



1. The National Negro Opera House, America's first African-American Opera company was located in which Pittsburgh neighborhood?

C. Homewood

Answer: The company was based out of a house located at 7101 Apple St. in Homewood and contains a lot of history. According to this story published by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, (<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2007/05/02/Preservationists-hope-plaque-is-first-step-toward-rebirth-of-storied-Homewood-house/stories/200705020349>) legendary jazz singer Lena Horne and Roberto Clemente rented rooms out of this house at one point in time. Who knew? (If links don't open, highlight and then right click)

2. In 1893 William Hunter Dammond became the first African-American graduate of the Western University of Pennsylvania, now known as University of Pittsburgh. What was his major?

C. Civil Engineering

Answer: Dammond was an honors graduate and earned a Civil Engineering degree. During his career he had many notable accomplishments including being employed as an assistant bridge engineer at the Michigan Central Railroad inventing an electric signaling system that earned a patent on December 29, 1903, and being issued a patent for a railroad operating safety system in 1906.
<http://chronicle2.pitt.edu/media/pcc010205/dammond.html>

3. In 1906 Ralph E. Brock was the Pennsylvania's, and the country's, first African-American forester. He also happens to be an ancestor of which URA employee?

A. Richard Snipe

Answer: Mr. Richard Snipe from our Housing Department is related to Mr. Brock. Interestingly enough, Mr. Snipe said that his father had a green thumb in which his family attributed to their ancestor Mr. Brock! Read more about Mr. Snipe in the "Get to Know" section of this newsletter.
<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/State+Seed+Orchard+Named+for+PA's+First+Black+Forester.-a059454185>
Read more about Mr. Brock. http://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/ura-files/Ralph_Brock_201501230724.pdf

4. The Hill District is a Pittsburgh neighborhood full of history. Before adopting its current label, the Hill had been called by various names including which one of the following countries?

D. Haiti

Answer: Considered a melting pot, the Hill District was at one point in time called "Haiti." African Americans and people of color, Welsh, German, Irish, English, Greek, Italian, Syrian, and Russian immigrants all settled in this area whose name changed as the population grew.
http://www.clpgh.org/exhibit/neighborhoods/hill/hill_n43.html

5. On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the now historic Gettysburg Address, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg. "Four score and seven years ago..." How long is four score and seven years?

B. 87 years

Answer: A score equals 20 years, plus seven years would equal 87 years. "Four score and seven years ago" referred to the Declaration of Independence, written at the start of the American Revolution in 1776.