

# Walk Parole: A Scavenger Hunt for History

Unscramble the clues to complete the rhymes.

Answers to the clues are on the reverse of this page. Don't peek unless you're well and truly stumped!

**1** To protect their neighbors from disease and many other ills, Rev. Chambers launched this center with his good friend, Walter **SLIM**.



**11** "Hoppy" was a D.J. who brought thousands into town for superstar musicians like Chuck Berry and James **NORBW**.



**16** Mt. Olive Church, A.M.E., was founded in 1870, when African-Americans came by the score after the close of the **VICIL RAW**.



**2** This is one of many churches that make up our heart and soul; no matter where one searches, there's just no place like **LAROPE**.



**12** Between antiques and junk, there's a very fine line, but you could find both at **TENNISFLIKE**'s.



**17** You'll see artifacts of our past as you enter the Mt. Olive Community Life **NECRET**.



**3** The panels that you'll find here hold so many revelations of the people who have lived here for so many **REASONETING**.



**13** Calvin Herbert was the man who kept the church intact. He did the work of ten men; that certainly is a **CAFT**.  
*Mrs. Betty Makell Coleman (Parole Elementary School Alumna)*



**18** Reading, writing, and arithmetic were taught at Parole School. Good behavior and manners were expected; 'twas always an unbreakable **LURE**.  
*Mrs. Betty Makell Coleman (Parole Elementary School Alumna)*



**4** Sam Gilmer once drove taxis, working every day and night; He's better known for working to secure our civil **GIRTHS**.



**14** The Rev. John T. Chambers Park was developed as you can readily see. It provides a safe and open space where children can always **YALP** free.  
*Mrs. Hannah Scott Chambers (daughter-in-law)*



**19** An attorney dedicated to justice for one & all, this Alderwoman represents Parole at **TYIC LAHL**.



**5** To show this civic hero our high regard for him We named a major artery – a whole new **BRAVOLUDE** for him.



**15** Rosenwald helped build a school for our kids' education when Maryland's black students suffered **INSTAGEORGE**.



**20** Here in the community of Parole, our churches serve as our heart and **ULOS**.



**6** Let's hear a cheer for Norwood Brown, Let's hear from our toastmaster, For the man who served as our Alderman As well as our first **SMARTSTOPE**.



**7** A name associated with Parole for all these many years was Principal Walter L.S. Mills, driven to serve through blood, sweat, and **STRAE**.  
*Mrs. Betty Makell Coleman (Parole Elementary School Alumna)*



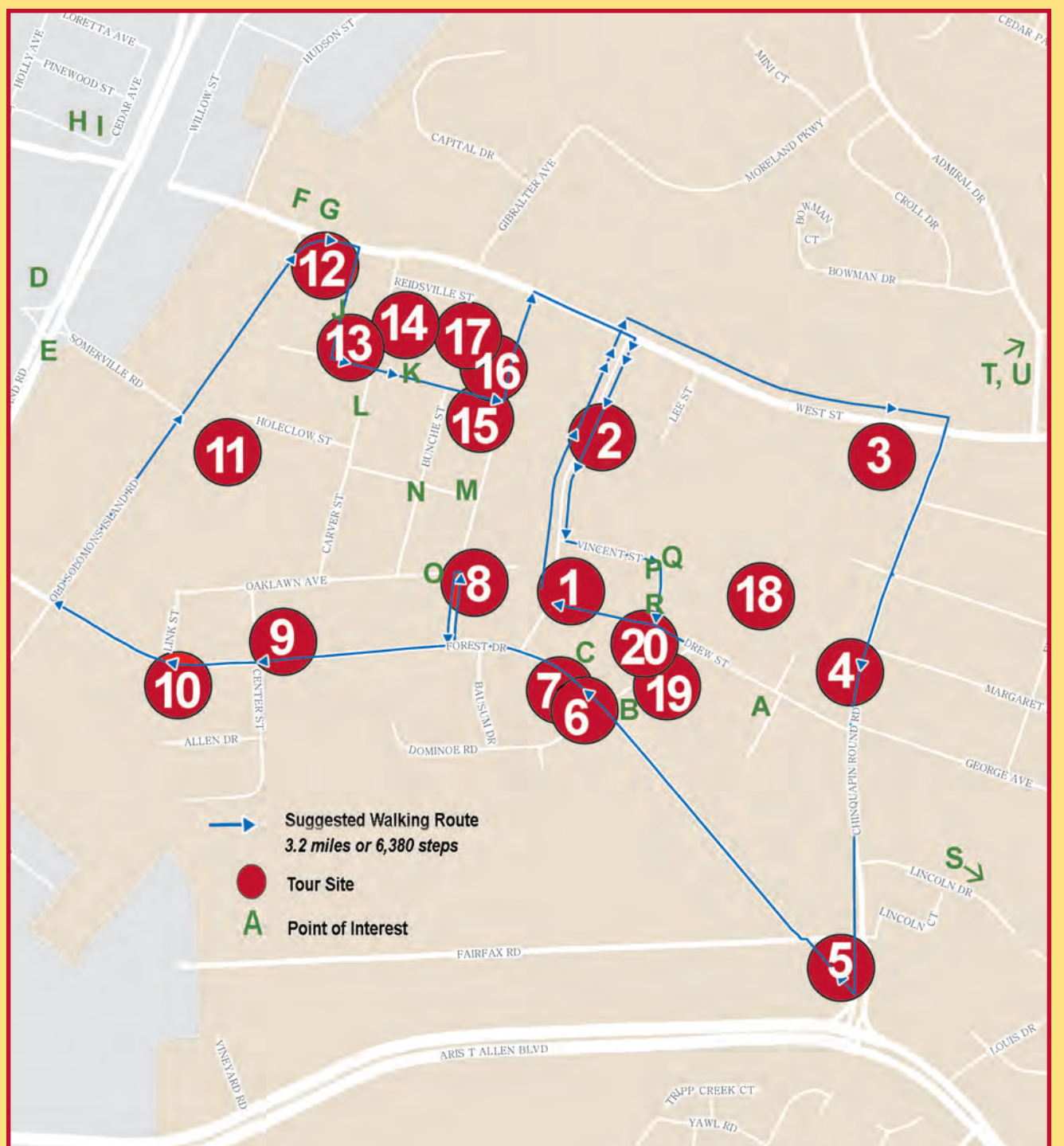
**8** John T. Chambers, Jr., was an exceptional man. He was relatively quiet, but when needed he would take a stand. An athlete beyond compare, he never thought that he'd become **YOMAR**.  
*Mrs. Hannah Scott Chambers (wife)*



**9** In World War II he was brave and true, and fought hard for our freedom. As Alderman, his words were true, and people did then **DEHE MHTE**.



**10** Classie sought equality for every single human, And so she was the first to hold the title, "Alder**NAWMO**."



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The Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. and the Parole Elementary School Alumni and Friends Association have developed this free, fun, family challenge in celebration of Maryland Day, in cooperation with the Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission, Four Rivers - The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County, Annapolis Partnership, Let's Move - America's Move to Raise a Healthier Generation of Kids, Annapolis Recreation and Parks, the Annapolis History Consortium and the Annapolis Heritage Commission.



*Come and step into history!*



# A Scavenger Hunt for History

## Parole

developments and amended the city's charter so that female members of the city council were called alderwomen, not aldermen. But her greatest legacy is the wealth of historical markers around Parole. As Parole has gentrified, the markers have become reminders of what the shopping centers and condominiums have replaced. To Alderwoman Hoyle, keeping the reminders of the past alive is the greatest service she could do for her constituents.

**Site 11: BROWN. Charles W. "Hoppy" Adams, Jr., Home, 35 Old Solomons Island Road.** Charles "Hoppy" Adams, Jr., (1926 - 2005) was a beloved DJ on the Annapolis-based radio station WANN for nearly 40 years. He hosted huge weekly events at Carr's Beach, a nearby resort for African-Americans. These concerts drew thousands from miles around to see top recording stars like James Brown, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, the Drifters, Coasters and Shirelles. Throughout his life, Adams was well known for his philanthropy. His foundation continues to help create a positive atmosphere where students can experience a sense of belonging, positive self-esteem, and inspiring them to see the positive impact they can have in their community.

**12: FINKELSTEIN. Finkelstein's Store, 2009 West Street.** Sam Finkelstein ran a store on the southeast corner of West Street and Old Solomon's Island Road (now the site of Then... & Again Antiques). He arrived from Russia in 1907 at the age of six. He and his mother opened a general store at this site in 1917, where they sold everything from groceries to hardware to farm supplies. By the late 1920s, the store had shifted to selling mostly furniture and antiques. Originally built in the front of the lot, the building was moved back when West Street was paved and expanded in 1956. Sam died in 1985 and the property was sold in 1987.

**Site 13: FACT. King's Apostles Holiness Church, 11 Kirby Lane.** King's Apostles Holiness Church is a Pentecostal church located at 11 Kirby Lane, in Annapolis, Maryland. This Pentecostal church serves Anne Arundel County.

**Site 14: PLAY. Rev. John T. Chambers, Sr., Park, 14 Dorsey Avenue.** Named in honor of Rev. John T. Chambers, Sr., because of his outstanding community leadership and service. He was recognized for the promotion of physical, spiritual and intellectual development of the youth of Parole. He was the father of Mayor/Alderman Chambers.

**Site 15. SEGREGATION. Camp Parole Rosenwald School, 10 Hicks Avenue.** A result of a partnership between Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute and Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company, the Rosenwald Fund provided matching grants for more than 5,000 schools, shops and teachers' residences built in 15 southern states, between 1917 and 1931. The schools became obsolete in 1954 with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that outlawed segregation in public education. Many of the schools were abandoned or demolished

# Answers to the Clues -- Don't Peek!

**Site 1: MILLS Community Health Center at Parole, Inc., 1950 Drew Street.** For 80 years, the Parole Health Center has provided basic health services to African-American citizens of Parole. Operating initially in Cecil Memorial U.M. and Mount Olive A.M.E. Churches, the Parole Health Center provided pre-natal health care to women who could not afford a private physician. The founders, Walter S. Mills and Rev. John T. Chambers Sr., and the Parole Elementary School PTA, believed, "Every child has the right to be born a healthy child." Following many years of renovation and expansion, and with the assistance of the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, the Parole Health Center now provides immunizations, reproductive health services, and testing for HIV and TB for all.

**Site 2: PAROLE. Cecil Memorial United Methodist Church, 15 Parole Street.** This church was founded on July 16, 1925, by Rev. John J. Cecil, a retired minister of the former Washington Conference and a member of the Asbury Quarterly Conference of Annapolis. His wife, Mrs. Annie B. Cecil, was a great supporter in his efforts. The church was originally named Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Site 3: GENERATIONS. 1901 West Street.** In the central courtyard of this complex, you'll find several interpretive panels depicting the history of Parole, from the Civil War camp that gave the community its name to the origin of the names of the streets. You'll learn that African-American individuals and families had come from far and wide to work at the camp and in Annapolis. After the Civil War, they established a community and took advantage of the opportunities on the farms and in Annapolis. Today, many of the families who settled in Parole have descendants still living here.

**Site 4: RIGHTS. Samuel L. Gilmer Transportation Center, 308 Chinguapin Round Road.** Built in 1996, this building honors Samuel L. Gilmer, a civil rights activist who served Parole as Alderman for 20 years. The young Mr. Gilmer drove a cab for his father and later owned Sammy's Taxi Service. After World War II, he found himself and other black former soldiers treated as second-class citizens, which "made me get involved in the fight for freedom," he said. He helped organize the Anne Arundel County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and was its president in the 1960s and 1970s. He died in 2008 at 86.

**Site 5: BOULEVARD. Aris T. Allen, M.D., Memorial, Chinguapin Round Road & Forest Drive.** Aris T. Allen, M.D., (1910 - 1991) was the first African-American chair of the Maryland Republican party and the first to run for a statewide office in Maryland. Dr. Allen received the Maryland Medical Association award for

outstanding achievements in medicine and civic affairs in 1967. He was the first Africa-American to be appointed to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, was a member of the board of the Anne Arundel Community College, and vice chair for the Board of Regents at Morgan State University. Aris T. Allen Boulevard (Maryland Route 665) was named for Allen, who died the year prior to its completion.

**Site 6: POSTMASTER. Thomas Norwood Brown Home, 1951 Forest Drive.** Thomas Norwood Brown (1912 - 1989) was a successful businessman as well as a community leader who owned Arundel Cab Company at the time of his election to Alderman in 1950. He was the first Alderman to represent Parole on the Annapolis City Council until 1967. Brown also built the first Parole Post Office, of which he was Postmaster by 1954. The office stood at 1979 West Street. He also advocated for the construction of the first YMCA in that area.

**Site 7: TEARS. Walter S. Mills Home, 1955 Forest Drive.** Walter S. Mills, principal of Parole Elementary School, was famous for his 1939 suit against the Anne Arundel County Board of Education that resulted in equal pay for black principals and teachers. He was represented by Thurgood Marshall, then a lawyer with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Marshall, later a Supreme Court justice, said the salary discrepancy was caused by racial differences and violated the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment. The case is one of only two cited in law books concerning discriminatory pay practices in education. It came 15 years before the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education case in 1954.

**Site 8: MAYOR. John Thomas Chambers, Jr., Home, 41 Hicks Avenue.** John Thomas Chambers, Jr., was Annapolis' first black mayor. He was born and raised in the Parole community. He served as Parole's Alderman from 1967 to 1973, and was best known for the "Chambers Ordinance," which "made the job of mayor full-time and spelled out the duties of the city's chief executive." He also succeeded in passing rent control, placing a plaque at the foot of Main Street in honor of Alex Haley's ancestor Kunta Kinte, and passing legislation making the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a city holiday. In April 1981, the City Council appointed Alderman Chambers as acting mayor until his retirement that same year.

**Site 9: HEED THEM. Samuel L. Gilmer Home, 2046 Forest Drive.** (see #4)

**Site 10: WOMAN. Classie Gillis Hoyle, PhD, Home, 2089 Forest Drive.** As Parole's Alderwoman on the Annapolis City Council from 2001-2013, Dr. Hoyle completed the installation of sidewalks, created rules about including affordable housing in new

brick structure on Franklin Street. Macedonia A.M.E. later became Mt. Olive A.M.E. and has been located on Hicks Ave. since 1886.

**Site 17: CENTER. Mount Olive Community Life Center, 4 Hicks Avenue.** A community facility providing meeting space for academic, social and nonprofit events.

**Site 18: RULE. Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School, 1 George & Marion Phelps Lane.** Named after educator and civil rights activist Walter S. Mills (see #7), this traditional elementary school was first built in 1952 and now serves about 630 students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade 5. Its cultural diversity reflects the richness and strength of the Parole community.

**Site 19: CITY HALL. Rhonda Pindell-Charles, Esq., Home, 5 Donioe Road.** Rhonda Pindell-Charles represents her Parole-Annapolis community, Ward 3, on the Annapolis City Council. A graduate of Morgan State University and the University of Maryland Law School, Rhonda served as an attorney with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and as a supervising attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, Baltimore City. Upon retirement, Rhonda worked for the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, and is currently with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Rhonda has served on boards, commissions, and committees on a multitude of civic and governmental levels. Rhonda and Marvin married in 1979 and have two children, Marvin, Jr., and Rishelle.

**Site 20: SOUL. Beacon Light S.D.A. Church, 1943 Drew Street.** This Seventh Day Adventist Church started in 1956 as the Sunshine Band, led by Mrs. Laurina Griffin. The band presented programs at the Crownsville Institution and the Annapolis Jail, "carrying sunshine to those longing for the love of the Savior." The Church was organized in 1957.

## Points of Interest

- A. Gilmer Street
- B. Rev. Leroy Bowman Home, 1949 Forest Drive
- C. Francis & Mildred Noel Home, 1957 Forest Drive
- D. Parole Hunt Club's Race Track - Horse Track  
Site of Annapolis Towne Centre at Parole
- E. Parole Camp Plaque  
Route 2 @ Somerville Road, at fence in front of Kohl's
- F. Baltimore, Washington & Annapolis Train Station,  
Site of Lighthouse Wine & Spirits, 2012 West Street
- G. Parole Post Office  
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- H. The Little Red Schoolhouse  
Site of Double T Diner, 12 Defense Street
- I. Macedonia Hall  
Site of Double T Diner, 12 Defense Street
- J. Kirby Lane
- K. Dorsey Avenue
- L. Carver Street
- M. Holeclaw Street
- N. Bunche Street
- O. Hicks Avenue
- P. George and Marion Phelps Lane
- Q. George and Marion Phelps Home, 1947 Drew Street
- R. Drew Street
- S. Capital Church of Christ, 1790 Lincoln Drive
- T. Second Baptist Church, 1808 N. Poplar Avenue
- U. Pindell Avenue

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and their invaluable contributions forgotten. Of the more than 5,000 Rosenwald program buildings constructed, 156 of the school and ancillary structures were built in Maryland - and 53 of those structures remain. The one in "Camp Parole" was built between 1924 -25. It is now an apartment building.

**Site 16: CIVIL WAR. Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, 2 Hicks Avenue.** The Mount Olive A.M.E. Congregation dates from 1870 when the Macedonia A.M.E. Church was founded at Parole. Camp Parole was abandoned by Federal troops at the termination of the Civil War and became a black community. The first A.M.E. church built in Parole was supposedly built from the wood of the old Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church when that church was replaced by the

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