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

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