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THE EXPANSION OF


Audubon Park Historic District

630 West 158th Street

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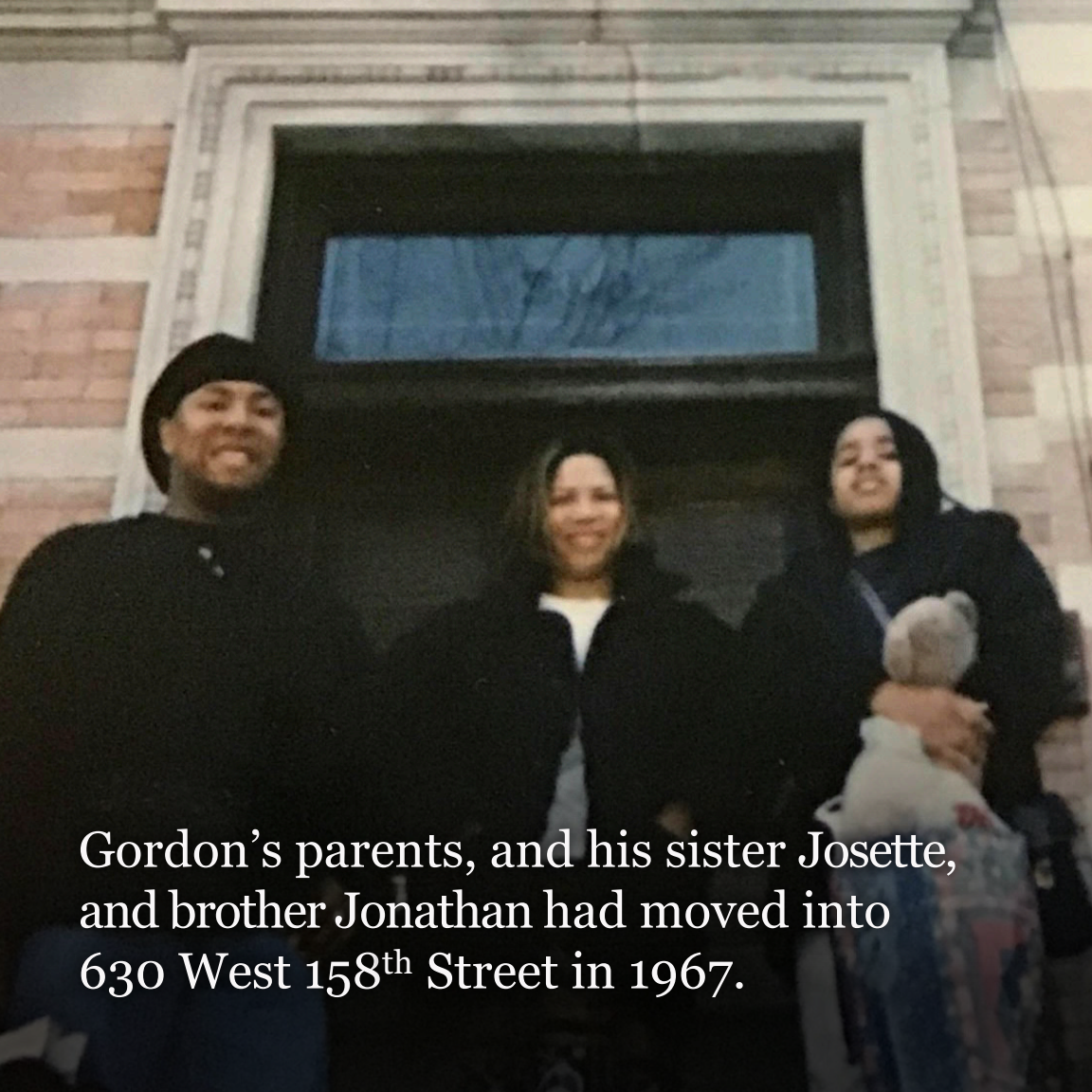
HELEN AND JOSEPH BAILEY

BUILT 1898 BY ARCHITECT AND DEVELOPER
CAPTAIN JOHN PATRICK LEO



In the early late 1960's, a boy named Gordon, and his friends came across the remains of what looked like it had once been a garden while they were playing behind a row of houses on 158th Street.

It became one of their favorite places to go.



Gordon's parents, and his sister Josette,
and brother Jonathan had moved into
630 West 158th Street in 1967.

The Baileys were lawyers who were active in Harlem political life.

Joe was a Republican, a popular political affiliation of educated African Americans because the Republican Party was the party of Lincoln.



ELECT



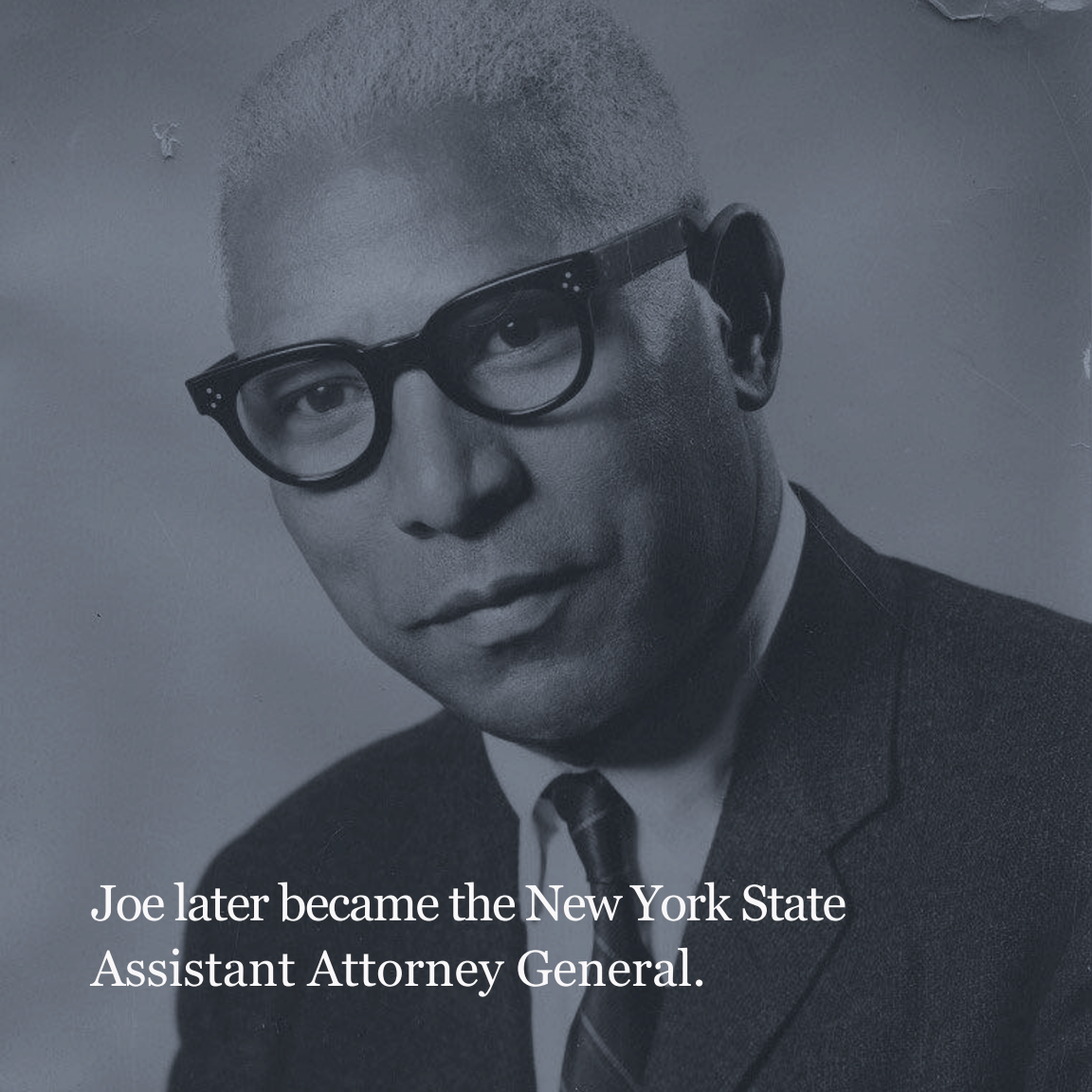
JOSEPH A.

BAILEY




Joe ran for Congress 3 times
against Democratic Congressman,
Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

CONGRESS

A black and white portrait of a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing thick-rimmed black glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Joe later became the New York State
Assistant Attorney General.



HELEN BAILEY, became a practicing attorney in 1951, a time when African American female lawyers were a rarity.

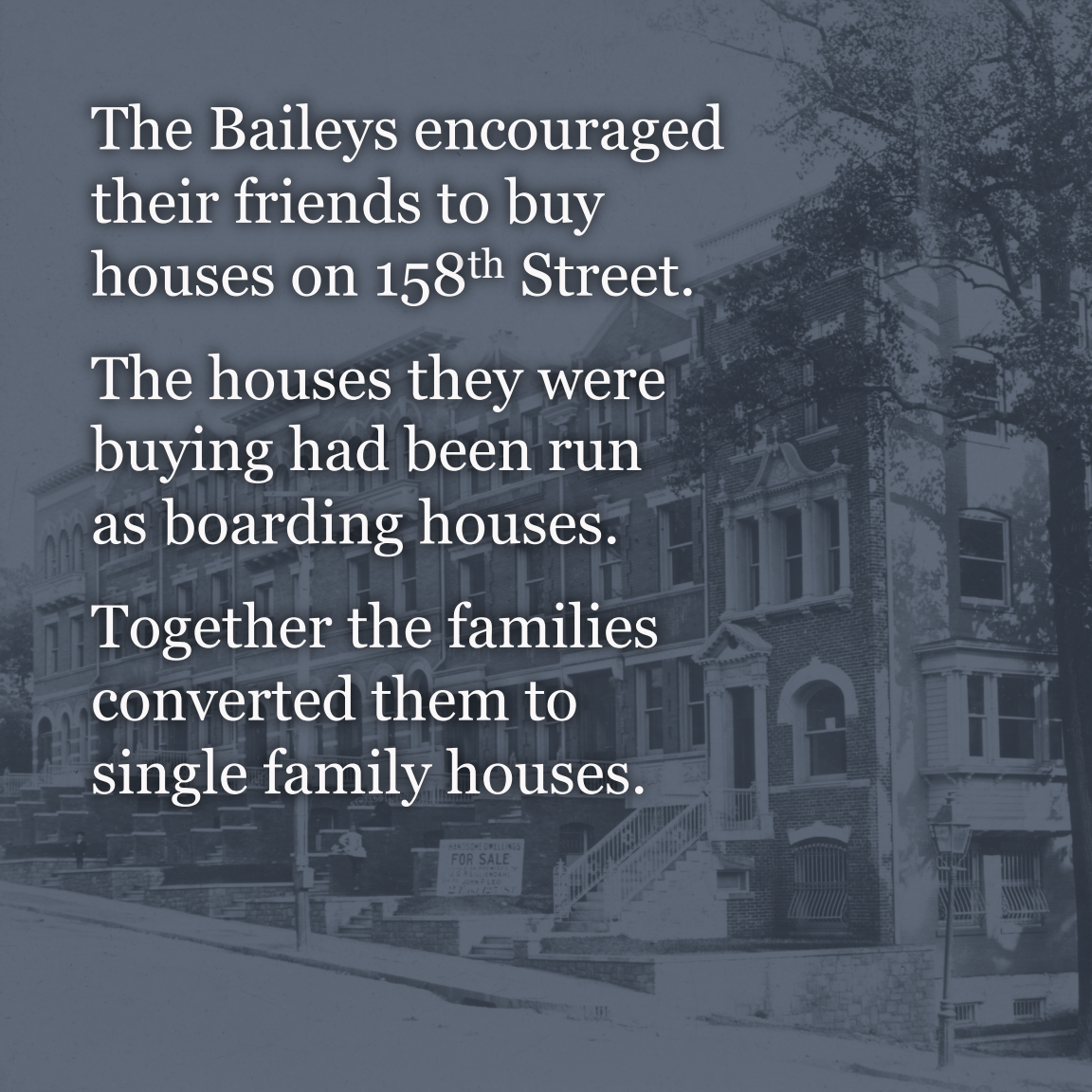


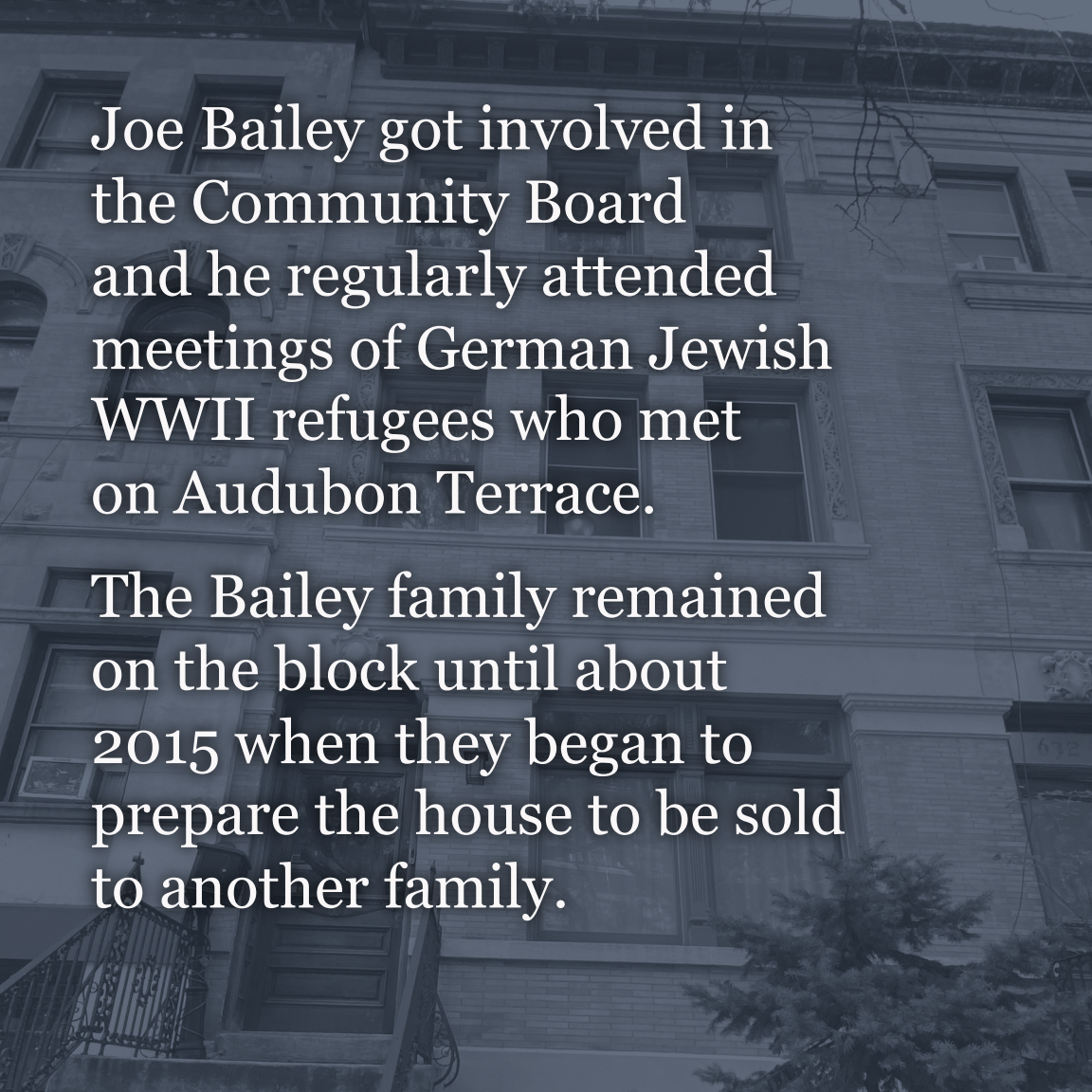
Helen became an advocate
for the rights of fathers seeking
custody of their children.

The Baileys encouraged
their friends to buy
houses on 158th Street.

The houses they were
buying had been run
as boarding houses.

Together the families
converted them to
single family houses.





Joe Bailey got involved in the Community Board and he regularly attended meetings of German Jewish WWII refugees who met on Audubon Terrace.

The Bailey family remained on the block until about 2015 when they began to prepare the house to be sold to another family.