

Houses in Historic Anacostia

The oldest houses in Historic Anacostia date back to the middle part of the 1850s. At that time, the area was called Uniontown.

Uniontown was one of the first suburbs of the city of Washington. Many who lived there worked at the U.S. Navy Yard, which was

located just across the Anacostia River. These houses were owned and occupied by a strictly white population. They could not be sold or rented to people of African or Irish descent. Freed blacks and the **descendants** of slaves already lived in the nearby Barry Farms section. In 1880, African Americans began to move into Uniontown.



As in other parts of the District of Columbia, row houses (those that are attached at the sides), were very common in Anacostia. These early houses were built from wood and had porches. Home buyers were able to choose their own styles of wooden decorations, windows, and iron fences. The architectural styles are **Italianate**, **Cottage**, and **Queen Anne**. During the 1930s, indoor plumbing and electricity came to the residents of the community. Today's Anacostia includes garden apartments, brick homes, stucco houses, brick homes, ranch-style houses, and townhouses.

A Special Place to Live

(Place a photograph or drawing of a house, here.)

Who live(d) in this house? _____

Why did you choose this house? _____

Which style is this house and when was it built? _____

Where would you go to do research about this house? _____
