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This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, also known as the Tulsa Race Riot. In 1921, Tulsa had a thriving Black community in the district of Greenwood. This area was considered one of the most affluent African American communities in the United States. Partially on purpose, and partially due to its location and segregation laws of the time, Greenwood became a self-contained and self-reliant community with its own schools, businesses, banks, hospital, and two newspapers, The Tulsa Star and the Oklahoma Sun.

On May 30th, 1921, while riding an elevator a young Black teen accidentally contacted the white woman who was the elevator operator. The incident quickly circulated among the white community developing into unfounded rumors and accusations of sexual assault. The young teen was arrested by the Tulsa police, and an angry mob of white people went to the jail to demand he be handed over. They were denied. Tensions erupted early morning of June 1st, when white rioters looted, murdered, and burned Greenwood to the ground.

The result of the violent domestic terrorist attack led to 35 city blocks burned, more than 800 people injured, and current estimates of about 300 people dead.

The owner of the Oklahoma Sun was able to salvage equipment from the Tulsa Star and renamed the paper as the Oklahoma Eagle. This newspaper is the last survivor of the Black-owned businesses that are still operating in the historic district of Greenwood.

This [#BlackHistoryMonth](#), we will be sharing an article from the Oklahoma Eagle every Tuesday in honor of those who were lost and in celebration of the newspaper's survival.

- <http://theoklahomaeagle.net/about/>
- <https://www.tulsa-history.org/exhibit/1921-tulsa-race-massacre/>
- <https://www.history.com/news/black-wall-street-tulsa-race-massacre>

<http://theoklahomaeagle.net/2020/05/22/this-newspaper-has-never-forgotten-the-1921-tulsa-race-massacre-and-its-fight-continues/>