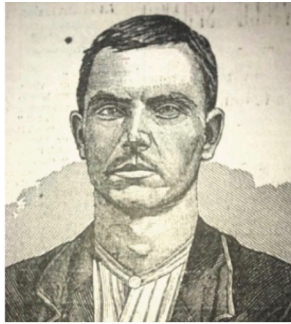




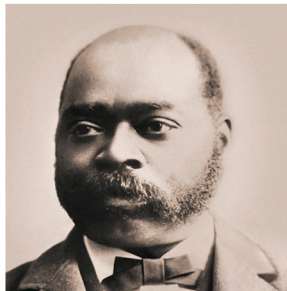
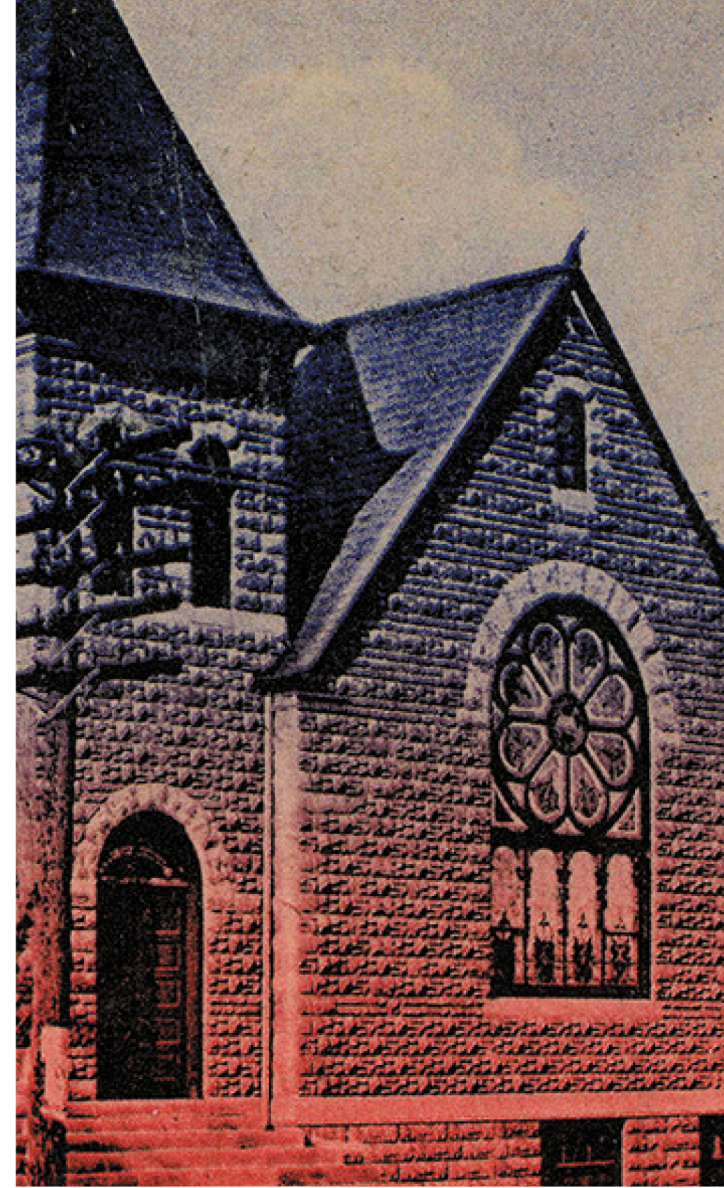
The historic Mount Zion Baptist Church on the corner of Congress and Carpernter streets.



Christopher Davis was lynched by an Athens mob in November 1881. He was hung from a bridge on Mulberry Street despite his innocence.



Olivia A. Davidson was a prominent educator. She married Booker T. Washington in 1886 in Athens, they later started the Tuskegee Institute.



Eliza Davison worked for many years as a cook for General Custer, and Andrew Jackson Davison was Athens first Black lawyer.



Black architect William W. Cooke designed and built the Athens Post Office, now Ohio University's Haning Hall. The building originally opened in 1911.



Edward and Martha Jane Berry opened the acclaimed Berry Hotel in the 1890s.

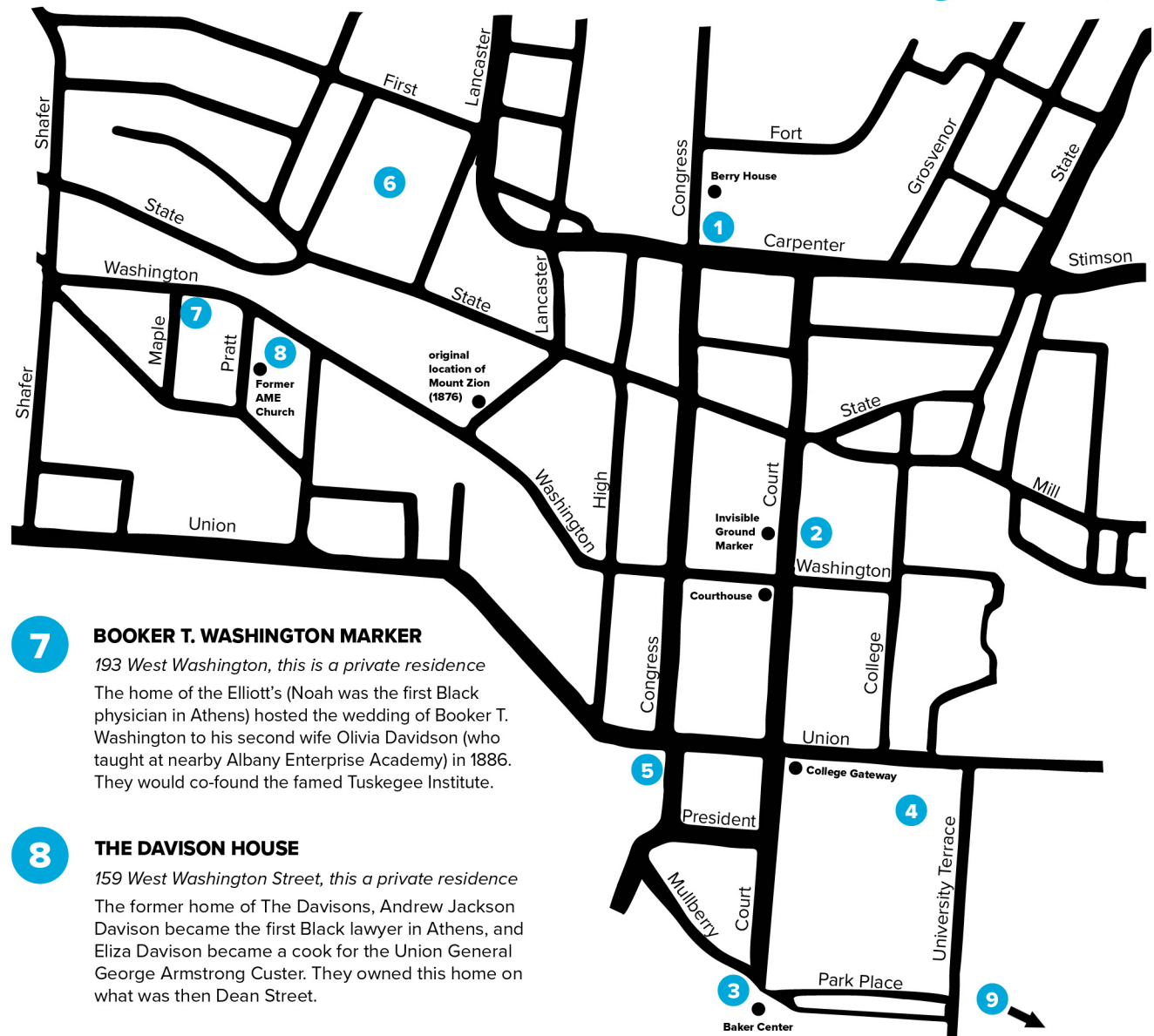


Ohio University's Adams Hall was built in 2007 and named in honor of Alvin C. Adams. In 1959, Adams became the first Black American graduate of the OU School of Journalism, and he had a storied career.

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1

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

32 West Carpenter Street

A historic Black church and community space in Athens, Ohio built in this location in 1905. It will be preserved as a community-wide asset and multi-use venue that recognizes the contributions, history and ongoing concerns of Black Americans in Southeast Ohio and throughout the region.

2

THE BERRY HOTEL

18 North Court Street

The former location of Edward and Martha Jane Berry's famed hotel features an Invisible Ground historic marker that let's you see The Berry Hotel! Starting as an 1880s ice cream shop, the hotel hosted presidents, and was known for its hospitality.

3

CHRISTOPHER DAVIS LYNCHING MEMORIAL

End of Court Street, by Mulberry Street

This marker memorializes the lynching of Christopher Davis of Albany, Ohio by an Athens mob in 1881.

4

TEMPLETON BLACKBURN ALUMNI MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

College Green, corner of E. Union & University Terrace

Named in honor of the first Black graduates of Ohio University: John Templeton (class of 1828) and Martha Jane Hunley Blackburn (class of 1916).

5

HANING HALL / OLD ATHENS POST OFFICE

35 West Union Street

Originally the Athens Post Office, the building became Haning Hall after becoming an Ohio University property. It was designed by famous Black architect William W. Cooke in 1935.

6

WEST STATE STREET CEMETERY

West State Street, near Miller Street

The oldest cemetery in town has a number of historic burials. Famous Black Athenians interred here include Eliza and Andrew Jackson Davison, and the back part of the cemetery features many unmarked graves. Veterans from almost every American war back to the Revolution can be found here, along with stories on stones from W.E. Peters.

7

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON MARKER

193 West Washington, this is a private residence

The home of the Elliott's (Noah was the first Black physician in Athens) hosted the wedding of Booker T. Washington to his second wife Olivia Davidson (who taught at nearby Albany Enterprise Academy) in 1886. They would co-found the famed Tuskegee Institute.

8

THE DAVISON HOUSE

159 West Washington Street, this a private residence

The former home of The Davisons, Andrew Jackson Davison became the first Black lawyer in Athens, and Eliza Davison became a cook for the Union General George Armstrong Custer. They owned this home on what was then Dean Street.

9

ADAMS HALL

63 South Green Drive

Built in 2007 and named in honor of Alvin C. Adams. In 1959, Adams was the first Black graduate of the Ohio University School of Journalism.

An incomplete list of important Black History sites around Athens, Ohio and the OHIO campus

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