



## HOUSING FOR ALL PROJECT 2023

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#### **The Berg:**

- Paula Haskins Williams:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryWilliamsPaulaHaskins.pdf>

#### **The Bottoms**

- Joyce Paige Abney:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryAbneyJoycePaige2008.pdf>
- Mabel Burts:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryBurtsMabel.pdf>
- Mabel Porter Price:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryPriceMabelPorter.pdf>

## **Cross Canal**

- Virginia Knapper:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryKnapperVirginia.pdf>

## **The Fort**

- Maydell Casey Belk:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryBelkMaydellCasey.pdf>
- Charles McKnight:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryMcKnightCharles.pdf>
- Edmonia Smith McKnight:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryMcKnightEdmonia.pdf>
- Dorothy Hall Smith and Barbara Ashby Gordon:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistorySmithDorothy.pdf>
- Sgt. Lee Thomas Young:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryYoungSgtLeeThomas1999.pdf>
  - Second Interview:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryYoungSgtLeeThomas2009.pdf>

## **The Hill**

- Natalie Vaughn:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryVaughnNatalie.pdf> [NOTE: Also lived in Hayti]
- Sarah O. Strother:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryStrotherSarah.pdf> [NOTE: She is possibly from Hayti; description is unclear]

## **Seminary**

- Julia M. A. Bradby:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryBradbyJulia.pdf>
- Elizabeth Douglas:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryDouglasElizabeth.pdf>
- Lucian Johnson:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryJohnsonLucian.pdf>
- Mary Crozet Wood Johnson:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryJohnsonMaryCrozetWood.pdf>

## **Uptown (Parker-Gray)**

- Courtney Brooks:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryBrooksCourtney2002.pdf> [NOTE: this is his second interview, which focuses more on Alexandria. His first interview discussed his experiences during World War II.]
- Lynwood Campbell:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryCampbellLynwood.pdf> [NOTE: Also discusses impact of historic preservation on African American residents]
- Christine Howard:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryHowardChristine.pdf>
- Helen Miller:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryMillerHelen.pdf>
- Shirley Ann Steele:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistorySteeleShirley2008August.pdf>
  - Another Interview:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistorySteeleShirley2008June.pdf>
- Elsie Thomas:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryThomasElsie2002.pdf>
- Charles “Buster” K. Williams:  
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/history/OralHistoryWilliamsBuster.pdf>