



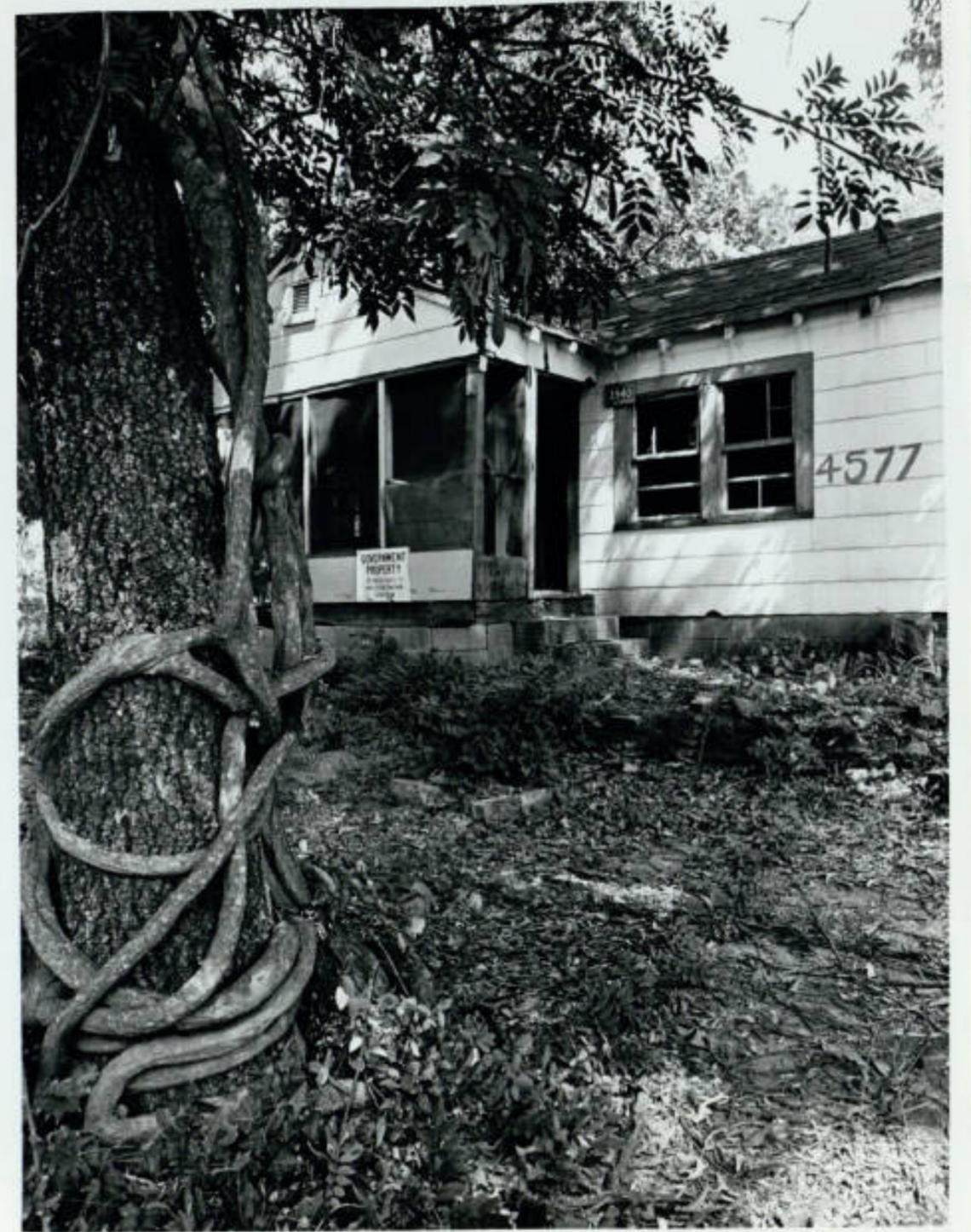
RESEARCH UPDATE #4: LAND-BASED COMPENSATION

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BRIEF NOTES

Historic Significance of Land
Land-Based Compensation
Possible Sites for Examination
Related Research



10 **WHEREAS**, reparations are also defined as the making of amends for a
11 wrong one has done, by paying money to or otherwise helping those who have
12 been wronged; and

13 **WHEREAS**, reparations can take numerous forms, including: individual
14 monetary payments, settlements, scholarships, waiving of fees, systemic
15 initiatives to offset injustices, land-based compensation related to independence,
16 apologies and acknowledgements of the injustices, token measures such as
17 naming a building after someone, or the removal of monuments and renaming of
18 streets that honor slave owners and defenders of slavery; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners seeks to explore
20 the feasibility of reparations to Black/African-American residents of Fulton County
21 residents by creating a taskforce to research the feasibility of slavery reparations
22 for Black/African-American who live in Fulton County; and

Possible Research Leads

- **"LAND-BASED COMPENSATION RELATED TO INDEPENDENCE"**

Continuing down our existing path to communities like Piney Grove, Johnsontown, Peoplestown

- **"SCHOLARSHIPS"**

Examining scholarship programs from other areas and their efficacy, conduct a feasibility study on Fulton County

- **"WAIVING OF FEES"**

Consider ways that Black residents of Fulton County are uniquely cost-burdened as a result of derivative conditions of slavery (ex. health outcomes)

- **"SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES TO OFFSET INJUSTICES"**

Examine programs from other areas and their efficacy, present a "state of the county" on the topic

WHY LAND?

It might be helpful to justify the research approach up to this point.

Applications of Refugees & Freedmen for Headquarters Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and

No	Name	Date of Application	No of Family			No of Persons
			men	women	children	
183	Henry J. Jackson Freedman	New Orleans Oct 4	2			
184	Henry Minor & 4 others Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 5	5	4	9	50
185	Dick Plummer and David Noel Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 5	2	4	2	25
186	David Ross and 3 brothers Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 5	4	4	9	20
187	Robert Butler and 5 others Freedmen ca No 52	New Orleans Oct 7	6	4	2	
188	Isaac Pince Freedman	New Orleans Oct 7	1	1	1	15
189	Napoleon Bonaparte Freedman	New Orleans Oct 7	1	1	6	10
190	Andrew Green and 7 others Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 7	10	10	16	100
191	Alexander Hubank and 10 others Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 7	11	8	16	100
192	Adam Nickle and 5 others Freedmen	Thibodaux Oct 3 rd	6	0	19	150
193	Thomas Martin Freedman	Thibodaux Oct 5 th	1	1	0	40
194	Lemuel Thomas and brother, Freedmen	New Orleans Oct 9	2	2	3	
			51	45	81	24

Assignment Lands in accordance with Circular No 10 Abandoned Lands State of Louisiana

Children	No of Acres	Location	Means	Remarks
		Stoverson Plantation Par of West Feliciana	Stated as sufficient	Will plant cotton &c
9	50	Miss Taylor Plante Parish Assumption	3 horses, 1 mule, 1 cart 400 barrels of corn	
2	25		2 axes & hoes.	
9	20	Navy Yard Plante Parish of Orleans	4 horses, 2 harness 1 cart \$100 in cash	This applicant desires land elsewhere (20 acres)
2		Logan Plantation St Charles	3 horses, 2 plows, hoes &c \$60 worth of rice, wages due \$600.00	Will wish to plant cotton &c
1	15	Hermitage Plante Parish of St Charles	None	
6	10		\$30 in cash 20 lbs corn	
6	100	Ashland Plantation Parish of Ascension	\$200 in cash, 5 bales cotton 200 barrels corn &c. Wages due \$300.	Wish to raise cotton, cane and corn
6	100	Ashland Plantation Parish of Ascension	\$500 cash, 5 bales cotton, 550 lbs corn.	Wish to raise corn cotton & cane
9	150	Robt. Tucker Plantation Parish Lafourche	5 horses, stock poultry &c	Ask an early start
	40	Leighton Plante Parish Lafourche	1 horse, hoes &c \$40 cash	
			\$175 cash, 50 lbs corn	
	20	near N. O.		
	550			

Why Land?

- **SIGNIFICANCE TO BLACK PEOPLE**

Historical sources repeatedly demonstrate the significance of land acquisition to Black people in the United States

- **EASE OF DOCUMENTATION**

Land transfers are easier to trace, quantify, and analyze than many other avenues of possible discrimination

- **WEALTH-BUILDING ASSET**

Home and land ownership is a crucial link in the chain of generational and intergenerational wealth building

- **UNIVERSAL APPEAL**

Land ownership is foundational to the American republic, a sentiment that is shared across much of the political spectrum

EXAMPLES OF LAND- BASED COMPENSATION

Parallel efforts to correct historic wrong-doings make up the "policy stream"

Land Returns, Reconciliation, and Others

In 2010, the Obama administration authorized the USDA to pay \$1.25 bil to black American farmers in the Pigford v. Glickman settlement

In 2018, the City of Eureka returned 2020 acres to the Wiyot Tribe of California, in addition to 40 acres returned in 2004.

Evanston, Illinois' *Restorative Housing Program*, the first phase of its 2019 commitment to reparations provided grants to some qualifying individuals.

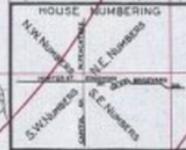
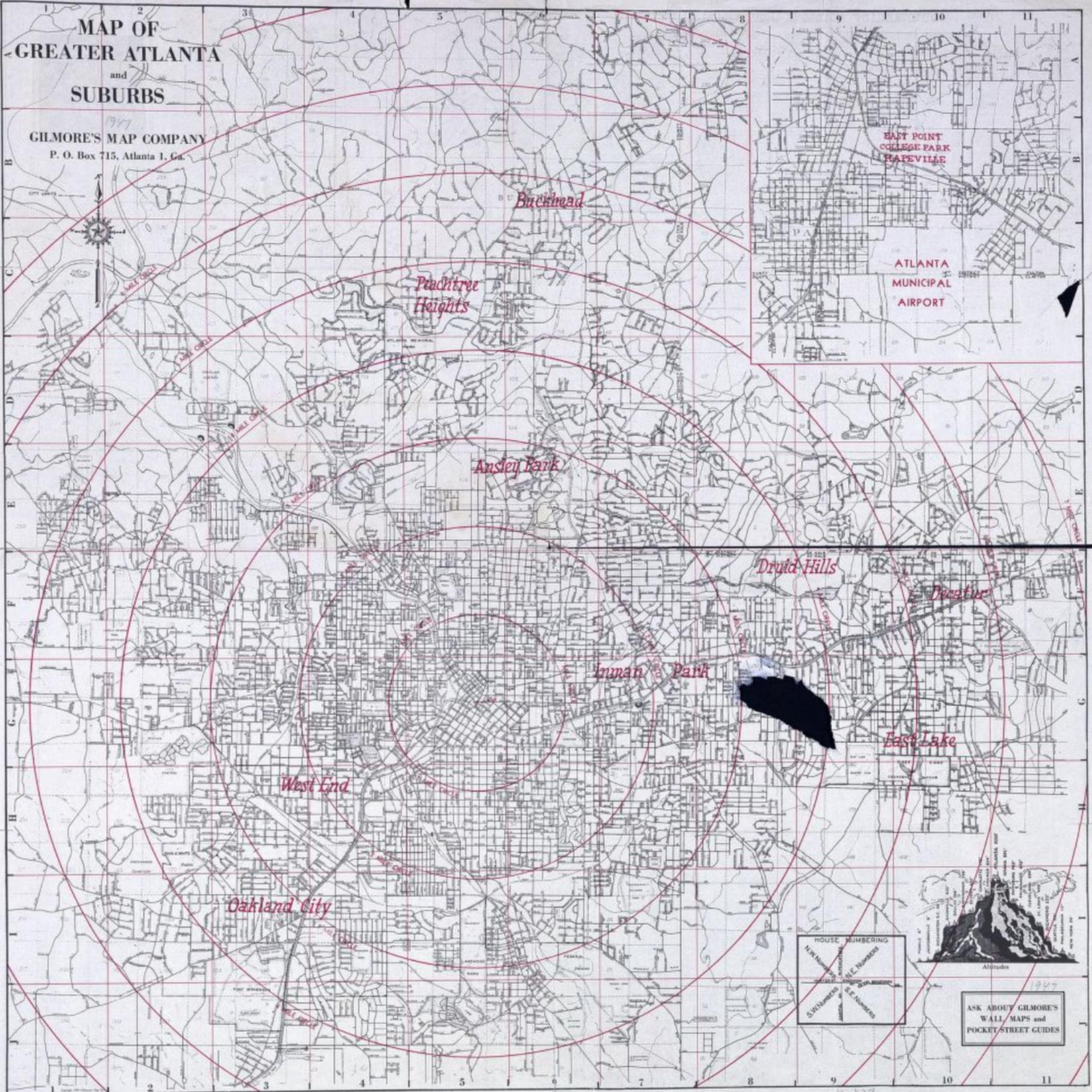
On July 20, 2022, the Board of Supervisors returned ownership of Bruce's Beach to the closest living legal heirs of Charles and Willa Bruce.

POSSIBLE SITES FOR EXAMINATION

This month's exploration has yielded approx. a dozen sites for further research

MAP OF GREATER ATLANTA and SUBURBS

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TASK FORCE FEEDBACK

- Can members of the task force justify any particular order of examination?
 - How many of these sites should we aim to cover?
 - What is the best format to present findings in?
 - How can we make findings publicly available, engaging, and meaningful?
 - Can/should the task force partner with existing organizations to accelerate this work (e.g. Buckhead Heritage Foundation)
 - How will the end of year report be written?
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RELATED RESEARCH

1. There is *little to no* public opinion polling on municipal reparations efforts, and none at the county level
2. Incorporating and uplifting the voices of those reparations aims to benefit should* be *centered* in the reparations/reconciliation process
3. Fulton County *does not appear* to have made efforts to incorporate direct feedback on the topic of reparations in the policymaking process

I believe this above warrants the construction and dissemination of a brief survey/poll on reparations amongst Fulton County residents.

Survey would be conducted in conjunction with the Hart Leadership Program, with research ethics oversight from the Duke Institutional Review Board.

Questions?