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Church Communities of the Old Eighth Ward - With biography of Jacob Compton

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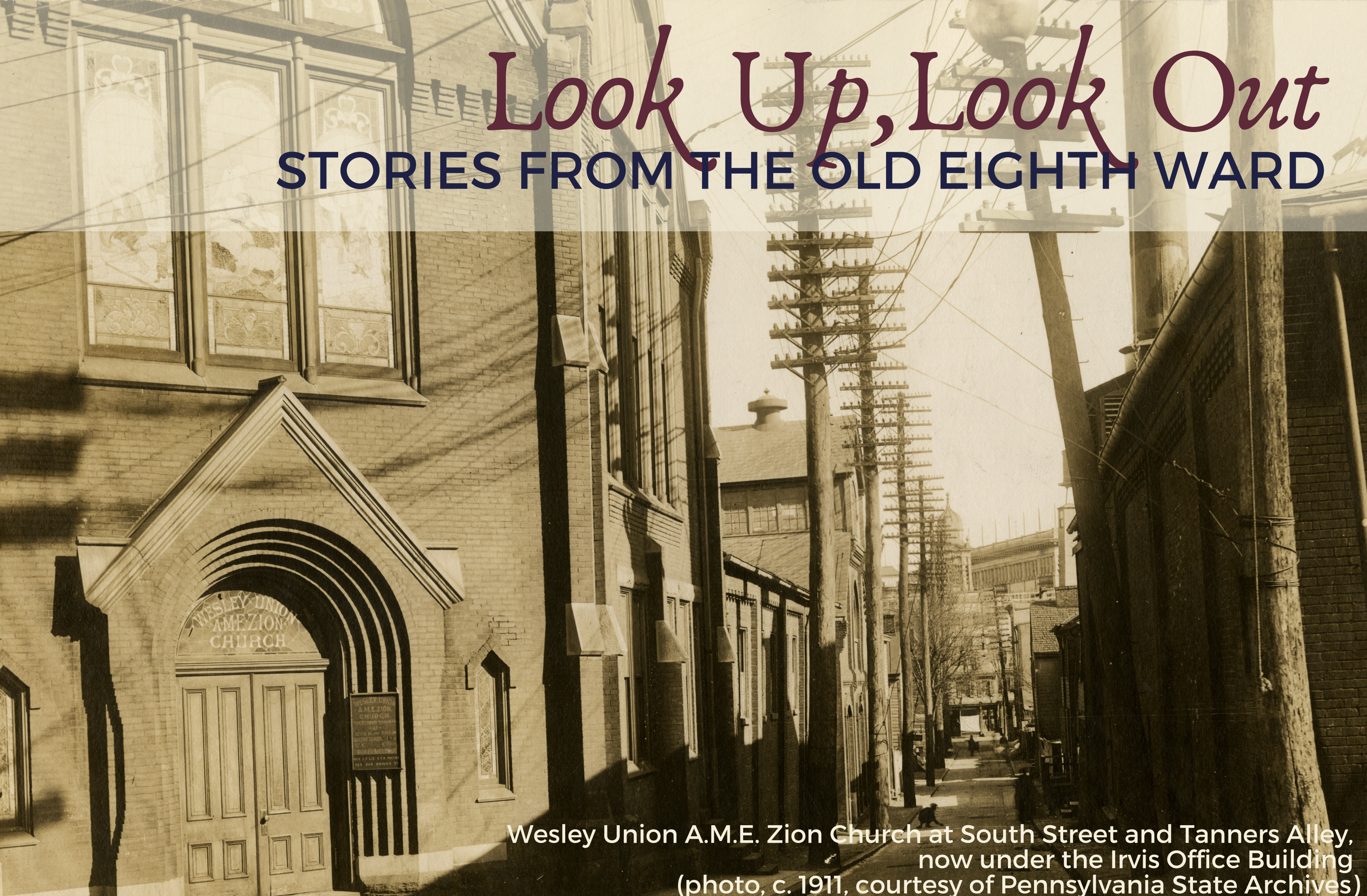
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STORIES FROM THE OLD EIGHTH WARD



Wesley Union A.M.E. Zion Church at South Street and Tanners Alley, now under the Irvis Office Building (photo, c. 1911, courtesy of Pennsylvania State Archives)

CHURCH COMMUNITIES OF THE OLD EIGHTH

"Upon his return from the army he...became the leader of the Excelsior Band, which was the best known colored band in Central Pennsylvania. For many years he was director of the choirs of the A.M.E. and the A.M.E. Zion churches and also had charge of the Sunday school music."

—Jacob Compton's Obituary, Harrisburg Daily Independent, September 1905



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Jacob Compton was a sergeant in Company D of the 24th United States Colored Infantry (USCT)

