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# Race-Based Discrimination and Mortgages in Alexandria

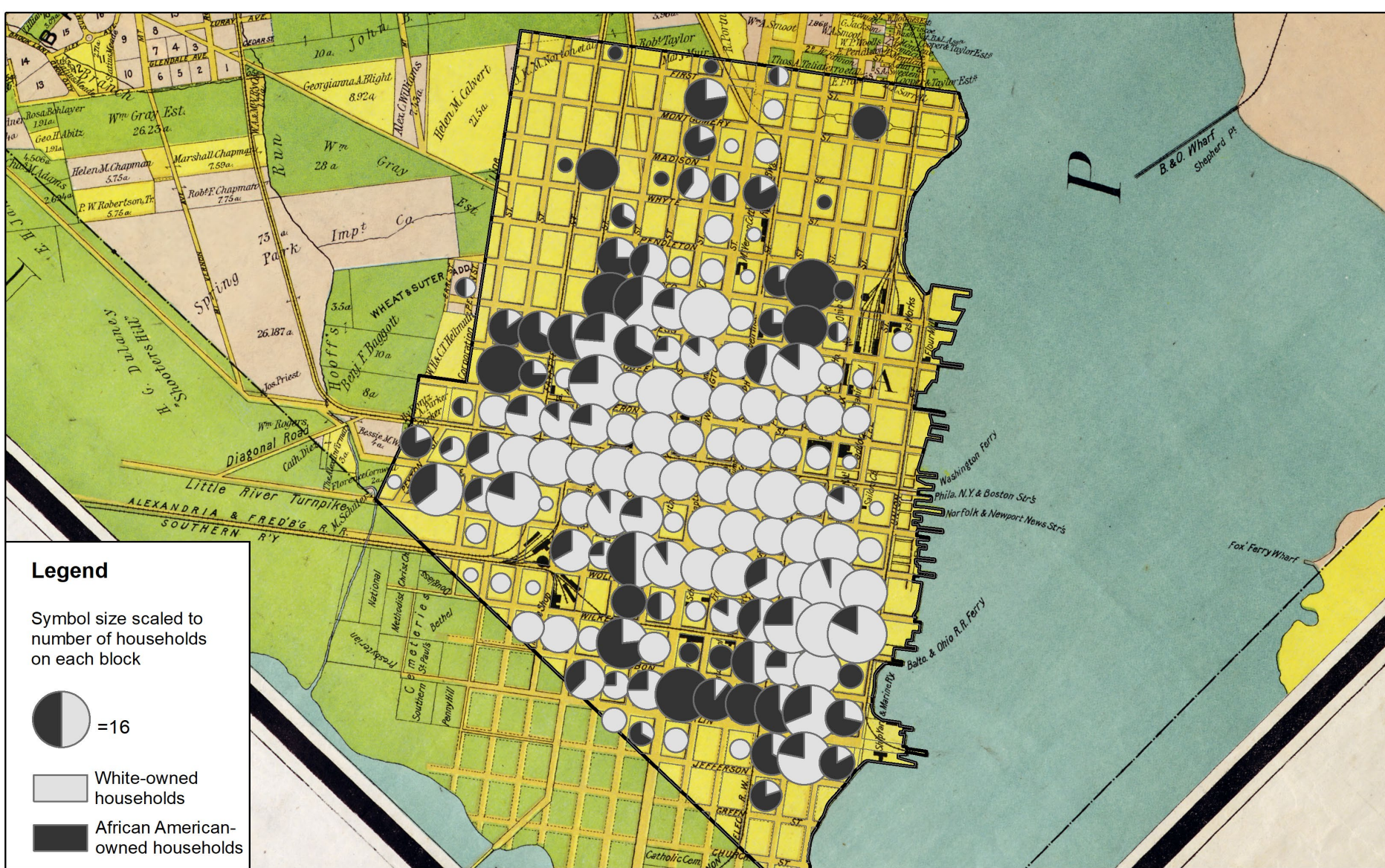
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ALEXANDRIA CITY - Week ending August 20, 1951

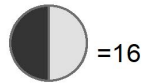
STREET	HSE NO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	STAMPS	MTGE	RATE	TERM	MORTGAGES
Alfred S	330	Fanny Madala	Edw W & Elese T Dixon*	2.75				
	332	Shirley Wesley*	Edw W & Elese T Dixon*	2.75				
Braddock Rd	28	Sam P Wollis	Ralph M Warr	2.20				
Cameron Mills Rd	242	Sam W Finch	Lindsay L & Virginia Warr*	7.70				Subj to 1st tr bal 10,306 Subj to 2nd tr bal 2,975
Chalfonte Dr	705	Annabel N Hilliard	Fredk H & Joyce G Taylor*	17.05				8,000 M 1st FSL-Alex
Davis Ave	2810	Everett A Park*	Meyer A & Janet S Bravde*	11.55				Subj to 1st tr orig 9,000
Duke	1423-25	C Duane Cook*	C W & Rita M Lloyd*	1.65				Subj to 1st tr orig 3,000
Elbert Ave	3821				4,100			PBA
Elmore Dr	3305	Jas B Gleason*	Geo J Jr & Marjorie Camp	27.50	12,500	43/4	19	TIC
Fontaine Ave	405	Fredk S Cresswell*	Philip B & Barbara H Neisser*	26.95	12,250	4 1/2 M		AST
Fontaine St	502	Joe W Maguire*	Mary E Maguire					Subj to 1st tr orig 6,800
Fordham Rd	2608				9,500	M		1st FSL-Wash
Henry N	619				2,500	5	6mo	Bearer
Hilton	152	R L Kane Inc	Pearl Lieberman	7.70				Subj to 1st tr
Hume	317	Aubrey C Whit	Os W & Edith McLaughlin*	8.80	5,239	5M		Bearer
					2,434	6M		Bearer
Madison	1306	Fitzhugh Thomas"	Virginia W Thomas	7.70				
Manning	3018	Marie E...	...	2.20				Subj to 1st tr orig 8,000
					1,828	6MD		
McArthur Rd	206	Isaac E Brooks*	Wm M & Dorothy M Brown*	13.75				Subj to 1st tr bal 19,757
					5,700	6MD	5	
Monroe Ave	213	Garnett W Funk*	Mildred L Davis	10.45	6,000			PBA
Mt Ida Ave	213				2,100	6M		Bearer
Oakland Terr	639				15,000	5sa	6mo	Al NB
								Subj to 1st tr bal 3,262
								Subj to 2nd tr bal 11,318



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**Legend**

Symbol size scaled to number of households on each block

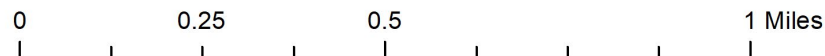


-  White-owned households
-  African American-owned households



# Homeownership by Race

Alexandria, Virginia, 1900



Date: 8/28/2023  
Alexandria Archaeology

# AUCTION SALE

By THOMAS L. CARTER, *Auctioneer*

**AUCTION SALE:** Sale of a desirable house and lot located in Mt. Ida, Jefferson District, Arlington County, Virginia.

By virtue of and pursuant to the terms of a Deed of Trust dated August 25th, 1926, and of record in Deed Book 247 page 109, of the land records of the County of Arlington, Virginia, executed by J. W. Bradley and Dora I. Bradley, his wife, to Robinson Moncure, Trustee, at the request and direction of the party secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Royal Street entrance to the Market House, in Alexandria City, Virginia, on:

**Saturday, September 10th, 1927**

AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON

That parcel of ground with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging and being known and designated as:

LOTS Numbered SEVENTEEN and EIGHTEEN [17 and 18] in Block Numbered THREE [3] of Groves' Subdivision of Mt. Ida, as shown on Plat No. 2 thereof, as same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded among the land records of said County in Deed Book 120 page 202 and Deed Book 125 page 179, and being the same property which was conveyed to said J. W. Bradley and Dora I. Bradley' his wife, by Charles W. Harris and wife, and duly recorded among the land records of Arlington County, Virginia.

Said sale is subject to a prior trust for \$2,000.00.

## SAID LAND IS IMPROVED BY A MODERN HOME

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser. A deposit of \$100.00 will be required to be paid by the successful bidder at time property is knocked down by auctioneer, and the terms of sale to be complied with within five days of sale. Otherwise the trustee reserves the right to resell the property at the risk of the defaulting purchaser after five days advertisement of such resale in such manner as said trustee in his discretion deems most advantageous and proper.

ROBINSON MONCURE, Trustee.

## Home Owners Loan Corporation (1933) in Alexandria

- Alexandria functioned as a sub-office
- Popular Program
  - 293 local participants
  - \$1,143,000 refinanced loans (1933-1935)
- Patterns:
  - White-middle class families
  - Homes do not all have racially restrictive covenants
  - Located in subdivisions annexed from Arlington County

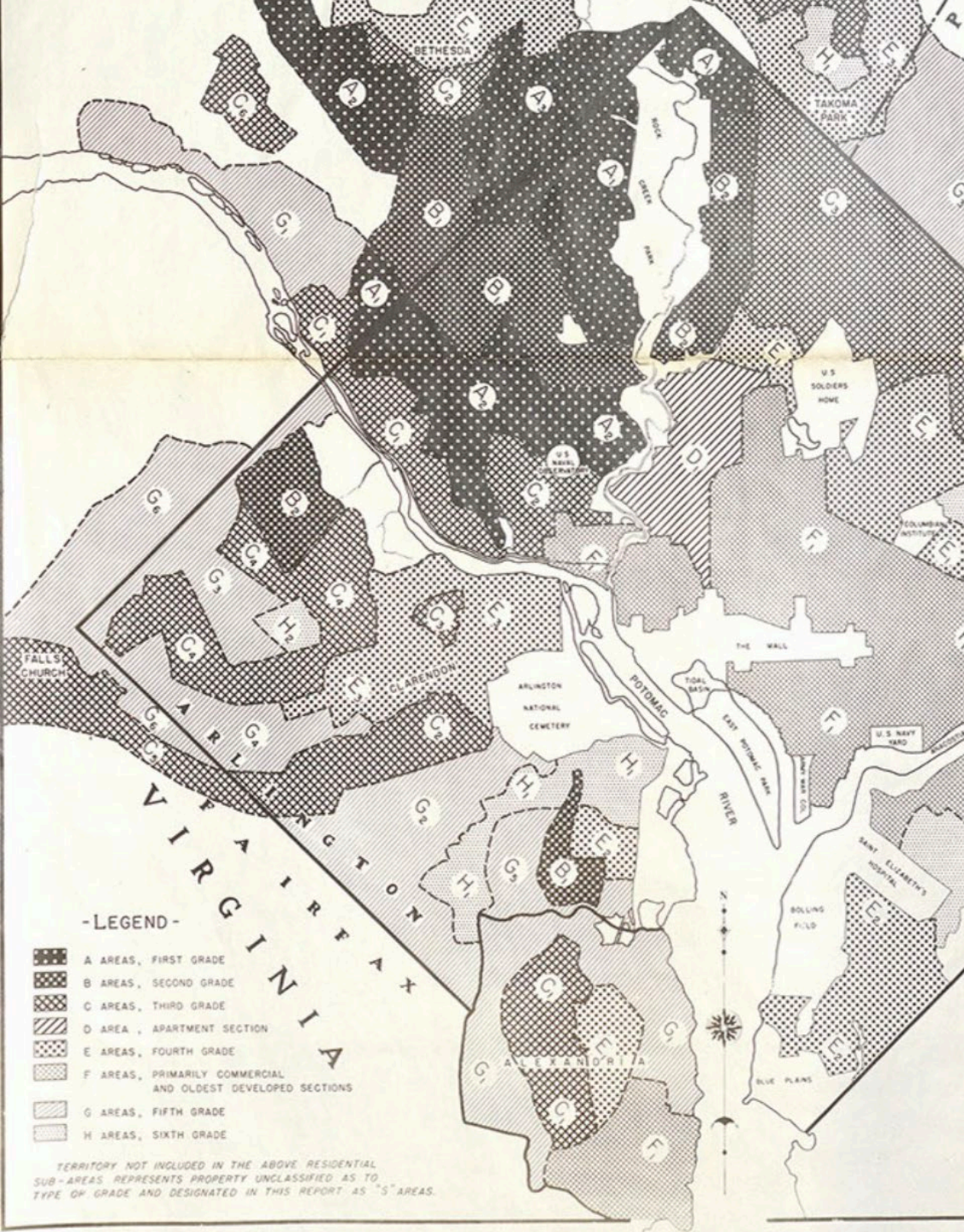
# Housing Act (1934) in Alexandria

- FHA-backed loan program
- Focus on following:
  - New home, subdivision, or apartment construction
  - Purchase pre-existing home
  - Renovation of historic properties
- \$2,500,000 in loan money available (1935)
- Patterns:
  - Only white-middle class families
  - Located mostly in annexed areas
  - Not always racially restricted in early years



Courtesy, Davis-Ruffner Title Company Papers, Alexandria Archives and Records Center.

# FHA's Risk Grading Map (1937)



- Covered large sections of the Washington Metropolitan Area
- Alexandria was divided into 4 categories:
  - C Areas—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
  - E Areas—4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - F Areas—Primarily Commercial and Oldest Developed Sections
  - G Areas—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

FHA Grading Map (1937). National Archives II, College Park, MD. Courtesy of Mapping Segregation in Washington, DC (<https://www.mappingsegregationdc.org>).

Land Transfers in  
Alexandria from  
Rufus S. Lusk's  
*Guide 1951*)

<b>Types of Transfers</b>	<b>Total Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Homes	1,685	97%
Businesses/Corporations	43	3%
ARHA	8	.5%
Churches	4	.2%
City Government	3	.2%
Utilities	2	.1%
Non-Profit	1	.05%

## Racial Breakdown of Land Transfers from *Lusk's Guide* (1951)

<b>Race</b>	<b>Total Number</b>	<b>% of Home Sales</b>
Black	101	6%
White	1,276	76%
Unlisted*	281	17%
Unsure**	27	2%

\* When possible, unlisted grantees were filled in using the 1952 or 1953 city directory.

\*\* The racial identity of buyers was not verified through other historic documentation.

# Black Mortgages and Other Homeownership Financing from Lusk's *Guide* (1951)

Type of Lenders	Numbers
Deeds of Trust	2
Savings and Loans	2
Conventional Bank	2
Insurance Companies	2
Building and Loan Associations	10
Assumed	4
Real Estate Company	2
Bearer	16
No Mortgage Info Listed	42
Mortgage Company	8
Real Estate Management Company	2
Individual Names	6
Non-Real Estate Company	1



# Fair Housing and HUD Acts (1968)

H A T

D R #

52259

Kerns

Please sign four copies Report on title and return Rich copy to CAD

There is Cau casian Race on this subdvn - and it has been  
going colored in some sections of it - please  
determine if purchasers are Caucasian or not -  
we need to make notation under restrcition  
exception is not.

I know Saint Elmo -  
He is white HAT

# Select Locations of FHA- and VA-Backed Mortgages from Lusk's *Guide* (1971)

Subdivision Name	# of Black Buyers	# of White Buyers	# of Unknown Buyers	Total Number
Beverley Hills	0	12	2	14
Braddock Heights	0	7	1	8
Brenton	2	4	1	7
Brookville	0	6	3	9
Del Ray	5	9	2	16
Emma P. Hume	4	2	0	6
Hume Springs	8	0	0	8
Lynhaven	21	6	5	32
Mount Ida	1	9	4	15
NW Alexandria Improvement	1	5	0	6
Rosemont	4	18	8	30
Rosemont Park	0	7	2	9
St. Elmo	7	1	0	8
Seminary Valley	0	8	4	12
Tarleton	0	6	3	9
Temple Park	0	12	1	13
Wakefield	1	15	3	19
Warwick	0	6*	0	6
Westover	17	1	2	20
Westridge	0	11	3	14
Non-Subdivision Lots	1	5	1	7



# Questions?

Photograph of 15 E Clifford Avenue (1977). Courtesy, Tax Assessment Records, Special Collections, Alexandria Public Library.