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Presents

Jeremy Williams

Discussing His Book

Detroit:

The Black Bottom Community



Called Black Bottom for its rich, dark soil, the area of Detroit bounded by Gratiot, Brush, Vernor and the Grand Trunk railroad tracks, became the home of blacks migrating from the South seeking employment in Detroit's burgeoning industrial metropolis. From World War I through World War II, Black Bottom became a social, cultural, and economic center of Detroit's growing African-American population.

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7:00 P.M.



Detroit: The Black Bottom Community, is the latest book in Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series. Local historian Jeremy Williams combines careful research with archived photographs for an insightful look at Black Bottom's early beginnings, its racial transformation, and its ultimate demise in the 1960's.

Copies of *Detroit: The Black Bottom Community* will be available for purchase and autographing at the event.



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