

SHERRY BROWN BLACK PANTHER PARTY BIO

I got involved in the Black Liberation Struggle while attending college at Central State University. I dropped out of school after two years and decided to check out groups that were more aggressive than the mainstream civil rights organizations. While still in high school I saw news coverage of Bobby Seale leading a group of Panthers into the capitol in Sacramento, Ca. I liked the idea of Black people picking up guns to fight for their liberation. I joined the Black Panther Party in Baltimore, Maryland in 1969.

Since I went to college I had more formal education than most folks in Baltimore Chapter so John Clark (Defense Captain) put me in charge of the Chapter's finances. I learned how people lived in big cities and acquired "street smarts" while in the BPP.

I was Lieutenant of Finance and later the State Coordinator in Maryland. I was O.D. (Officer of the Day) in the Ministry of Information in the Bronx, NY. The Ministry was the Operations Headquarters for Black Panther Party Chapters and Branches on the east coast.

While in the Philadelphia Chapter I worked with Wes Cook (Mumia Abu Jamal) on a project to stop fighting among street gangs. After I got to Oakland, CA. I worked on the boycott at Bill Boyette's Liquor Store, did research in the Ministry of Information and Wrote feature stories and a column, "Peoples Perspective" for the Black Panther Party Newspaper.

I also did opposition research and wrote news summaries for Bobby Seale and Elaine Brown who were running for Mayor and City Council.