

Approximate boundaries:
N-W. Walnut St; S-W. Highland Ave;
E-Hwy 43; W-N. 20th St (partial)

NORTH SIDE *King Park*

NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

King Park is a moderately dense neighborhood with many two-story wood frame houses. The western part of the neighborhood features mostly suburban ranch-style houses, including a four-block area that has been designated as Park View ([see Park View](#)).

The neighborhood has a large park. King Park is a 21-acre green space that has the following boundaries: West Vliet Street on the north, West Juneau on the south, North 14th Street on the east and North 17th Street on the west. The park is home to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Another notable feature in the neighborhood is the Machek House, a designated Milwaukee landmark. See more information and photos below.

HISTORY

The eastern section of today's King Park neighborhood was once a part of Milwaukee's original Bronzeville community. And before there was Bronzeville, there were other communities in the King Park neighborhood.

Early populations

The original area comprising King Park was developed after 1850. The early population was mostly German and they lived within walking distance of jobs at tanneries, the Schlitz Brewery, shoe factories, and mills. The anchor parish of the German Catholics was nearby St. Francis Church. After church many Germans of all faiths took their families to the Schlitz beer garden near 8th and Walnut.

By 1900 some of the Germans in the area were moving to other locations north and west of their original settlement, and new populations were arriving. These included African Americans, Eastern European Jews, Slovaks, Poles, Czechs, and Hungarians. One young Jewish woman settled in the area near King Park. Her name was Goldie Mabowehz. She later married a man named Meir, emigrated, and rose to fame as the prime minister of Israel.

Bronzeville emerges

Free blacks had lived in Milwaukee since the turn of the 19th century. Milwaukee's first mayor, Solomon Juneau, had an African American cook named Joe Oliver. Most of the earliest arriving blacks who settled in Milwaukee were self-employed or semi-skilled workers, and lived in every area of the city. Many owned property.

Much would change during the period called the Great Migration, which began in 1910. Many push-pull factors would contribute to urban migration of blacks all over the United States—factors including worsening racism in the South, higher wages in the North, and the wartime decline in European immigration--which reduced the number of available workers in industrial cities. Milwaukee actually played a central role in this migration. A city industry, Allis Chalmers, produced the cotton-picking machine, which put many blacks in the South out of work. In addition, some local industrialists began recruiting African Americans from the South.



Today's neighborhood-
Straight Narrow Way Missionary Baptist Church

In the next 60 years, the population of African Americans in Milwaukee grew over 100-fold. Most blacks who arrived in the city during and after the Great Migration were less educated and less skilled than the early migrants. The combination of increasing numbers, the lower socioeconomic status of the new arrivals, and American ideas about race all played roles in a series of constraints African Americans would face in Milwaukee. Policies often worked to segregate black communities and, curiously, to break up these communities as well.

Ghettos would develop in black urban areas for a variety of reasons. These included laws where municipalities zoned industrial areas that surrounded black neighborhoods to keep blacks contained in those areas, restrictive agreements where deeds stipulated who could and could not purchase the property, the refusal of financial institutions to approve mortgage loans for African Americans, and redlining in the private housing market.

By mid-century, most African Americans in Milwaukee lived within one square mile in the central city—an area known as Bronzeville. Walnut Street was the community’s business and entertainment center. Remnants of past populations remained in Bronzeville and generally cooperated with the majority African American population in keeping the neighborhood viable. In the oral history of Bronzeville, conducted by anthropologists at Urban Anthropology Inc., many former residents of Bronzeville recalled the strength of this community—its scores of businesses, the sense of community, and the way residents looked out for each other’s children. (See quotes from this study in all the neighborhoods that once comprised Bronzeville.)

The business district of Bronzeville

The following tables list some of the businesses in the Bronzeville area during the time that the African American population was growing in the area—1930-1950. The businesses listed are on Walnut Street between 3rd Street and 17th Street and North Avenue between 3rd Street and 17th Street (the widest area given by some for the Bronzeville community).

1930: The early years of the Great Depression

The African American community would have been small in 1930 relative to the German and Jewish communities. *Note that national Prohibition was still in effect, hence one finds all the “soft drink” businesses (some no doubt were “speakeasies”)

Race and national/ancestral origins of owner names were checked on census data (this sometimes required looking at the parent or grandparent of the individual to determine nation of origin, and language [Yiddish, “Jewish,” etc.]

Yellow: Jewish business

Green: German, Slavic, or other European business

Blue: African American business

Gray: Asian businesses

No highlight: No info found

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
320	Michael Dadamo Soft Drinks
333	Alvin L. Thompson Printer
324	Moy Sing Laundry
406	Julius Wilksmann Barber
427	Radio Chicken Shack

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
514-16	Western Wet & Family Laundry
"	Mrs. Lulu Jones Dry Goods
"	Charles Jones Shoe Shiner
519	St. Stephen's Catholic School (Sisters of Notre Dame)
527	Louis Medved Soft Drinks
531	Home Café Restaurant
602	Edwin E. Wiegand Drugs
"	Postal Substation #71
"	Modern Wire Works
603	Standard Oil Co. Filling Station
604	Jacob Kuvik Soft Drinks
605-09	St. Vincent de Paul Society
"	Catholic Big Brothers
608	Anton da Mato Grocer
610	George Pendleton Barber
611	Willie Jones Billiards
612	Fred Bobo Dentist
"	James Burke Confectionary
614	Nathan Skorchinsky Tailor
615	Harry Turner Restaurant
615 rear	Schaeffer & Lukuf Junk
616	Hubinger Laundry
617	Samuel Handmand Dry Goods
618-20	Eastern Motor Co.
619	Samuel Horwitz Grocer
621	Eastern Laundry Co.
625	De Reef & Dorsey Lawyers
"	Malcolm M. King Physician
626	Theodor Hirschfield & Sons Meats
627	Jacob Churchman Shoe Repair
628	Isadore Weiss Grocery

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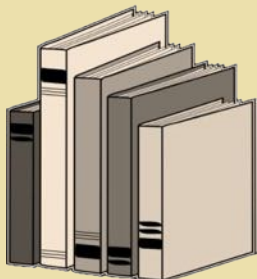
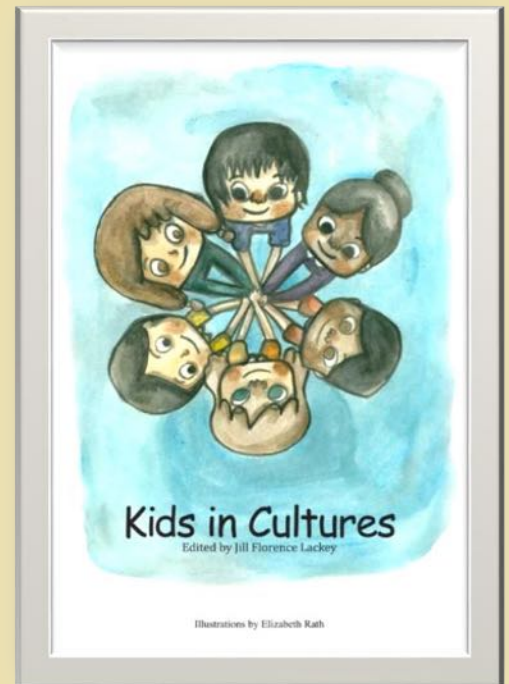
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Stories taking place in Lincoln Village, Bronzeville, and other local spots

- In "Mammoth meat," archaeologist Dr. Alice Kehoe uses evidence from a prehistoric site on Lake Michigan to speculate on the early culture of Paleoindians that lived 13,500 years ago.
- In "Barbara Smith is German?" cultural anthropologist Dr. Jill Florence Lackey introduces kids to a family that denied its ethnic background in the past because of associated stereotypes.
- In "Showing up is important: A Hmong virtue," Dr. Chia Youyee Vang and Tujntsuj Laujxeeb Yang take young people inside a small community that maintains ethnic bonds in distinctive ways.
- In "Firefly nights: An urban Oneida story," enrolled Oneida Indian, Kitty Hill, narrates an enchanting story about a family that maintains ties to a common homeland.
- In "Snow falls in Bronzeville: A story of a lost central city neighborhood," cultural anthropologist Dr. Sienna Jacks gives a mesmerizing account of a close-knit neighborhood where African Americans and Jews cooperated for the good of the residents.
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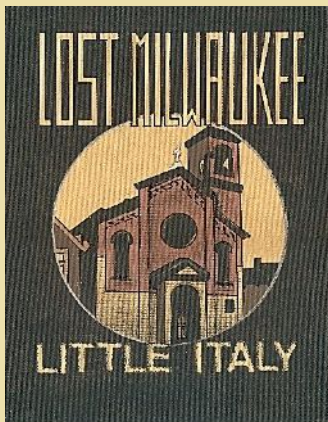
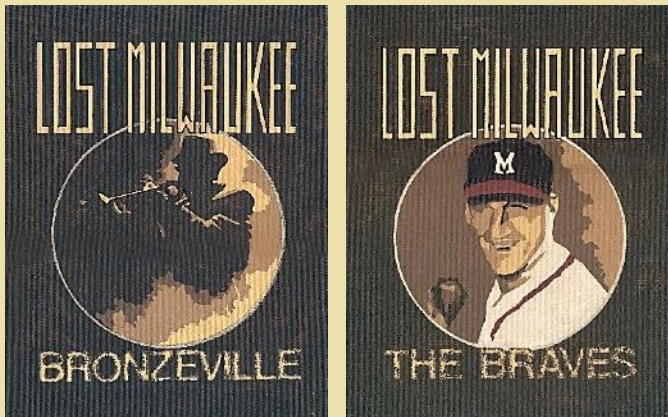
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629	Morris Bleeck Women's Wear
630	Max Ancelovitz Restaurant
631	Clarence S. Schmidt Drugs
701	Abraham D. Saffro Men's Furnishings
“	George W. Hamilton Jr. Lawyer
“	Holly G. Rankford Chiropractor
“	Bertwood R. Downs Real Estate
702	Joseph Cohn Delicatessen
“	Nickols Virдумarus Dentist
703	Charles Waller Restaurant
705	Blumberg & Co. Radios
706-08	Walter Perkins Auto Industry
“	Wallace E. Liggins Shoe Repair
709	George L. Vinson Restaurant
710	Joseph Plotkin Delicatessen
711	Krasno Brothers Bakers
712	Guten & Cohen Delicatessen
“	Morris Levin Cigar Manufacturer
713	Hermin Tishler Meats
714	Benjamin Feder Delicatessen
715	Liberty Printing Co.
717	Rotter Brothers Bakery
718	H. Rudoy & Son Glass Dealers
720	Harry Horlick Fruits
721	Samuel Lerner Barber
722	John L. Slaughter Real Estate
“	Mattie Presley Beauty Shop
724	Abraham Becker Meats
725	Schmidt & Sons Roofers
726-28	Liberty Billiard Parlor

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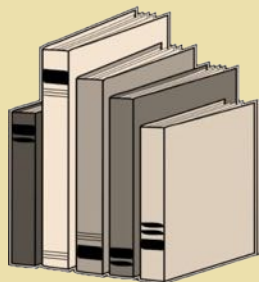
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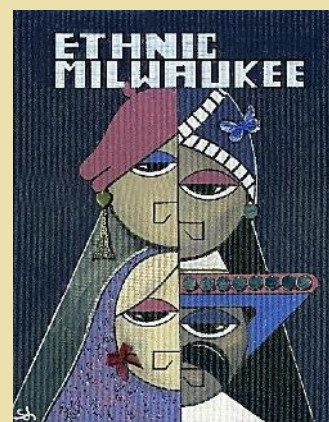
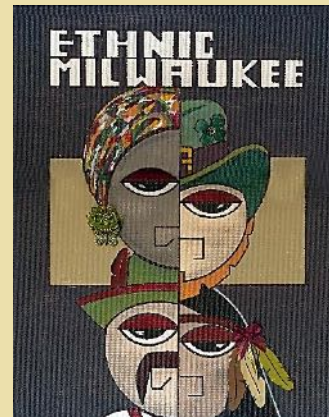


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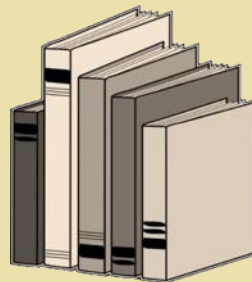
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Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
726-28	Liberty Hall
727-29	Philip Samosky Filling Station
800	Lapham Park
“	Theodore Roosevelt High School
801	Samuel Cohen Grocer
803	Sanitary Comforter Manufacturing Co.
808	Nathan Sands Insurance
808	Samuel Letwin Accountant
“	Labor Temple
810	Frank Clark Soft Drinks
811	Max Scheilkin Filling Station
812	Meyer Sinitzky Grocer
814	Joseph Habush Meats
817	Herman Zetley Furrier
818	Harry Bookstaff Dry Goods
822	Benjamin Weiss Plumber
823	Poro Beauty Shop
825	Morris Galperin Tailor
827	J. Swed Shoe Co. wholesalers
828	Merit Pink Shoe Shiner
“	Edward Collett Shoe Repair
829	White House Barber Shop
830	Herman Jaffe Drugs
831	Max Branovan Shoes
901	Morris Koven Jeweler
“	Certified Service Association
“	General Service Corporation Real Estate
“	Nathan A. Packefsky Lawyer
902	Louis Bevson Grocer
903-05	Abraham Borenstein General Mdse. [?]
904	Harry Cohen Meats

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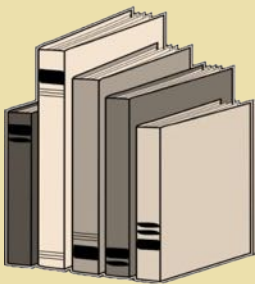
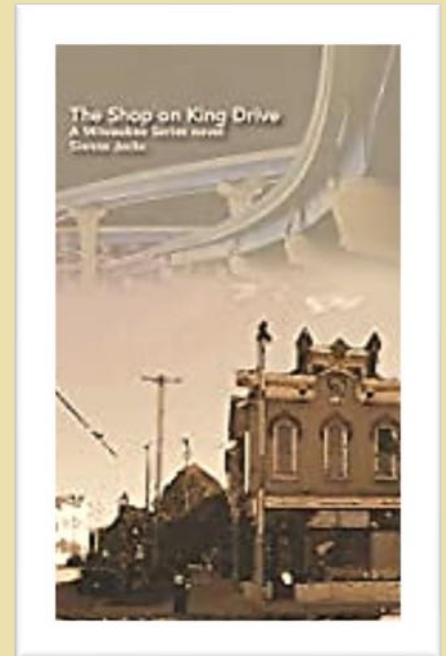
Novels that educate readers on Milwaukee neighborhoods

This series, written by mystery novelist Sienna Jacks takes place in historic neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

The Shop on King Drive

Illuminating the history of the original Bronzeville

A mystery arises out of the ruins of urban renewal. Two young anthropologists, conducting research to develop a museum that would illuminate one dark period in Milwaukee's central city history, confront painful but sometimes puzzling accounts. During the 1950s and 1960s, over 8,000 homes and an entire business district of the African American Bronzeville community were razed. The research demonstrated the racist assumptions and ill-advised urban planning of city leaders of the times. While interviewing community survivors, the anthropologists note that the name of a particular attorney kept entering the conversation. According to most, the lawyer claimed to be helping the black community fight the removal, but his efforts had the opposite effect. Suspicions remained for over 50 years over who was behind the deception and why. The young anthropologists had to answer these questions before they could open the museum.



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907	Morris Parchefsky Shoes
“	Benjamin Parchefsky Plumber
908	Morris Tenanbaum Confectionary
910	Jacob Ulevich Real Estate
912	J. H. Wenzel & Co. Printers
913	Reliable Printing Company
914	Walnut Street Market
914 ½	Morris Meltzec Shoe Repair
915	Louis Mantel Baker
916	Jacob Edlen Jewelers
924	Eugene J. Shewitzer Garage
“	Abraham Urkofsky Barber
925	Edward Jackson Physician
926	Rottman & Duckler Real Estate
927	Hy-Way Movers
929	Aaron Glusman Meats
930	Mercantile Brokerage Co.
“	D. Matres & Sons Inc. Radio
“	D.F. & W. Realty Co.
931	Phillip Smith Fruits
“	Louis Manta Tailor
1001	Maurice Germann Restaurant
1002	Jacob Goldberg Drugs
“	Charles Gratz Dentist
1004	Isaac Cohen Jewelers
“	Charles Holvey Dentist
“	Milton Spitz Physician
1005	Winnebago Auto Replacement (wholesaler)
1009	Urkofsky Brothers Barbers
1011	Samuel Horowitz Soft Drinks
1018	F. Perchonok & Sons Coal

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
1018	Badger Waste Paper Co.
1022	Mrs. Rose Blodel Dry Goods
1023	Columbia Theater
1024	Max Polya Restaurant
1026	Lapham Billiards Hall
1027	Philip Raskin Plumber
1028	Andrew Goldwyn Drugs
1029	Samuel Belfor Soft Drinks
1101	Emil Blaskovics Meats
1102	John Velles Soft Drinks
1102 ½	Jacob J. Hercher Photography
1104	Hymen Rittberg Barber
1112	Joseph Gair Shoe Repair
1113	Joseph Forman Barber
1115	Eagle Hand Laundry
1117	General Printing Co.
1119	Wisconsin Credit Bureau
1120	Union Drug Store
1122	Charles Hiken Lawyer
“	Abraham Hiken Accountant
“	Timothy W. O'Donovan Physician
“	Joseph Seidelman Dentist
“	Joseph Kratnik Dentist
“	Isadore Glicklitch Dentist
“	Paul Boehm Chiropractor
“	Robert Meger Photographer
“	Stumpf's Hall
1124	Hiken Brothers Leather
1126	Novelty Boot Store
1128	Herbert L. Polzer Jeweler
1130	Stumpf's Inc. Clothing

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
1202	Clared Pharmacy
1202 ½	Gust Pappas Shoe Shiner
1205	William F. Weingart Physician
“	Elmore E. Burritt Dentist
1206	Gustav Schmidt Physician
“	Philip Schmidt Physician
“	Lemke & Schneider Investments
“	Reukema & Lemke Lawyers
1207	Frank Preuss Co. House of Radios
1209	Samuel Lubotsky Leather
1210	Ray Colle Barber
“	Gust Pappas Shoe Shiner
1211	C. LaSigna Co.
1213	John Mueller & Sons Meats
1217	Badger Paint & Hardware Stores
1219	Retzlaff & Betts Barbers
1220	Grants Auto Supply Co.
1221	Royal L. Stoddart Soft Drinks
1221 ½	John W. Murdock Dentist
1225	Home Finders Exchange
“	Dodson & Kusick Lawyers
“	Eugene L. Knoblauch Real Estate
1227	Peter Bies Soft Drinks
1229-31	Fefer Printing Co.
1302	Timothy McCune Confectioner
1308	Karl H. Breitrack Restaurant
1313	Aug Pica Coal
1322	David Nissenbaum Painter
1325	Rockteschel & Ahnert Lawyers
“	Haltner & Rockteachel Insurance
1326	Brake & Speedometer Service Corp.

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
1330	Jacob Denkinger Soft Drinks
1402	John Leinmouse Soft Drinks
1404	Andros Rosenkranz Barber
1406	Jens P. Jenson Shoe Repair
1408	Charles Kirch Real Estate & Coal
1418	Elmer E. Trantow Upholstery
1422	Arthur Fry Barber
1423	Mathew Palm Grocer
1426	John Bauman Violin Manufacturer
1434	George Spang Shoe Repair
1436	Ernst Pretschold Co. Awnings
1501	Louis Tomasovic Soft Drinks
1500	Everpure Ice Co.
1508	John Rittner Undertaker
1518	Charles J. Jeracic Soft Drinks
1524-26	Prompt Auto Service
1531	George J. Reid Real Estate
"	Lakeside Corp. Clock Manufacturer
"	National Realty Co.
"	Prat-Lane Co.
"	City Collection Agency
1532	Standard Oil Co. Filling Station
1601	Gotthold Kindler Barber
1602	George Kessler Soft Drinks
1605	John Pechacek Cigars
1606	Robert B. Fenn Bakery
1614	Benjamin Hartzman Dry Goods
1620	Rudolph Weissman Soft Drinks

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
1625	B&H Market Co.
1626	National Slovak Western Union Hall
1628 ½	Harry B. Sadoff Physician
1629	Hartzhelm's Pharmacy
1630	John Sukun Soft Drinks

Summary of 1930s: The eastern stretch of the Bronzeville Walnut business district had businesses evenly divided among Jews (nearly all from Russia or Poland) and African Americans (from MS, GA, AL, LA, IA and the Caribbean). The central stretch was dominated by Jewish-owned businesses. The western stretch had businesses owned by a wide range of ethnics, usually first generation immigrants, including Germans, Hungarians, Slovaks, Greeks, Italians, Austrians, Czechs, and Bohemians.

1941: The late years of the Great Depression

The African American community would have been larger in 1941. *Note that national Prohibition was over, so one will see most of these "soft drink" businesses of the 1930s now officially listing as taverns.

Yellow: Business also listed in 1930

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
214-18	Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co.
326	Michael Dadamo Tavern
332	Silvercraft Studio Photographers
336	Frank Scheerenberg Tavern
424	William Steinmeyer Garage
525	St. Stephen's Catholic School
528	Dorothy Blagburn Hosiery
537	Our Chicken Shack
538	St. Matthew C.M.E. Church
600	Edwin Wergant Drugs
603	Michael Weiss Filling Station
604-06	Elmer Franklin Tavern

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
607-11	Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Second Hand Furniture
608	Novelty Beauty Shop
617	John Holly Billiards
619	Elvis Ridgway Restaurant
619A	Schaeffer & Lukuf Junk Shop
620	Atlas Laundry
623	Sam Handman Second Hand Clothing
624	Eastern Motor Co. Auto Repair
625	Ernest Burns Tavern
629-33	Eastern Laundry Co.
632	V & V Meat Market
634	Isadore Weiss Grocery
635	Jacob Churchman Shoe Repair
635a	Malcolm King Physician
635a	James W. Dorsey Lawyer
637	Morris Bleek Dry Goods
638	Max Ancelovitz Tavern
639	Saul Ladish Drugs
700	Louis Medved Tavern
701	Marcus Fliel Drugs
702	George w. Hamilton Lawyer
703	Jay P. Gilmar Physician
705	Regal Cleaners
706	Regal Theater
707	Blanche's Beauty Chest
709	Mrs. Vera Taylor Dry Goods
710	Samuel Plotkin Delicatessen
711	Clinton Harris Tavern
714	Isaac Cohen Delicatessen
715	Anton Krasno Baker
717	Anton Buxbaum Shoes

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
718	Joseph Thomas Tailor
721	Liberty Printing Co.
722	Harry Turner Restaurant
725	Rotter Brothers Bakers
726	Mae's Beauty Salon
728	Red Waite Restaurant
729	Sally Marshall Beauty Shop
732	W.A. Mason Tailors
733	Schmidt & Sons Hardware & Roofing Co., Inc.
734	Calvin Robeson Billiards
735	Tankar Service Station
736	Liberty Hall
738	Oriental Tavern
800	Theodor Roosevelt Junior High School
801	Cut Rate Meat Market
806	Hendricks Drug Store
808	Samuel Richardson Physician
810	Elite Tavern
812	Thomis Artis Clothes Presser
815	Schweitzer Garage
816	Chic Beauty Salon
819	Robert Campbell Shoe Shiner
820	Bessie Bookstaff Dry Goods
823	John Galloway Tavern
824	A & A Cartage & Fuel Co.
825	Iowa Hat Shop Cleaners
825A	Peter Schmitz Painter
827	Charlie Sing Laundry
828	Monroe Adams Barber
830	Robert Turnley Cigar Manufacturing
831	Mark William's Barber

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
834	Elsie's Lunch Room
835	Samuel Slate Confectioner
836	Musician's Mutual Protective Association, Local 587
837	Morris McLaine Gift Shop
839	Band Box Cleaners
900	Silverstein Meats & Groceries
901	Morris Koven Jeweler
902	Aaron Blusman Meats
903	Edward Corley Barber
905	William Townsend Hat Cleaner
907	Adam Dell Shoe Repair
908	Anton Newman Shoe Repair
912	Jacob Ulevich Inc. Insurance & Travel Bureau
912	Jewish Daily Forward
914	J.H. Wenzel & Co. Printers
916	J.H. Wenzel & Co. Printers
917	Reliable Printing Co.
918	Milton B. Gallas Fish
919	Walnut Bakery
919A	Walnut St. Market Meats
922	Lazar Letwin Grocery
923	Carl Bach Delicatessen
928	Mid West Motor Co., Repair
930	Jack Urkofsky Barber
931	Edward Jackson Physician
933	Harry Turnansky Fish
934	Joe Mitz Leather
935	Morris Goldstein Meats
936-38	D. Matos & Sons Inc. Wholesale General Merchandise
936	F & W Realty Co.
937	Alf Byrd Shoe Shiner

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
939	Lou's Bar-B-Q
1000	Jacob Goldberg Drugs
1001	Blommer Ice Cream Corp.
1004	Jacob Kleinman Apron Manufacturer
1006	Milton Spitz Physician
1017	Aaron Urkofsky Barber
1021	Joseph Gaer Shoe Repair
1024	F. Perchonok & Sons Coal
"	Badger Paper Excelsior Co.
1028	Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
1030	Meister Wood Turning Shop
1034	Lapham Billiard Hall
1035	Crystal Cleaners
1037	Congregation Anshe Brith Sholem
1038	Salvation Army Men's Social Service Department—Outlet Store
1039	Fred Geidl Tavern
1100	John Dasek Tavern
1101	Emil Blaskovic Meats
1108	Nathan Skortinsky Tailor
1110	Morris Popuch Tailor
1114	Walnut Fruit Market
1116	Jacob Lederman Dry Goods
1122	Union Drug Store
1123	Eagle Hand Laundry
1125	Isadore Gardner Barber
1126	Canak Realty
"	Nathan Hedes Dentisty
"	Bakery & Confectionary
"	Workers Union Local #2
"	Paul Boekus Chiropractor

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
1126	Nathan Puchefsky Lawyer
1128	Standark Lamp Co.
1130	Modern Shade & Linoleum Co.
1132	Hubert Polzer Jeweler
1134-38	Twelfth Street Stove—Women's Furnishings
1204	Patzer & Bast Lawyers
"	Roy F. Bast Real Estate
"	Charles F. Schneider Real Estate
1206	Gust Pappas Hat Cleaner
1208	Luke Burke Dentist
1209	William Wemgart Physician
1210	Ishem E. Kaufman Coal
"	Lewis Cohen Physician
1211-13	La Signa Cigar Co
1212	Ray Colie Barber
1214	William Benz Tavern
1215	Lubotsky Leather
1219	Mueller Meat Market
1223	Manufacturers Retail Furniture Co.
1227	Steph Adler Barber
1228	Petroleum Equipment Co.
1229	Paul Gabor Tavern
1233	Harry Brown Restaurant
1235	Edward J. Hamata Real Estate
"	Joseph Blatecky Lawyer
1237-39	Hollywood Restaurant
1243	Fefer Printing Co.
1302	Max Nelson Grocery
1308-10	Everpure Ice & Coal Co.
"	Carleys Letter Service

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
1308-10	Wisconsin Spring & Wheel Co.
1331	Rockteschel & Anhart Lawyers
1336	Louis J. Obst Upholsterer
1340	Van's Tavern
1400	Lucy Driebel Tavern
1402	Gee Miller Barber
1406	Charles Jelacic Fuel Company
1430	Vi's Tavern
1431	Matthew Palm Grocer
1432	John Baumann Violin Maker
1440	George Spang Shoe Repair
1446	Ernst Pretschold Co. Awnings
1500	Everpur Ice & Coal Co.
1501	Ye Friendly Tavern (Tomasovic)
1504	Everpure Ice & Coal Co.
1510	Bristicky Funeral House
1513	Alex Untreff Grocer
1522	Andrew Hlavac Tavern
1526	Martin Cugan Shoes
1538	Oswald Brothers Filling Station
1541	Highway Eat Shop
1600	William Harbutin Tavern
1601	Julia Skalnicky Tavern
1605	Albert Krebbe Cigars
1606	Robert Lindell Baker
1610	Lovis Myler Heating Center
1616	Benjamin Hartzman Dry Goods
1622	Albert Stuck Tailor
1627	Gillich's Produce Co.

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
1628	National Slovak Western Union Hall
1629	Direct Credits Society
1634	Andrew Riber Tavern
1635	E.M. Hertzheim Pharmacy

Summary of 1941: About one-fourth of the businesses that were on Walnut in 1930 survived the worst of the Depression years and were still there in 1941. The ethnic patterns of the business locations were about the same as it was in 1930 except the African American businesses were increasing and expanding west.

1950: The early years of post-World War II prosperity

Race and national/ancestral origins of owner names were checked on census data (the 1950 census has not yet been released at the time of this compilation, so names were checked on the 1940 census to see if they lived on or near Walnut and if their occupations were similar to what they were in 1950). Some names of black-owned businesses were also collected during the Bronzeville oral history project.

Yellow: Jewish business

Green: German, Slavic, or other European business

Blue: African American business

Gray: Asian businesses

No highlight: No info found

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
214-18	Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co.
300-18	Milwaukee Super Gas Co.
322	Louisiana Fine Foods Restaurant
"	Reaship Garage & Body Shop
326	Louisiana Tap Tavern
416	Pitman & Company Poultry Supplies
424	Arrow Press Printers
426	Mueller Engraving Co.
537	Our Chicken Shack
538	St. Matthew C.M.E. Church

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
600	Edwin E. Wiegand Drugs
603	Lewis Service Center Gas Station
604	Elmer O. Franklin Tavern
606	Matthews (Lee?) Pool Room
607	St. Vincent de Paul Society Used Clothes
608	Knox Music Café
612	Richard A. Penbrok Coal & Wood
“	Howard W. Moore Phonograph Records
615-17	O'Bee Funeral Home
619	Asman & Bankier Waste Material
620	William Frozen Custard
623	Matherson (Willmer?) Haberdashery
624	Auto Acceptance Corp.
629	Steinhafel's Wholesaler
632	V & V Meat Market
634	Silver's Meat Market
635	Willie Gross Shoe Repair & Clothes Cleaner
“	James W. Dorsey Lawyer
“	The Little Beauty Salon
637	Eastern Laundry
638	Max Ancelovitz Tavern & Restaurant
639	Ladish Pharmacy
700	Seven Hundred Tap
701	Fliel's (Marcus) Pharmacy
702	Theodore W. Coggs Lawyer
703	P. Jay Gilmer Physician
“	Julius Nashban Lawyer
704	Regal Theater
705	Hampton Cleaners (Walter?)
707	Arthur's Hosiery Shop
“	Louis S. Wiener Lawyer

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
707	Alex R. Wiener Dentist
“	John W. Maxwell Physician (he was a janitor in 1940, lodging at 4th & Walnut)
709	Boatner's Bar-B-Q
710	Richard F. Lewis Tavern
714	Frederick Bosseau Restaurant
715	Krasno Brothers Bakery
717	Anton N. Buxbaum Shoes
718	Joe's Self Service Laundry
721	Liberty Printing
722	Clara's Restaurant
725	Harry R. Turner Billiards
726	Mrs. Blanche Godley Beauty Shop
728	Rose's Ice Cream Parlor
729	Anthony J. Josey Real Estate
“	Wisconsin Enterprise Blade Weekly Newspaper
732	William A. Mason Co. Tailors
733	Schmidt & Sons Hardware & Roofing Co.
735	Tankar Gas Inc. Gas Co.
800	Lapham Park
801-05	Zilber Brand Grocery & Meats
806	Lloyd's Drug Store
809	Kleckley's Pool Room
812	Robert Pitts Shoe Shiner
815	Eugene J. Schweitzer Auto Repair
816	Tompkins Ice Cream Co.
819	Elbert E. Harris Shoe Shiner
“	Apex Music Co. Phonograph Records
820	Mrs. Bessie Bookstaff Dry Goods
823	John & Lou's Lounge Tavern
824	Alleyne & Sons Fuel Co. (George?)

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
825	Tecumseh Winters Clothes Cleaners
827	Charley Sing Laundry
828	Felix Chaney Barber
830	Modernistic Toy & Hobby Shop
831	Mark R. Williams Barber
834	Silver Grill Restaurant
835	Ward's Café (Charley Ward?)
837	Sterling Williams Barber
838	Deluxe Beauty Clinic
839	Band Box Cleaners
900	Reich's Food Market
901	Ron-Troy's Gifts
902	Gallas Fish Co. (Milton)
903	Ward H. Corley Barber
905	Novelty Beauty Shop
906	C. Bach Realty Co.
907	Emcee Gray Shoe Repair
908	Singer's Grocery
912	The Plaza Café
918	Eagle Realty Co.
919	Charles E. Bruce Phonograph Records
920	Mrs. Ocre Rice Hand Laundry
921	The (Louise) Johnson Real Estate & Insurance Agency
922	Walnut St. Meat Market
923	Mae's Beauty Shoppe
928	Midwest Motor Co. Auto Repair
930	Joseph Mitz Leather
932	Edward Jackson Physician
933	Green Bay Fish Co.
934-38	Frabill Manufacturing Co. Fishing Tackle
935	Dewey D. Erbstein Grocery & Meats

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
937	Allan Waldo Florist
938-40	D. Matras & Sons Inc. Hardware
1000	Jacob Goldberg Drugs
1004	D-J Apron Shop
1006	Milton M. Spitz Physician
1011	Bardwin Coal Co. (Edward?)
1023-33	R. Laacke Awning Manufacturing
1024	Badger Paper Excelsior Co.
1034	Walnut St. Laundry & Dry Cleaning
1035	Weston Williams Billiards
1038	Milwaukee Consolidated Home Furnishings Co.
1039	Milton Brill Tavern
1101	Blaskovics Inc. Meats
1108	Joe's Radio Service
1116	Roxy's Dress Store
1123	Eagle Hand Laundry (Seto Chong Yee)
1125	Herman Rittberg Barber
1126	Stumpf's Building
“	Fred Kramoris Physician
“	Stone Construction Co.
“	Marshall J. Whaling Insurance
“	Marx Roller Service Inc.
“	Brown Equipment & Service Co. Contractors
“	Upholsterers & Mattress Makers Local #29
“	Glenn Williams Dentist
“	Bakery & Confectionary Workers Union Local 205
“	Edger J. Porter Chiropractor
“	Nathan Packefsky Lawyer
“	Maenate Co. Real Estate
“	Queensbury Co. Real Estate
“	General Service Corp Contractors

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
“	Kingsbury Co. Real Estate
“	Albert Norin Real Estate
“	Stumpf's Hall
“	Modern Woodmen
“	Royal Neighbors of American Minnehaha Camp #3314
1128	Ruby's Leather Co.
1129	Sydney's Furniture Store
1130	Modern Shade & Linoleum
1132	Hubert L. Polzer Jewelers
1138	Maier's Appliance Co.
1200	Palay's Men's Furnishings Shop
1201	Harry Bronovan Shoes
“	H.O. Tierice Co. Temperature Apparatus
1201	Walter W. Eiler Real Estate
“	Lincoln Appraisal Co.
“	De Coriolis Realty Co.
“	Carson C. Remington Medical Equipment
1206	Gust Pappas Hat Cleaner
1208	Jewish Daily Forward Newspaper
“	Ingold's Sport Shop
1209	William F. Weingart Physician
1210	Your Photo Shop
“	Louis Cohen Physician
1211-13	LaSigna Cigar & Sporting Goods
1212	Ray Colle Barber
1214	John Loh Tavern
1215	Benjamin Radoff Second Hand Furniture
1216	Milton E. Zuleger Lawyer
“	Edward Blakelee Accountant
“	John Hussinger Real Estate
“	Leo M. Jerdee Real Estate

<i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i>	<i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i>
“	George Chamberlain & Co. Lbr.
“	John P. Musler Manufacturing Agent
1218	Wisconsin State Builders Log Cabin Manufacturing
1219	Albert Mueller Grocer
1223	Pioneer Improvements Co. Roofers
1227	Sunbeam Cleaners
1229	Porter's Tavern
1233	Porter's Lunch
1235	Edward J. Hamata Real Estate
1243	Fefer Printing Co.
1302	Max Nelson Grocer
1309	(Alois) Struhar's Tavern
1310	Wisconsin Furnace Co.
1330	Brake Service Co.
1330	Wisconsin Spring & Wheel Co.
1336	Mrs. Mary C. Bockelman Second Hand Furniture
1340	Larry Sims Tavern
1402	George R. Miller Barber
1500	Everpure Ice & Coal Co.
1501	Ludwig Tomasovic Tavern
1502-4	Everpure Ice & Coal Co.
1510	Stephen L. Bistricky Funeral Director
1522	Burgundy Bar
“	General Painters & Decorators Inc.
1526	John Hoffman Restaurant
1532	Badger Bearing Service
1541	Highway Lunch

Address on W. Walnut St.	Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory
1600	Highway Tap
1601	Josephine Patulski Tavern
1606	John Hansel & Son Meat
1609	William Leiner Barber
1627	Stainless Specialty Co. Tavern & Restaurant
1628	American Sokol Hall
1634	Wendell Klamik Tavern
1635	Alex S. Becker Drugs

Summary: The ethnic composition of Walnut Street remained essentially the same in 1950 as it did in 1930 with one exception. The African American-owned businesses were much more numerous and extended up to 11th Street, rather than 7th Street

The eastern section of today's King Park neighborhood was once a part of Milwaukee's Bronzeville community. And before there was Bronzeville, there were other communities in the King Park neighborhood.

Businesses on West North Avenue (3rd -17th) in 1930, 1940, 1950

Notes: The blanks were rarely the result of a vacancy; there just was no business listed at that address (often there were non-commercial residents). At times the list suggests there were modifications in the building addresses over time or some buildings had been added or razed, and Milwaukee was changing its street addresses during the early 1930s (although this did not seem to affect many addresses on North Avenue). Note that the "soft drink" places in 1930 (during Prohibition) usually got listed as taverns by 1940 when Prohibition had been repealed.

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
301			Rosenburg's Advertising Department
303	Hess & Klessig Real Estate Bonded Adjustments Co. Collections		
304	Howard E. Heberlein Real Estate		Jerome Reichert, Dentist
305	Oscar M. Stamp Na. Prath [?]		
306	Charles L. Christiansen Dentist		
307	George Weldman, Dentist		
308	John R. Dippel, Dentist	Sidney Saichek, Lawyer Saichek Realty	
309	James A. Bucholtz Joseph B. Bucholtz, Dentists	Joseph A. Fleischmann, Physician Schmidt's Food Comfort Services, Orthopedic Appliances	
310	Theodore G. Kuechle, Dentist	Theodore G. Kuechle, Dentist	

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
311	Fichaux & Fellenz Lauch, Lawyers	Fred Hecker, Osteopath	
315	James Jensen, Dentist	James Jensen, Dentist	
317	Cream City Lamp & Shade Co. Queen Dress & Skirt Co., Manufacturers		
319	Grigg-Horton Shoe Co.		
321	Chester A. Morris Restaurant	Adolph F. Haack Tavern	Emanuel Verona Tavern
324	Ernest G. Naron, Barber		
325	Edward J. Fleck Co. Real Estate	Rexford H. Wegener Barber	Oberndorfer Building Herman L. Wiernick, Lawyer Max Hoffman, Dentist Frank E. Primakow, Dentist Irving Ansfield, Osteopath ABC Business Bookkeepers Upper Third Street Shopper Publisher
327	Barr Fur Co.	Bonnie Mac Beauty Shop	Bonnie Mac Beauty Shop
328	Standard Oil Filling Station		Kramko Food Store
329	Dryer-Meyer Corset Shop	Borris Fur Co.	Borris Fur Co.
330		George R. Carns Barber	
331	Porth Building Filbert W. Faust, Dentist Alex J. Rudolph, Physician Joseph G. Edwards, Physician Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.	Famous Beauty Shoppe	Famous Beauty Shoppe
333	Ed Porth & Sons Real Estate		
338		Hoehn's Standard Service Filling Station	Bischoff Service Gas Station
339		Ed Porth & Sons Real Estate	Ed Porth & Sons Real Estate & Insurance
401	Wadham's Oil Co. Filling Station		
403	Viel Dental Laboratory		
405		Elwood Beauty Shop	
406		Ernest C. Rusch Real Estate	
409		Edward J. Lunz, Dentist	

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
411	Wadham's Filling Station	Homestead Savings & Loan Association Strassburger Agency Insurance	Hoehn's Service Gas Station
417-21	Badger Monument Co.		
418		Goodyear Service Auto Supplies	Black Eagle Service Gas Station
420	Herman Witt Pumps		
422			A & P Parking Lot
423	Peter Weber Shoe Repair		
425	Lurette Beauty Shop	Baker's Auto Laundry	
429	Buettner Motor Co.		H.A. Morton Wholesaler Liquor
430			A & P Food Stores
435			Black Eagle Oil Co.
437		Lovette Beauty Shop George W. Marnitz Dentist	Warren Manufacturing and Distributing Co. George W. Marnitz Dentist
441		Scott-Neimann Funeral Directors	Black Eagle Oil Co. Inc.
500		Westphal Service Station	Mike Mucci Gas Station
501	Joseph Schoegler Soft Drinks	Joseph Schoegler Tavern	Joseph Schoegler Tavern
503	Frank K. Hicks Soft Drinks		
507		Mrs. Myrtle Hicks Tavern	Frank Metko Tavern
510		Wil-Kil Exterminating Co. Inc.	
510-16			Roundy, Peckman & Dexter Co. wholesalers
512-16		Roundy, Peckman & Dexter Co. wholesalers	
516-18	Charles Luederitz Furrier Amanda Greiner, Nurse		
521	Ida Koch Confectioners		
522			Wil-Kil Exterminators
524	North Avenue Tire & Radio Supply		
528	Emil L. Zarling Meats		Gittiev Motor Sales Used Cars
529	George R. Frey, Physician		

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
530		North Avenue Radio Supply Co.	North Avenue Radio & Service Co.
533		George R. Frey, Physician	YMCA
540		Joseph Horwath Tavern	Old Rail Tavern
601	Aloysius Dietz Drugs George Marnitz Dentist	Aloysius Dietz Drugs William Owen, Dentist	
604	Sinclair Refg Co. Filling Station		
605	Greta Schneider Dressmaker		
608		Edwin Chatfield Filling Station	Heil Service Station
609	Max Sattler Groceries		H.A. Morton Wholesaler Liquor
611			Max Sattler Delicatessen
612	Albert Grenier Plumber Werner Co. Artists		
615	Otto Tank Barber		
617	Andrus Cleaners & Dyers		
618	Arthur R. Johnson Soft Drinks	Joseph Friedl Tavern	John H. Smith Tavern
619			Ajax Window Cleaner
620	Service Printing Co.		
621	Mrs. R. Hartley Insurance		
622	Emkay Engineering Co. General Refrigeration Co.	The Irving Press Printing	The Irving Press Printing
623			John Moja Barber
626		Karl Reisman Locksmith	Charles Yep Laundry
628	Peter Kamenetcky Dry Goods Mrs. Rose Margoles Malt Products	Steam Fitters Union Local 601	Wisconsin Sound Equipment Co., Inc.
630	MFD Engine Co. No. 8		John C. Schmidt Insurance Reynolds & Reynolds Co. Office Supplies
634-36		Charles Graboert Tavern	Joseph Heiden Tavern
642		Milwaukee Fire Department Engine Co. No. 8	
700		Menz Co. Inc. Furniture	Nyholm Supply Co.

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
701-05		Landry Auto Exchange Used Cars	
702-04	Mill Cycle & Auto Supply Co. Nathan Reich Barber		
704		Alex Golden Tailor	Fischer-Nelson Corp.
718			Comet Cleaners & Dyers
719	William Wende Tailor		
730	John Nevy Soft Drinks Jack Weiss, Dentist Maurice Perlson, Physician		John W. Ernst Used Cars
742		L & S Auto Sales	
744		Irvin H. Roebwenger, Dentist Charles Schneider, Physician	Irvin H. Rochwenger, Dentist
746		Frank J. Plouff Tavern	
747		Chester Stordeur Tavern	C & H Tap Tavern
800		Walter Raasch Drugs US Post Office No. 85	Sangor Drugs
801		Meyer Lisberg Fruits	R & R Food Market
801-05	Lisberg & Sons Grocery Herman Tolkan Meats		
802	Walter C. Raasch Drugs		
806	A & P Tea Co. Groceries	A & P Food Store	
807		Edward Lisberg Grocery	Child's Portrait Studio
817	Sure & Sweet Wholesale Cigars		
818	Standard Tailoring Co.	Standard Tailoring Co.	Samuel T. Emold Tailor
819	Louis Yaillen Barber	Gordon Leggold Barber	Gordon's Barber Shop
820	Morris Tepper Shoe Repair		Herman Katz Shoe Repair
821		Paul Bookstaff Fish	Paul Bookstaff Meats
822	Hyman Fleder Delicatessen	David Ziegler Meats	Ko-Sure Products Grocery
823			Althea's Gift Shop
824	Joseph Geiger Furniture		
830		Model Apron Shop	

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
833		North Avenue Bakery	Miller's Bakery
900		Benjamin Cohen Grocery	Dave's (Silverstein) Food Shop
901	North Avenue Baptist Church	North Avenue Baptist Church	Metropolitan Baptist Church
902	Morris Mayerson Grocery		
904		New York Shoe Repair Shop	Alyce Archie Women's Clothes
906	Clarence Bennett Soft Drinks Harry Z. Schwartz Real Estate		
910	Ostereicher Kranken Untersitzungs Verien Hall		Robert Motor Sales Used Cars
914	Weileder Brothers Galvanizing		
920		Weileder Brothers Platers	Weileder Brothers Platers
925		American Fuel & Supply Co.	American Fuel & Supply Co. American Ice & Coal Co.
930	Harry Teplinsky Grocery		
935		William Heinemann Window Cleaner	
938		Sol Hurwitz Grocery	Sol Hurwitz Super Market
1000			Star Kosher Meat
1000-02		Alex Kalman Tires	
1002	James Shulkin Drugs Jewish Social Service Association		
1003		American Linen Supply Co.	American Linen Supply Co.
1004	Carlo Jannetto Shoe Repair		
1008	Tugenberg Baking Co.		
1010		Mrs. Weston's Food Shop	20th Century Sign Co.
1012		Erwin Minger Egg Dealer	
1022	Frantz-Williams Trucking Co.		
1026			Moses Crumble Auto Workers Shelby Ashley Radio Repair
1031		Edward Wehe Motor Sales Used Cars	Tate Auto Sales Used Cars

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
1036		Maye Keller Furniture	
1100		Jannetto's Tavern	George Dioneopulos Tavern
1102	Carlo Jannetto Grocery		
1104	Carlo Jannetto Shoe Repair		Frank's Camera Shop
1105		Andrew F. Anewenter Physical Therapist	Emil's Tub & Shower Bath Bridge Structural & Ornamental Iron Workers Local #471
1112	MM Schranz Roofing & Building Supply Co. Schranz Coal Co.	MM Schranz Roofing Supply Co.	MM Schranz Roofing & Building Supply Co. Schranz Coal Co.
1114	Bako Paint Co.	Regal Beauty Shop	
1115	Merkle Chevrolet Co. Auto		
1116	Steve Toth Barber	Steve Toth Barber	Steve Toth Barber
1118	Bahn Frei Mutual Building Loan Association John Stattner Real Estate	Fred Bahni Mutual Building Loan Association John Stattner Real Estate	State Musicians Inc.
1120	Bahn Frei Hall Edward Zrimsek Soft Drinks		
1122		Bahn Frei Hall	
1124	Club Cigar Store		
1125	Standard Oil Filling Station	Wisconsin Auto Sales	Nathan N. Borkin Used Cars
1126	Royal College of Music	Edward Zrimsek Tavern	Don-De-Voo Ballroom & Tavern
1130		Kozy Eat Shop Restaurant	Frank Enders Jeweler
1132		Mollie Scherer, Nurse	
1134		North Avenue Pharmacy	North Avenue Pharmacy
1200		Charles F. Piehler Tavern	Martin Ness Tavern
1201	DeLux Spanish Inn Confectionary	DeLux Spanish Inn	Peter Panos Confectionary
1214	Carl H. Schroeder Musical Instruments	Schroeder Musical Instruments	Dick Lorch Business Broker
1216	Odd Fellows Hall		
1218		OKUV Temple	Prince Hall Masonic Temple
1227	Sinclair Refining Co. Filling Station		

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
1300	Mayer Motor Sales	Herb's Service Station	Fred Cassel Gas Station
1306½	Frank Novak Soft Drinks		
1313			Pepper Appliance Co. Lester Gerlach Radio Representative
1315-25	Gridley Dairy Co.		
1318		Melvin Pepper Electric	
1319		Necker's Super Service Gas Station	Necker's Super Service Gas Station
1322	Fronda Garage	The Camera Shop	Sure & Sweet Cigars
1324	Abraham Wivior Real Estate		
1326	William Ostrowsky Meats American Store Fixture Co		
1328		Eric Hackbarth Restaurant	Mickie's Lunch
1330		Louis Gross Food Products	Oliver Zezblatt Real Estate Oliver Zezblatt Investment Co. Hyman Shurman Insurance Milton Chernin Lawyer
1340		Mike Borkin Used Cars	John S. O'Hanison Auto
1341	Charles Wustrack Barber		
1342	Samuel Zeichick Grocery		
1350		Hanisan Auto Sales Used Cars	ABC Printing Service
1351		Gridley Dairy Co.	Bordon Gridley Division Milk
1352		Raymond Roegner Restaurant	
1356		Morris Tabak Meats	
1366			Margaret Beauty Salon
1374		Acme Art Glass Co.	
1378		David Marks Grocery	Sam Schumacker Grocery & Meats
1379		Nathan Reich Barber	Hilda's Bakery
1400		Roosevelt Sweet Shop	Roosevelt Sweet Shop
1402	Iris Theater	Roosevelt Theater	Roosevelt Theater (Iris Amusement Inc.)
1404	George Cote Confectionary	Isadore Urkofsky Tailor	

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
1406	Christian Holz Meats		
1408		Holz Market Meats	Jack Gross Meats
1411	Becker Motor Car Co.		
1418	Charles Mehiring Restaurant		Allied Improvement Co. Contractors
1419	Albert E. Haack Plumber		
1420	Morris Topper Shoe Repair		
1422	Israel Herman Tailor		
1424		Charles Mehring Tavern	
1425	Ralph Rickum Baker	Albert Haack Plumber	Albert E. Haack Plumbing
1430	James Sterling Shoe Repair Aaron Nankin Tailor	Max Kaplan Barber	Nathan Trogun Meats
1431	Louis Namerofsky Grocer		
1433			Milwaukee Equipment Co.
1438		Joseph Sterling Shoe Repair	Joseph Sterling Shoe Repair
1439		Edward Winnig Grocery	David Goldberg Grocery
1500		International Liquor Corp.	Verifine Dairy Products Verifine Produce Meinerz Creamery Dairy Products
1500-18			Western Rawhide & Belting Co.
1501	Jacob Cizen Grocery	North Avenue Kosher Meat Market	Colorchrone Co.
1502	Wisconsin Creameries Inc.		
1509	Ida Primakow Beauty Parlor		
1510		Nicolas Tylicki Auto Repair	
1515		Samuel Trushinsky Grocery	Nathan Sandel Real Estate Son-Twin Co. Building Contractors
1517	Quality Kosher Meat Market	Morris Vesokie Meats	
1518	Harry Goldman Meats		
1521		Quality Kosher Meat	Quality Kosher Meat
1522			Storm Scenter Store Umbrellas
1523	Nicolas Brazy Real Estate Martin Marx Barber		

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
1524	A & P Tea Co.		
1524½	George Caralis Barber Deickens Pharmacy Otto Turek Dentist		
1526	Edward Roeder Jeweler		
1528		Carl Guten Delicatessen	Meyer Guten Delicatessen
1529		Nick Brazy Real Estate	Nick Brazy Real Estate Wisconsin Federal Co. Building Contractors
1531		Martin Marx Barber	
1533		Otto Turek Dentist	Otto Turek Dentist
1534		Edward Roeder Jeweler	Jacob Urkofsky Barber
1535		Diecken's Pharmacy	Diecken's Pharmacy
1600		Joseph Lotter Meats	Joseph Lotter Meats
1602	Peter P. Buettner Meats		
1606	Harry N. Galst Grocery		
1607	North Avenue Natatorium		
1608		Harry N. Galst Grocery	
1609		North Avenue Natatorium	North Avenue Natatorium
1610	Benjamin Berkowitz Baker		
1611-19	Louis Jenz Soft Drinks		
1613		William Schwantes Tavern and Bowling	Albert J. Schill Tavern
1614		Ester Berkowitz Baker	Carl S. Berkowitz Baker
1617		George Caralis Barber	George Caralis Barber
1618		Isaac Fox Confectioner	Kay Sharon Hosiery Mills Inc.
1622	New Way Service Co. Garage	Trubuilt Auto Body Co.	Constant Hosiery Stores Inc.
1623		Alois Ansay Linen Supply	
1624	George A. Lurie Co. Real Estate		
1626	Edward Hartel Autos	Albert R. Kaddatz Glass and Paints	
1627		Baxter Laundries Corp.	Fowler Towels Supply Co.

Address	1930 business name	1940 business name	1950 business name
1627-29	New Way Service Co. Laundry		
1629	Joseph Scheibl Baker Ervin Wenzel Physician		
1630	National Tea Co.		
1634		Ruben Cohen Delicatessen	Ruben Cohen Delicatessen
1635		Samuel Sweet Bakery	
1637			Jack Baum Meats
	TOTAL # OF BUSINESSES IN 1930: 152	TOTAL # OF BUSINESSES IN 1940: 142	TOTAL # OF BUSINESSES IN 1950: 143

Points in summary (from census and other records):

- While the commercial properties often had revolving owners, the number of businesses over the three decades remained relatively stable.
- The strongest ethnic influence on North Avenue during this time was Jewish (mainly Russian and Polish).
- As in most Milwaukee neighborhoods during these decades, most of the shopkeepers had little education—few were even listed with high school educations in census records.
- North Avenue, between 3rd and 17th was a virtual international community of immigrants during these three decades, including Latvians, Germans, Greeks, Belgians, Norwegians, Austrians, Lithuanians, Slovaks, Bohemians, Chinese, French, English, Swedes, Finns, Hungarians, Italians, French Canadians, Poles, and Armenians (census records for 1930 and 1940).
- Carlo Jenetto was an interesting case study. The 1920 census had him heading a household with a wife, 11 minor children, a son-in-law (daughter deceased?), and three grandchildren. At age 48 in 1920, he was already operating his shoe repair business and by 1930 he also owned a grocery store and by 1950 (apparently) a tavern--all on the same block.
- By 1950 there was a small contingency of black-run businesses on North Ave., including Alyse Archie and Moses Crumble.

Types of businesses on North Ave. stretch over 30 years (unduplicated)

Types of businesses	Number
Health Services	38
Pharmacies	10
Restaurants/delis	11
Auto-related	28
Grocery and meats/fish/dairy	49
Bakeries & confectionaries	14
Taverns	23
Recreation/hobby (not bars)	10

Types of businesses	Number
Real estate	19
Insurance	5
Clothing/shoes/tailors	25
Jewelry	3
Barbers	19
Furniture	4
Building trades	3
Lawyers	4
Beauty shops	8
Laundries/dry cleaners	6
Religious organization	1

King Park specifics

The business corridor that was specifically in King Park during these years was the western section of Walnut Street, from 13th Street on. This area was mainly dominated by German, Slavic, or other European shopkeepers. See a profile of one of the proprietors below.

King Park business family (1920s)

(Information from U.S. Census and other public records)

The Struhar family

Alois and Julia Struhar were Slovaks from Czechoslovakia. They had arrived in the United States in 1923—unfortunately just years before the onset of the American Great Depression. They moved into the King Park neighborhood on North 19th Street, where others from Czechoslovakia were settled. The National Slovak Western Union Hall (later American Sokol Hall) was located on Walnut Street, near 17th.

The couple began a family in 1925 when son Rudolph was born. According to the 1930 census, Alois was working as a concrete finisher for a private contractor. However, as the Great Depression loomed on, the Struhar family fared less well. Now with a second child, Luis, jobs were not as plentiful. By 1940, the family was renting a unit on North 7th Street for \$22 a month. Alois reported working only eight weeks in 1939 and earned \$120 for the entire year (the average for the time was over \$1,300). Although the family was only renting, the Struhars took in a lodger, Vincent Matuschka, who was also a recent immigrant from Czechoslovakia. The roomer had a full time job, which no doubt helped the Struhars.

Alois told the 1940 census taker that he was currently in a partnership with another person and was working on his own account. While records do not indicate what that enterprise was, sometime in the 1940s he opened up his own tavern—simply called Struhar’s. It was at 1309 W. Walnut.

It is not known how long he remained in business. Later in life the Struhars moved to East Troy, Wisconsin.

The loss of Bronzeville

During the 1950s and 1960s, two government programs displaced most in this community. One program was urban renewal, which had been designed to improve central city housing. Many blocks in Bronzeville were slated for revitalization, and residents on these blocks were forced to sell their homes or were offered alternative housing in other areas of the city. During the same time period, the Milwaukee County Expressway Commission was building two major freeway corridors in the heart of the City. One cut directly across Bronzeville, discarding Walnut Street as the center of the community.

Over 8,000 African American dwelling units were lost as were nearly all of the scores of businesses, clubs, and organizations on or near Walnut Street. While some public housing was built nearby, the housing was designed for people with limited incomes. The black middle and working class were forced to look for housing in other areas of the city and suburbs—a quest often confronted by property owners who refused to rent or sell to African Americans. This long struggle led, in part, to the Fair Housing Marches in the late 1960s, which ultimately resulted in Milwaukee's Fair Housing Act (following the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968) which opened up neighborhoods to African Americans.

Current populations (as of 2021)

Today in King Park, just under two-thirds of the population is African American. About one-quarter self-identify as white—most are of German descent. There are only 23 residents citing Czech ancestry left in the neighborhood. Approximately 1 in 10 residents are Latinos (fairly evenly divided between those of Mexican and those of Puerto Rican descent) and 1 in 20 Asians (mostly Hmong and Chinese).

King Park is low income, female, and young. Over two-thirds of the population live in household with annual incomes under \$25,000. Women greatly out-populate men in King Park by over 20 percent. In addition, nearly one-third of the population is under the age of 20, which is a high proportion for Milwaukee and Milwaukee Metro.

King Park is an excellent place for rent costs. Nearly 8 in 10 properties in the neighborhood are likely to be rented (about twice the rate for Milwaukee generally), and nearly half of these units rent under \$500 a month.

INTERESTING FEATURES

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center** at 1531 W. Vliet St., featuring an array of programs, an open gym, and an exercise gym.
- **Machek House** at 1305 N. 19th St., designed by architect Robert Macheck, a gifted Austrian woodcarver—a historic landmark home noted for the charming individuality of its design, the intricacy and fine craftsmanship of its ornament, and saved from urban renewal. (See photo.)
- **Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center**, at 12th and Vliet, was once the center for the administration of AFDC in Milwaukee.
- **Guest House**, at 1213 N. 13th St. a homeless shelter.

Archaeology excavation on Guest House grounds

When builders were constructing an addition to the Guest House homeless shelter, they uncovered the remains of nearly 50 people who had been buried in the mid- 1800s. An archaeological crew under the direction of UW-M archaeologist Dr. Patricia Richards, collected, packaged, and labeled pieces of bones to be further analyzed at UW-M. The coffins had decomposed. Researchers believe the site was the Grunhagen Cemetery (or Second Ward Cemetery) built in the 1840s for German settlers and partially removed in 1874. While some families moved remains of their relatives to new homes, some were abandoned.

Dr. Richards' focus was on the respect and honor that her crew paid to every individual whose bones were analyzed—hopefully to eventually give them identities. It is ironic that a modern homeless shelter ended up being constructed atop a site where remains of abandoned individuals remained for over 150 years.

The Guest House continued with its 8,000 square foot addition.

To access research and documentaries conducted by Urban Anthropology Inc. on Milwaukee's homeless, go to the following sites:

- 100 life histories of the homeless—
<http://www.urban-anthropology.org/Homeless.html>
- Documentary, Stories of the Homeless--
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEof7KZHjG8&feature=youtu.be>
- Documentary, Can We Become Homeless? --
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_o933Ny6AE&feature=youtu.be

RECURRING NEARBY OUTINGS (Health conditions permitting)

In the following section the website addresses have been eliminated due to technical problems with the various ways different web browsers display PDF files. Website information on these events is available through the book *Milwaukee Area Outings on the Cheap*. See below.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Martin Luther King Day, 2:30 pm	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 1531 W. Vliet St.	An afternoon in honor of Dr. King involving music, spoken work, and praise dance.	Free

BRONZEVILLE WEEK

When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Aug., 2nd week	MLK Dr., between Garfield Ave. and Center St.	Cultural and arts festival, with a run/walk run, health screenings, trolley rides, arts night, poetry readings.	Free

BRONZEVILLE JAZZ IN THE HOOD

When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Early Jul., Fri. 4-9pm	4th St. between North and Garfield	Celebration of African-American culture that focuses on local creative entrepreneurial talent with art performances.	Free

WALK THROUGH OLD BRONZEVILLE

When?	Where?	Description and contact info	Admission
Daily, by appt., 1:30-4	Lapham Park Apartments and Senior Center 1901 N. 6th St.	Visit to replica of the once thriving Walnut Street, the heart of Bronzeville, in lower level of Lapham Center. To reserve time, call (414) 286-8859	Free

Most of these outings are provided courtesy of MECAH Publishing. To access the book that provides nearly 600 outings—all priced under \$10—for the entire Greater Milwaukee area, go to <http://mecahmilwaukee.com/NonFiction.html>

QUOTES FROM RESIDENTS

Quotes from Bronzeville oral history project conducted by Urban Anthropology Inc. between 2001 and 2009¹—THEN

“Well, years ago Milwaukee was famous for social civic activities. You know, the city itself, the city fathers, were concerned about the education of the young people and the wellbeing of them. And there was always a recreational department. Milwaukee had the finest recreational department in the country until some other politicians moved into the office and destroyed it. And so a typical day would be—right behind Walnut Street would be Lapham Park, Lapham Park. And we used to play basketball, football, baseball, all kinds of stuff. And then we had a social civic club, Lapham Park Social Civic Club, with dances and the ladies would go over and do their knitting and the library was in there. So, all kinds of social activities that took place in the Lapham Park.”

“Two schools that most people who lived in Bronzeville used to attend, well, just a few would attend Lloyd Street. But most schools were—9th Street Elementary School and 4th Street Elementary School. Fourth Street is now Golda Meir School. And then there was Lincoln and North Division. Those were two schools where mostly all of the African Americans used to attend and had fierce competition and tremendous spirit. One of the stars during that period of time was Jake Beason. Jake Beason used to kick field goals on the kick off [LAUGHS]. And they had to change the rules because of him.”

Quotes from Bronzeville oral history conducted by Urban Anthropology Inc. between 2001 and 2009—About NOW

“Every third Saturday of August, the Walnut Street Social Gathering Club will have a picnic out there and people from all over the United States who grew up around Walnut Street attend that. Of course there are about two-thousand, except for when people die off. And a lot of times they'd have tents up, pictures of the weddings and stuff, pictures of when a lot of us were in elementary school.”

Resident quote on King Park neighborhood

“Oh, I love it (the neighborhood) It’s the quietest, nicest little neighborhood that nobody knows about. It’s fantastic, it’s super diverse, we have all different ethnicities living here and, yeah, it’s a great vibrant neighborhood.”

--Jenny Biebert

1 Urban Anthropology Inc. complies with human subjects requirements of formal research and asks informants to sign informed consent forms that stipulate anonymity, hence names are not provided with the quotes.

PHOTOS

Today's neighborhood-Houses 13th and Juneau



Today's neighborhood-Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center

Today's neighborhood-Highland Community School



Today's neighborhood-Cream City Gardens



Today's neighborhood-Highland
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Today's neighborhood-Machek House (located in the nearby Park View neighborhood).

For more information on Milwaukee neighborhoods, refer to John Gurda's *Milwaukee, City of Neighborhoods* and Jill Florence Lackey's and Rick Petrie's *Germans in Milwaukee: A neighborhood history*.

Do you have great photos of this neighborhood? Are you a resident with an interesting quote about this neighborhood? Do you have recurring outings, additions, corrections, or general comments about this neighborhood? Please email your input to:
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OLDER PHOTOS FROM RESIDENTS

Photos of the University Extension Shoots & Roots Urban Garden Program of the late 1970s and early 1980s (courtesy of Dennis Lukaszewski)

