

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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MHC Marker Committee Meeting Agenda


Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Metro Historical Commission office, Sunnyside in Sevier Park
1113 Kirkwood Avenue Nashville, TN 37204

- I. New Business
 - a. Review proposed historical markers
 - i. Pearl Creswell/ Creswell House (participatory budget)
 - ii. Kossie Gardner Sr. (participatory budget)
 - iii. Burton-Compton House (privately funded)

- II. Adjourn

As a notice to the public, the purpose of the Marker Committee meeting is to select language for the proposed marker. Accordingly, there will be no public comment or participation at this committee meeting. The full Metro Historical Commission will meet on August 19, 2024, to determine whether to adopt the proposed marker. Options for public comment will be made available at the August 19 meeting.

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Pearl Sanders Creswell
1912-1994

Following her graduation from Fisk University in 1932, Pearl Sanders married fellow alumnus Isaiah T. Creswell and settled on Fisk's campus. She worked at Fisk for 40 years, caring for the Alfred Stieglitz Collection at the Carl Van Vechten Gallery. Creswell not only promoted the arts but also the advancement of her community. She co-founded the organization that became Nashville's chapter of Jack and Jill of America and served on the board of the Nashville branch of the NAACP.

482 characters and spaces

Creswell House

In 1963, Pearl and I.T. Creswell contracted architect Robert Anderson of Donald E. Stoll & Associates and interior decorator Stephen Ferris to design a house befitting their busy lifestyle. To make the most of their small lot near Fisk University's campus, the house was designed in the mid-century modern style, seldom seen in Nashville. The interior combines openness with practical elements to ensure privacy and features a slate floor entryway, atrium and unique built-ins.

476 characters and spaces

Kossie Gardner Sr.
1897-1990

Born Carthegearius Crosby, Kossie Gardner Sr. was a farmer and Pullman porter before becoming the youngest funeral director in Nashville and the first to build a motorized ambulance. He moved K. Gardner Funeral Home in 1925 from a rented room downtown to 1511 Jefferson St. where it continued for 64 years. Gardner owned the K. Gardner Building at 419-421 4th Ave. N, established the first African American subdivision, Gold Coast, in 1953 and opened Hills of Calvary cemetery in 1958.

484 characters and spaces

Compton-Burton House
"Seven Hills"

In 1929, A. M. Burton, a founder of the Life and Casualty Insurance Co., and his wife Lillie Armstrong purchased the two-story Greek Revival house built about 1853 by Felix Compton. They renovated the house and added several outbuildings to the property. Following Lillie's death in 1981, the house and 192 acres were willed to David Lipscomb College. The school sold the property—which became the Burton Hills development—in 1984 and the house was razed.

455 characters and spaces

Side 2 photo caption:

William Lucas sold half of his 1784 land grant to his brother Andrew in 1791. Andrew and his wife Nancy Gower-Lucas sold 100 acres to their son John in 1812, who built a log cabin here. Felix Compton purchased the cabin and land in 1853, and owned the house when it was Confederate General Walthall's headquarters before the Battle of Nashville, Dec 15-16, 1864. Then the house served as a Federal field hospital. "Seven Hills" was dismantled and never rebuilt. The Compton and Burton families each lived here for 52 years.

Photo by Samuel D. Smith, 1984. Courtesy of Tennessee Division of Archaeology.