

The Rev. J. Gordon McPherson was an early pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and editor of another early black newspaper, *The Forum*, which began publishing late in 1909. Like *The Citizen*, the paper published by Parker and Barrow, it was issued every Saturday and sold for \$2 a year. Officers of Forum Publishing were McPherson, secretary and general manager; reporter William B. Brown, and president and publisher Crockett Ross. Its offices were at E. 2014 Sprague.



Poodle Dog Restaurant
Collie Williams, owner

Spokane had more black businessmen in grocer William Hopkins, who operated a store at N. 1802 Division in 1897; in baker George E. Anderson, whose Acme Coffee House was operating at S. 106 Stevens in 1899; in Collie Williams, who owned the Poodle Dog Restaurant near Howard Street and First Avenue around 1912; in Richard Schloss, who operated a livery stable in 1915; and in Frank A. Stokes, owner of a transfer and storage company and president of the Negro Businessmen's League.

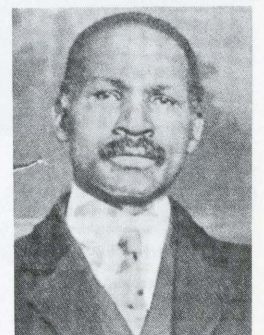


Volunteer Fire Department in 1889.

Familiar faces in the community included Joe Hagan, who was a member of the Spokane Falls Volunteer Fire Department in 1889 and is listed as a court bailiff in the 1900 census; Toussaint Tucker, a newspaper carrier around 1920; Edward D. Winlock, the first black waiter at The Spokane Club in 1903; and Charles Hagan, a bootblack for J.B. Parker's business in 1893.

There are scores more of the "unfamous" but no less important black area residents in those early years, some of whose descendants perhaps still live here today. Those early black residents include A. J. Smith, Joseph Shelley, Frank Willson, H.B. Smith, Lemuel Thompson, Richard Turner, Louis Ferrell, Joseph Bryant, John Pressley Boot, Joseph Hazelwood, Frederick W. Moss, Mrs. J.W. Potter, William Rumfort, Robert Fuller, James Fullcomer, J.T. Huffman, F. Gandrau and Malachi Johnson.

Much of the record on blacks in Eastern Washington's early days remains sketchy. A particularly big gap is in the history of pioneering black women,



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