

HOGAN'S ALLEY

Vancouver's first and only established Black neighbourhood



First Black Neighbourhood

As Vancouver grew, so did its Black community. The Alley itself was just a part of the larger Black community located in Strathcona.

Its Black concentration was due in part to its vicinity to the railway station. Many black men found employment as porters for the railway and settled in the area. This area was strongly working class and allowed for minorities to establish community and support systems .



Bustling Business

As Vancouver became known for its nightlife, so did Hogan's Alley. Notably, southern inspired chicken houses were very popular and Black owned businesses were seen as places to congregate and have some fun despite being denied liquor licenses until the late 60's.

After shows, Hogan's Alley was the place to be with many notable musicians participating in its culture.



Destruction

The demolition of Hogan's alley to construct the Georgia and Dunsmir via ducts marked the beginning of the end for the established community. Protest halted further plans of high rises for the area, but not before some of the more frequented areas had already been destroyed. This caused a dispersal of the already hyper visual minority creating a lasting void of community and resources.

Oppression of the Black Community in Victoria

