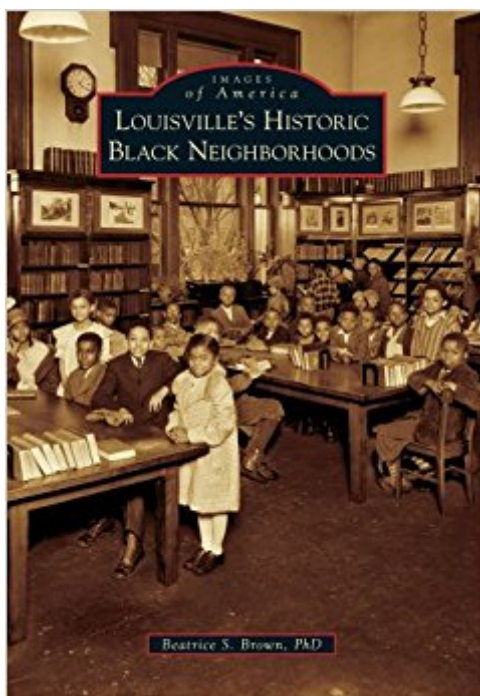


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After the American Civil War, many African Americans found a new life in River Town. Louisville became a historic marker for freed men and women of color who bought acres of land or leased shotgun cottages and lots from whites to begin their new emancipated life. Smoketown is the only neighborhood in the city of Louisville with such continuous presence. By 1866, Smoketown was settled by these freemen, and by 1871 the first public building, the Eastern Colored School, was erected. By the 1950 census, 10,653 people lived in Smoketown, and other historic black neighborhoods such as Petersburg/Newburg, Parkland, California, Russell, Berrytown, Griffytown, and Black Hill in Old Louisville were thriving. As these new neighborhoods sprang up, another historic event was taking place: in 1875, the first Kentucky Derby convened, and 13 of the 15 jockeys were black. Such astounding history embraces this city, and *Images of America: Louisville's Historic Black Neighborhoods* relives its magnificent and rich narrative.

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Intrigued by the glory days of these neighborhoods whose residents endured struggles and victorious triumphs together through their commitment and faith, Beatrice S. Brown's passion is part of this heritage. Born in the Smoketown-Jackson community and raised in Parkland, Dr. Brown attended Parkland Elementary and Parkland Junior High, which is currently named Johnson Middle School.

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