Making a Home in the Old Eighth Ward - With Biography of Hannah Braxton Jones

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"In this house I was born; here I knew the fond care of a loving father; here I lisped my first prayers at my mother's knees; here in happy childhood I played with brothers and sisters.... Every nook in this weather-battered building is to me like a sacred sanctuary. I hear all these houses are to be destroyed soon, and I have come home to Harrisburg to see once more the home of my infancy ere it disappears forever."

—An anonymous woman and former resident quoted by J. Howard Wert, "Passing of the Old Eighth" column, Harrisburg Patriot, May 26, 1913

Hannah Braxton Jones owned her home in the Ward, a rarity for both women and African Americans of the time.

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