

Researching Forest Hills through the 1930 Census

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I was researching the house number change that occurred circa early 1945. Since I was deep into the numbers I decided to count the population, race, ages, and occupations.

It's a look into the lives of the residents of Forest Hills in 1930 using the 1930 Census for Forest Hills, *"Part of Justice Precinct 3; Unincorporated place, Forest Hills; Enumeration District 57-115; Supervisor's District No. 10; Enumerated April 16, 1930."*

The census was the FIFTEEN CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES and was administered in our neighborhood on April 16, 1930.

Reading the four pages is like trying to read a foreign language. The enumerator's route makes no sense, but it was very wooded and dense and he did it one day.

Houses at intersections were hard to document; for example, 1457 San Rafael is listed under Santa Clara on 9A. Also, when someone wasn't home, he went to the next house and then returned later. I used the 1930 Directory as a supplement, but the US Census is the official count.

I've read and reread because the handwriting is so bad, but this is what I've found:

- There were approximately **50 homes**. Sometimes the back houses were counted, sometimes not. On several house number entries, there are multiple homes listed, each owned by different people; John Lomax on page 8B is an example; the Shumates are listed as owners of a house on his house number; this actually starts on 8A with Patrick Boyd who is a Contractor of Residences; a builder.
- The population was approximately **163**. Fourteen were black and were in service roles.
- Occupations included salesman of tires and engines, produce broker, teachers, several dentists, a surgeon, dermatologist, ophthalmologist, telephone operator, shoemaker, Assistant purchaser of candy, oil business, architect, a woman in publishing at McMillan, screen company, nurse, furniture salesman, auto salesman, real estate secretary, match salesman, attorney, bank clerk, ice laboratory, and more.

Take a look at the four pages from the 1930 census below. Click on any census page to open a larger image.

Form 904
 State Illinois Incorporated place Paris, Justice Precincts
 County Saline Ward of city Paris Block No. 10
 Township or other division of county Paris, Justice Precincts Unincorporated place Paris, Justice Precincts
 Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
 POPULATION SCHEDULE
 Enumeration District No. 57-110 Sheet No. 9 A
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PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER TONGUE OR LANGUAGE OF FREED BORN	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY		EMPLOYMENT	VETERAN
									OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY		
1	Blanch	Wife	712	W	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
2	John B	Head	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
3	William	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
4	Virginia	Head	712	F	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
5	William	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
6	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
7	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
8	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
9	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
10	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
11	John	Son	712	M	18	Illinois	English	U.S.				
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