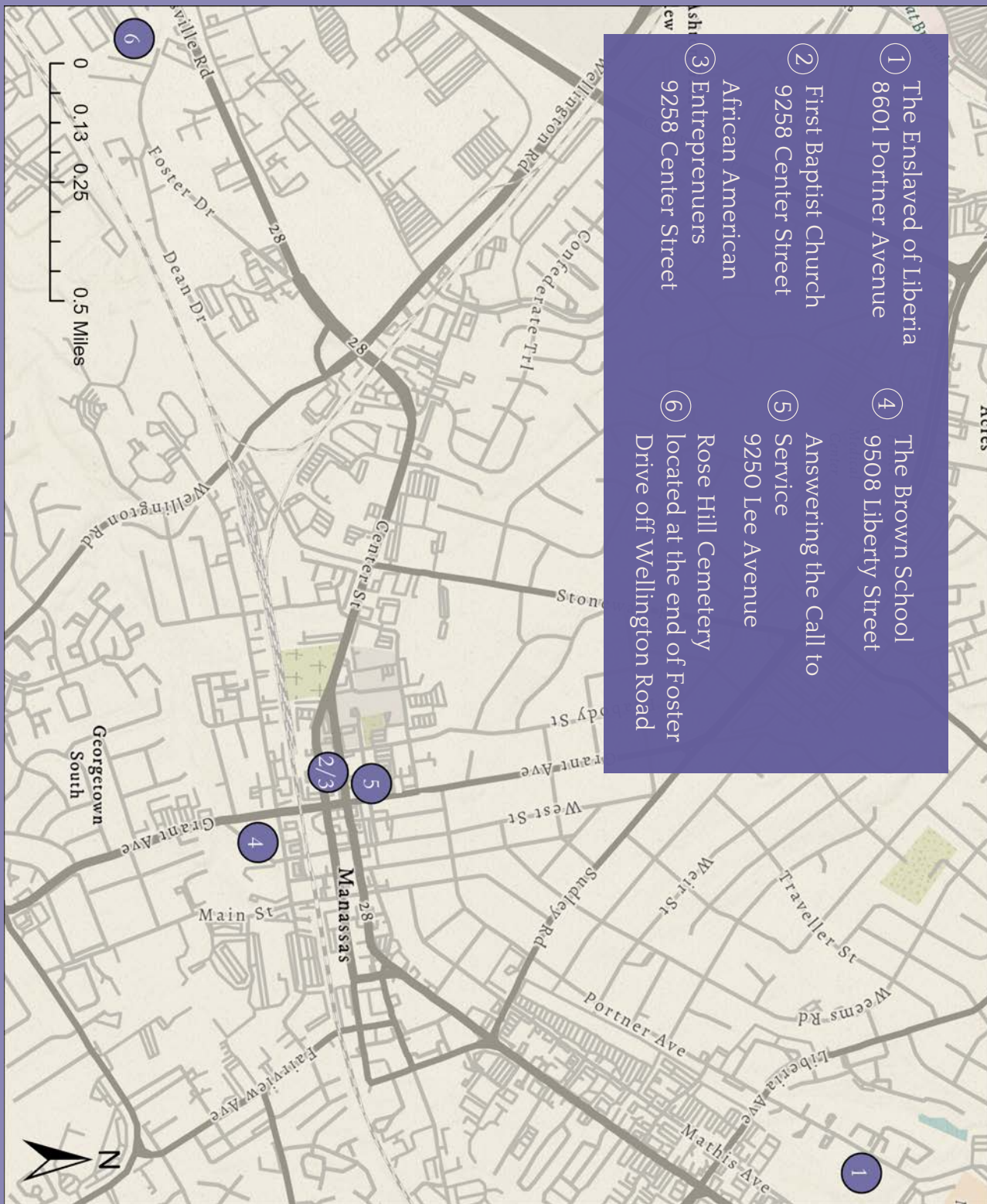


AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIC MARKERS



MANASSAS, VIRGINIA



- ① The Enslaved of Liberia
8601 Portner Avenue
- ② First Baptist Church
9258 Center Street
- ③ African American Entrepreneurs
9258 Center Street
- ④ The Brown School
9508 Liberty Street
- ⑤ Answering the Call to Service
9250 Lee Avenue
- ⑥ Rose Hill Cemetery
Located at the end of Foster Drive off Wellington Road

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIC MARKERS SELF GUIDED TOUR

Black-owned and operated churches, schools, and businesses were the beating heart of the African American community at a time when segregation permeated every aspect of Manassas life. These historic markers showcase six stories from as early as the 1860s up to the present and more markers are being planned for future locations.

Black history is Manassas history. This project is a partnership between the Manassas Museum and the local African American community, and these markers are part of a larger project to document, save, and recognize African American achievement and contributions to Manassas. There are many historic markers around Manassas, and this color purple denotes the markers that tell African American stories.



THE ENSLAVED OF LIBERIA

1

In 1860, more than 80 people were held in bondage at Liberia house, making it the largest plantation in Prince William County.

2

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Many notable residents have been members of First Baptist, from Mayors to businessmen.



Courtesy of the Willis Alexander family

AFRICAN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS

3

African American entrepreneurs, professionals, and business owners provided goods and services to all residents of Manassas.

4

THE BROWN SCHOOL

THIS MARKER IS NOT YET INSTALLED

This private residence once housed the Brown School, the second school in Manassas and the first for African American children.



ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVICE

5

Over 100 African American men from Prince William county served during WWI, when America's military was strictly segregated.

6

ROSE HILL CEMETERY

This African American burial ground was established in 1887 when local practices prohibited different races from being buried together.

