



*The Rev. A. O. Augustus*

in 1903 at Third Avenue and Browne Street and a larger church was built in 1921 at Fifth Avenue and Sherman Street. Today Bethel A.M.E. Church is located at E. 1105 Newark.

Churches were the primary meeting ground of Spokane County's black pioneer families, but clubs and lodges also provided an outlet for socializing for young and old. This is where the women played roles as active as the men's, according to records from the period.

One of the foremost women's clubs was the Wednesday Art Club, founded July 9, 1913, "to foster the interest of our members and the public in the arts, the social, economic, educational and civic life of the community."

Officers of the Wednesday Art Club at its founding were Mamie Hagans, president; Ada Cunningham Jones, vice president; Lucille Perkins Parker, secretary; Elise Williams Reynolds, treasurer; and Jessie Sims Walker, bylaws chairwoman. The club held several joint ventures with men's clubs like the Success Club and the Spokane Social Club and promoted events from sponsorship of a Lawn Tennis Court and Club to the annual celebration and parade on the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. An auxiliary, the Junior Wednesday Art Club, formed in 1915.



*The Pierian Club*