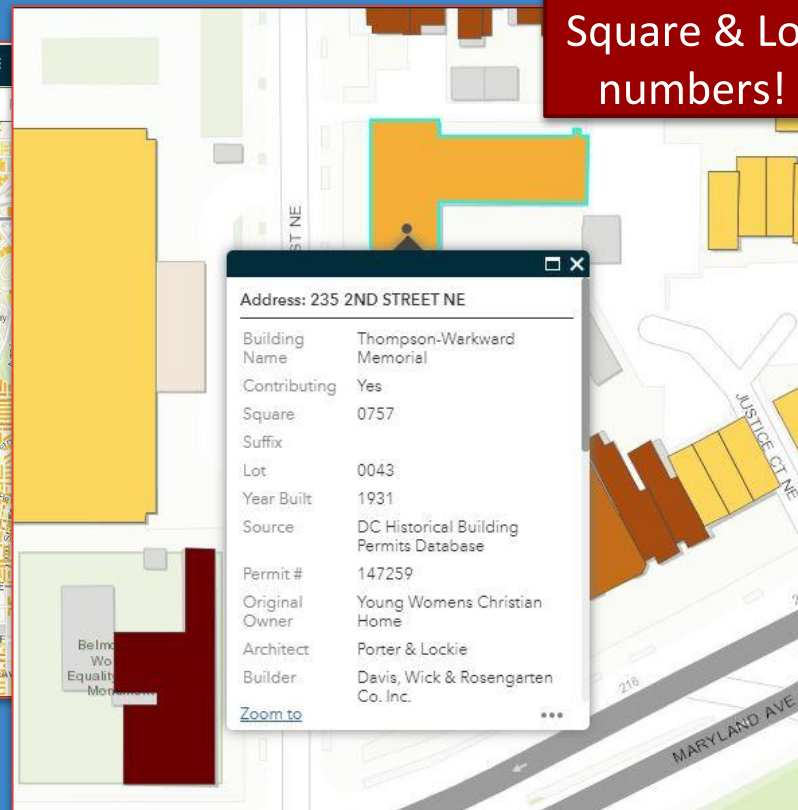
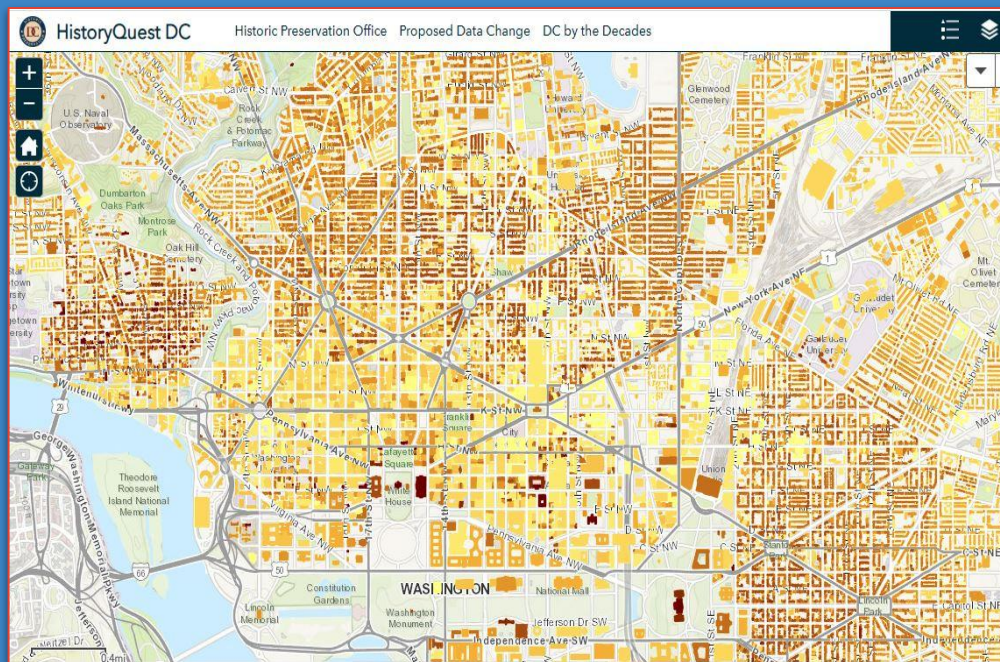
- ★ [HistoryQuest](#)
- ★ [DC Public Library](#)
- ★ [Historical Society of Washington, DC](#)
- ★ [Library of Congress](#)
- ★ [National Archives & Records Administration](#)

WHAT THEY OFFER ONLINE

- ★ Newspapers (local, national)
- ★ Maps (insurance, real estate)
- ★ Historical photographs
- ★ Permits
- ★ And more!

HISTORYQUEST DC

Make sure
to note
Square & Lot
numbers!



DC PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ★ www.dclibrary.org
- ★ Need library card to access certain online materials, resources, databases, etc.
- ★ **Important:** Official library cards are distributed at DCPL locations, which are currently closed; HOWEVER, when you fill out the online application, you get a temporary digital card for 90 days

DC PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ★ [Check out their historic house research guide](#)
- ★ Newspaper [Databases](#): Evening Star (1852-1981), Washington Post (1877-present), NewsBank, The Washington Times (1990-current)
- ★ [DigDC](#): Photos, newspapers, oral histories, reports, posters, and more (no card needed)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DC

- ★ www.dchistory.org
- ★ [House History Research Guide & Resources](#)
- ★ [Online Catalog](#): photos, maps, other written documents

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

- ★ www.loc.gov
- ★ [Research guide](#)
- ★ [Prints & Photographs Online Catalog](#)
- ★ Maps: [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps](#) - [Key](#); [Baist Real Estate Atlas](#)
- ★ [Chronicling America](#) (newspaper database)
- ★ [Historic American Buildings Survey](#) (National Park Service)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- ★ www.archives.gov
- ★ [“What’s Online?”](#)
- ★ [Online Catalogue](#)
- ★ Photographs, documents, and many other records

SOME OTHER PLACES

- ★ [DC Historic Sites App/Website](#) (DCPL)
- ★ DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA):
[Permits and Technical Drawings Database](#)
 - Request [online](#)
- ★ [Recorder of Deeds Online Database](#)
- ★ [Smithsonian Open Access](#) (photographs)

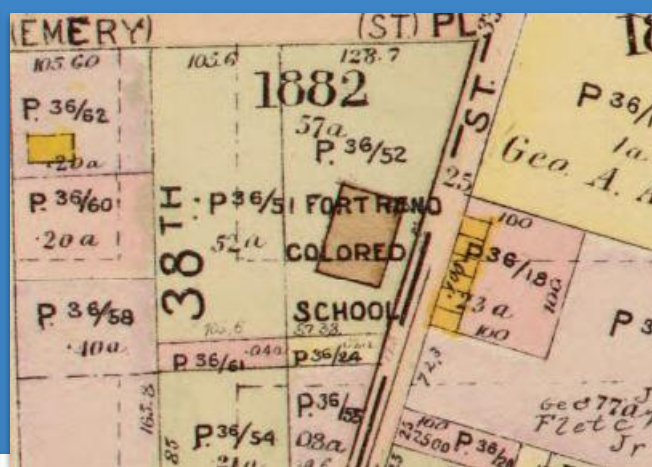
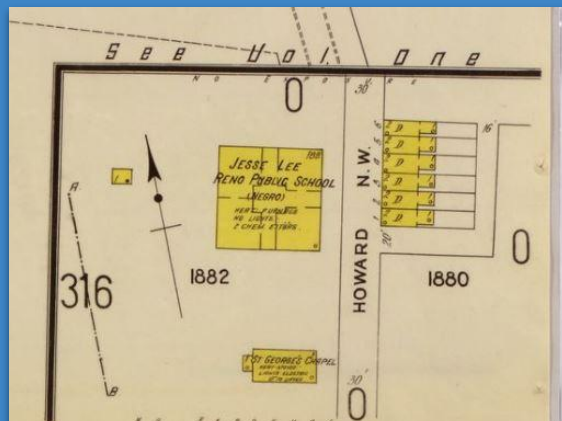


ASK FOR HELP

- ★ DC Public Library: Wash.dcpl@dc.gov (Washingtoniana)
OR Archives.dcpl@dc.gov
- ★ Library of Congress: [Ask a Librarian](#)
- ★ Historical Society of Washington DC: library@dchistory.org
- ★ [National Archives](#)

JESSE RENO SCHOOL

1. 4820 Howard Street NW (Tenleytown)
2. [HistoryQuest](#)
3. Maps: [Baist](#), [Sanborn](#)
4. Photos: [HSW](#), [DigDC](#), [LOC](#)
5. Newspapers: [Evening Star](#), [Washington Post](#), [Chronicling America](#)
6. [App Entry with Nomination Form](#)



FEBRUARY 25, 1902.

COLORED SCHOOL AT FORT RENO.

Superintendent of School Favors Bill Providing for Site.

Prof. A. T. Stuart, Superintendent of Schools, has submitted to the District Commissioners a report on Senate bill No. 3380, providing for the purchase of land in Fort Reno subdivision as a site for a colored school building.

Prof. Stuart says that there are 112 pupils enrolled in the Grant Road School, of whom eighty-three live at or near Fort Reno and twenty-nine east of the present school house. While a school at Fort Reno would no doubt be more convenient to the majority of pupils now attending the Grant Road School, Mr. Stuart thinks that it would add materially to the distance to be traveled by the twenty-nine living to the eastward, for whom some provision would have to be made.

In view of the fact that a large majority of the pupils live at or near Fort Reno, Prof. Stuart sees no serious objection to the purchase of the ground proposed in this bill, and the erection of the school house, provided the present valuable site be retained by the District for public school purposes in the future.

Commissioner Macfarland has approved the report and has forwarded the papers to his colleagues.

Photo Record



Call Number/Catalog Number

Title

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Collection

Public School photograph collection

Description

Reno School on Howard Street in Ft. Reno.

Date

1895-1905

Address: 4820 HOWARD STREET NW

Building Name Jesse Lee Reno School

Contributing

Square 1759

Suffix

Lot 0811

Year Built 1903

Source Public School Buildings of the District of Columbia, 1804-1930

Permit #

Original Owner DC Government

Architect Ashford, Snowden

Builder

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