

RECOVERING

BRUCE'S BEACH

August 2023



SOURCE: Bruce's Beach History Report, manhattanbeach-dot-gov / Images courtesy of the California African American Museum



ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mrs. Bruce has built a new and up-to-date Bath at the famous resort known as "BRUCE'S BEACH" or formerly Peck's Pavilion. Surf bathing, those good, bounteous fried Fish Meals and many other attractions. A modern life line with every safety device will be installed. Come and enjoy the day, week-end or longer at this home-like outing place.

BRUCE'S BEACH



(U.S.I.R.S. \$1.50 Canceled)

GRANT DEED

We, Charles Krause and Anna Krause, his wife, and Jessie Carson Drake, formerly Jessie Carson, in consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is

hereby
property

Grant to Willie A. Bruce, wife of Charles A. Bruce,

described as follows:

Lot Nine (9) in Block Five (5) of Peck's Manhattan Beach Tract, as per map recorded in Book 7, page 34 of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

SUBJECT TO 1st. Taxes for the fiscal year 1920-21 2nd. Conditions, restrictions and reservations of record.

To Have and To Hold to the said grantee her heirs or assigns.
WITNESS our hand, this 6th day of August, 1920.

formerly Jessie Carson Drake,
Jessie Carson.
Charles Krause.
Anna Krause.

Grant Deed. Henry Willard and Lucile Willard, (his wife) of the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant to U.A. Bruce, of California, all that real property situate in Lot Eight (8) in Block in Book 7, page 84 of Maps, in Subject to restrictions

in consideration of Ten Dollars, to them

Witness hands this 17th day of October 1913.

Henry Willard

Lucile Willard

State of California, County of Los Angeles.) ss.

On this 17th day of October 1913, before me, C.M. Ashley, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Henry Willard and Lucile Willard, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal.

(Notarial Seal)

C.M. Ashley, Notary Public

in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California,

My commission expires May 28th, 1914.

#154----- A full true and correct copy of original recorded at request of Grantee

Dec. 27, 1915, at 26 min. past 3 P.M.

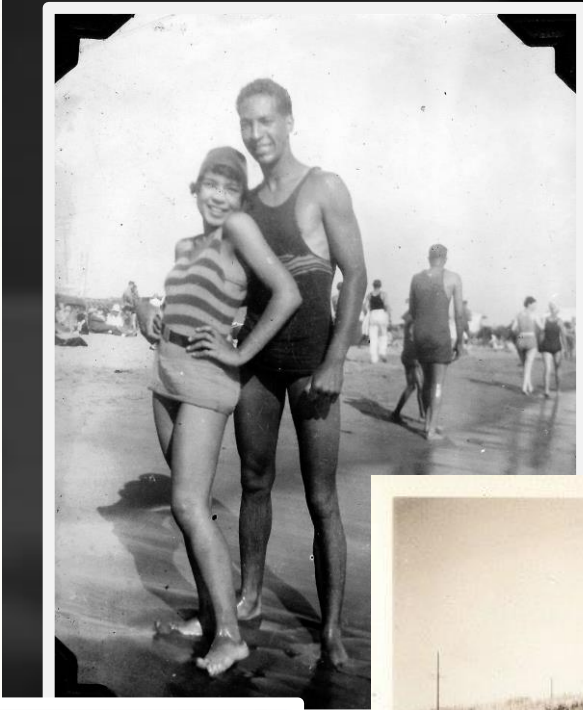
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C.L. Logan, County Recorder, by

F. Levy

Deputy.



"Confidentially, there is something about that block that is quite a detriment to the neighborhood, and that is that there is a colored family who live the year around on lot 8, which faces the ocean.

"Every so often they have a coon picnic and it is attended by about seventy-five to one-hundred and-fifty coon pullman porters and their friends. You can imagine how much this would depreciate property values in that neighborhood.

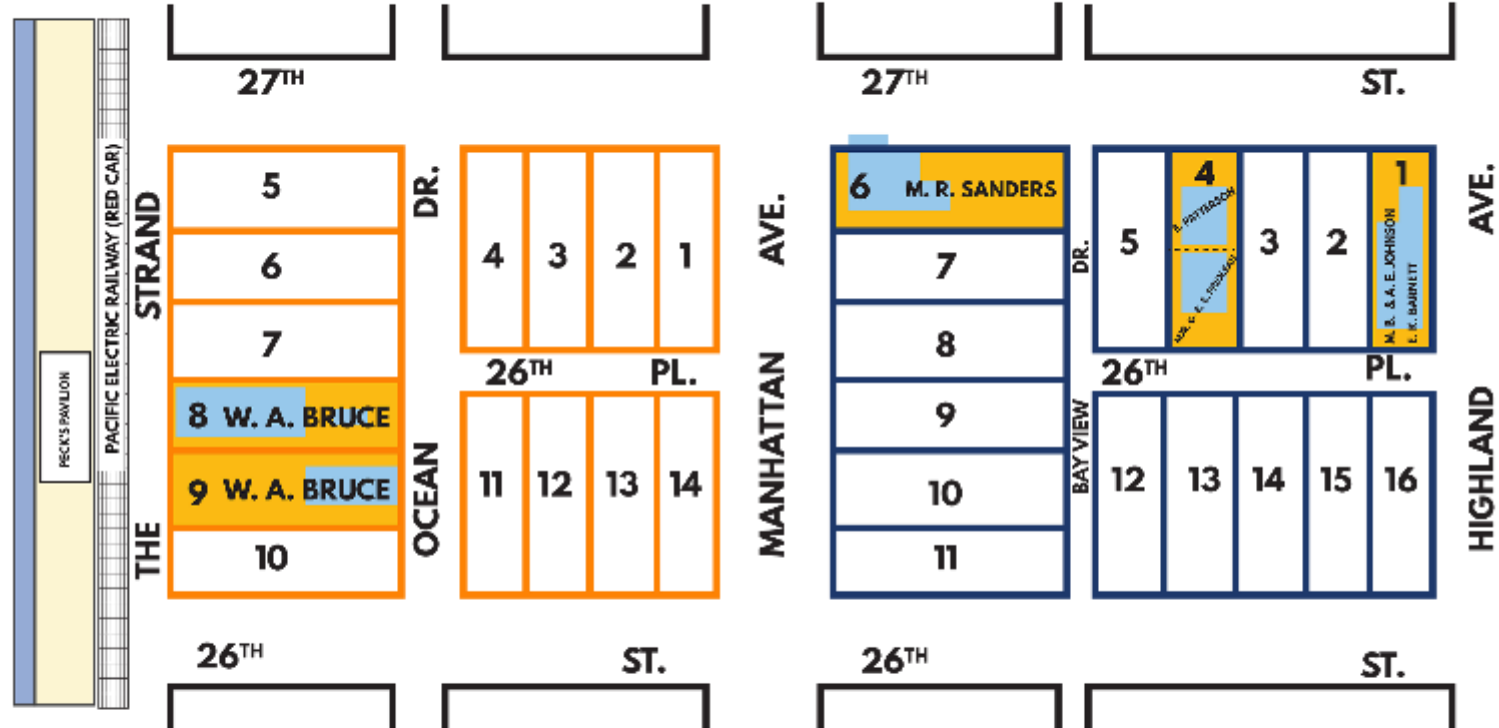
"It is the only colored family that lives within the corporate limits of Manhattan. If it wasn't for that fact, I would consider this a bargain at about the assessed valuation."

Ku Klux Klan Still Working at Manhattan Beach



SOURCES:
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Wikimedia.org

MAP OF PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE 1924-1929 CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS



BLOCK 5		BLOCK 12	
NAME	PLOT NUMBER	NAME	PLOT NUMBER
B. H. Dyer, R. L. Rice, & H. M. Eichelberger	1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	M. B. & A. E. Johnson & E. K. Barnett	1
C. W. Stone	3	B. H. Dyer, R. L. Rice, & H. M. Eichelberger	2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12
G. W. Yarrow	4, 6	E. Patterson	4
L. D. Dosta	7	Maj. G. & E. Prioleau	4
W. A. Bruce	8, 9	M. R. Sanders	6
		S. I. Ambrose, M. R. Wyser.	7
		(So. Calif. Bond & Finance Corp.)	
		R. C. Rupert	10
		G. W. Yarrow	11
		G. Stuart	13
		L. A. Dreisbach	
		(M. W. Mitchell)	14
		C. M. Monroe	15
		H. A. Eccleston	16

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**NEW
BATH HOUSES**

**COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
ON THE STRAND**

**DRESSING IN
TEMPORARY
STRUCTURES
ON THE
BEACH**

"At one time we thought the Negro problem was going to stop our progress. They erected a large building at the end of Twenty-seventh street. They had the first floor for dressing rooms for bathing and the entire second floor was a dining room and kitchen. They came here in truck loads with banners flying - 'Bound for Manhattan Beach' - We tried to buy them out, but they would not sell.

"There were several families in the blocks. We had to acquire these two blocks to solve the problem. We voted to condemn these two blocks and make a city park. We had to protect ourselves. Our attorney advised the members of the council never to admit the real purpose in establishing the park, especially during the council meeting...





Legal Issues

- Affirmation litigation
- **State legislation – SB 796**
- Genealogy/heir determination
 - Adoption
- **State and Federal taxes**
- **Ryan lawsuit**
- County negotiations
 - Transfer Agreement
 - Lease back
 - Put right
- Entitlement
- Appraisal
- Title insurance



JOE RYAN'S AMERICAN CIVIL WAR



JOE RYAN
American Civil War

II

African Racism

people called “Hottentots” came with their families from the coastal plain and into the central

The Slavery Blame Game

By: *Joe Ryan*

How then, in the face of this deep rooted feeling of white supremacy in America, did the African slaves become American citizens? Through the crucible of a horrible war between white men fighting themselves in furious frustration at the presence of Africans amongst them. It was the *nature* of war that liberated the Africans in America and nothing else. And, though liberated by war, yet it took

HOME

Sesquicentennial

CONGRESS SPIES

STATE OF THE
UNION

SUPREME COURT
WALL OF SHAME

ORIGINAL
WORKS

*Procedural History of Jose Padilla's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Through the
Courts, With Additional Cases*

By JOSEPH RYAN

President Lincoln's War Fleet
What If New York State Had Seceded
What Happened in April 1861

"...where the appropriation of public funds and/or property is to address and/or remedy racial discrimination committed by the government, it serves a public purpose.

“Righting a government wrong
perpetrated in breach of our
core and fundamental
constitutional principles
works to strengthen governmental
integrity, represents
accountability in government
and works to eliminate
structural racism and bias.

MONDAY, M
MANHATTAN

“The government’s act
of rectifying a prior
egregious wrong based
on racism fosters trust
and respect in government.”



STORY OF



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