

Approximate boundaries:

N-W. North Ave; **S**-W. Walnut St;

E-Dr. M.L.K. Dr; **W**-N. Halyard St

NORTH SIDE *Halyard Park*

NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

The best description of the appearance of Halyard Park comes from John Gurda in *Milwaukee: City of Neighborhoods* (p. 197):

If a typical Milwaukeean were blindfolded and dropped off in the middle of Halyard Park, he or she might be confused when the blindfold came off. Ranch homes on large lots? Late model cars in the driveways? This must be Brown Deer or Brookfield. But Halyard Park is no suburb. It lies near the heart of Milwaukee's North Side, and the neighborhood's amenities do not conform to the usual image of the inner city.

See photos below.

HISTORY

The area that is today's Halyard Park comprises the northeastern tip of what was once known as the city's Bronzeville community. And before there was Bronzeville, there were other communities in today's Halyard area.

Early populations

The original area comprising Halyard Park was developed between the 1850s and 1890, when it reached its capacity. The early residents were mostly Germans 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 St. Francis Church. After church many Germans of all faiths took their families to the Schlitz beer garden near 8th and Walnut.

Another anchor institution for the early population was St. Joseph's Hospital on 4th and Reservoir (today located on Milwaukee's northwest side). A medical school opened across the street, originally called the Wisconsin College of Physicians, which later became Marquette University's Medical School, and then the Medical College of Wisconsin.

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 on the boundary of Halyard 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.



Today's neighborhood-
Entrance to Halyard Park

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.

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.



Today's neighborhood-Lapham Park Apartments & Senior Center

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 area also was home to many families with members that would go on to become groundbreakers or achieve fame in their respective fields. See the profiles of three below.

Spotlight on Bronzeville family (1930s) *(Information from U.S. Census and other public records)*

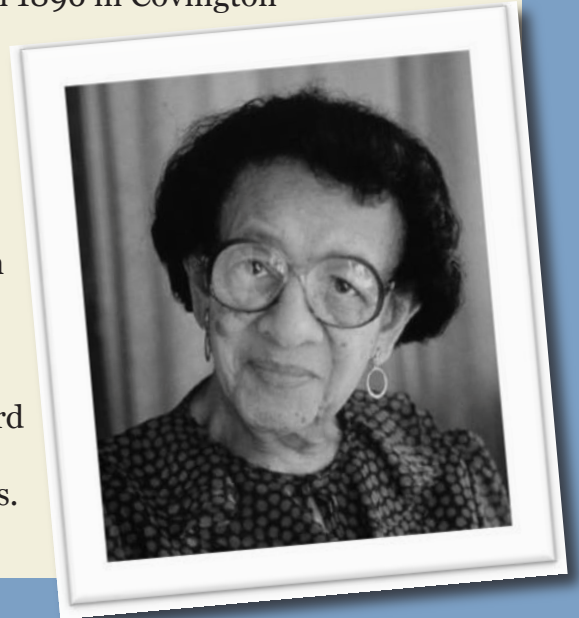
The Halyards

When the Halyards first moved to Milwaukee, they settled in on North 9th Street just outside of the Halyard Park neighborhood, which today bears their name. By 1940, Wilber and Ardie Halyard (see right) lived at 4326 North 37th Street in the Old North Milwaukee neighborhood. Like many former residents of Bronzeville, the Halyards were groundbreakers. Together the couple founded the first African American-owned savings and loan association in the State of Wisconsin. The pair opened Columbia Savings & Loan with just a \$10 bill in 1924, just one year after they arrived in Milwaukee.

The institution helped black families secure home loans—a radical change from the policies of mainstream banks that usually denied loans on the basis of race.

Both Wilber and Ardie came from humble beginnings. Born in South Carolina in 1895, Wilber completed high school and moved north with the Great Migration, taking a caretaker's job in Beloit in 1920. Ardie (nee Clark), born 1896 in Covington Georgia, was the daughter of sharecroppers. She had graduated from Atlanta University, moved north, and married Wilber in Wisconsin.

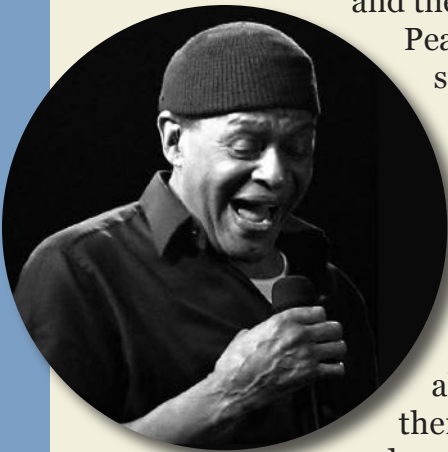
While the two were running Columbia Savings & Loan, Ardie worked as a social worker for Goodwill Industries during the days and donated her time at the S&L at night. In 1951, Halyard became the first woman president of the Milwaukee chapter of the NAACP. In the 1960s, she worked with Father James Groppi to establish the NAACP Youth Council, a group responsible for most of the fair housing marches in 1967. Ardi Halyard also served on the Wisconsin State Board of Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education for more than eight years.



Spotlight on Bronzeville family (1940s) *(Information from U.S. Census and other public records)*

The Jarreaus

In 1940, the Jarreau family moved to 336 W. Reservoir in the Halyard Park/Bronzeville neighborhood. The father, Emile Jarreau, was the descendant of Creoles from Louisiana, and the mother, Pearl Walker Jarreau, was born in Florida. Emile and Pearl raised six children on Reservoir. Both Emile and Pearl were spiritual organizers in the Negro Seventh-day Adventist movement. According to the 1940 census, both had completed two years of college, possibly at the Andrews University Seminary in Michigan. Emile was an ordained pastor and church singer and Pearl an accomplished church pianist. Emile also supplemented his income as a welder.



In 1940, the Seventh-day Adventists had 206 African American churches and 14,537 black members. Music had always been very important among black Adventists. Early on there was the commitment to bring in African musical patterns and genres that had been brought over by slaves, such as embracing the juxtaposition of one rhythm upon another and modal scales in which the melodies were often interwoven.

The Jarreau children of Bronzeville were brought up with these musical traditions, singing together at church concerts. The fifth child, Alwin Lopez Jarreau (called “Al”), was particularly talented, developing unique musical expressions at an early age (see photoⁱⁱ above). After graduating from Lincoln High School, he attended Ripon College

where he sang with a group called the Indigos. He graduated from Ripon and went on to receive a master's degree in rehabilitation therapy from the University of Iowa. Working as a rehabilitation counselor in California, he often moonlighted as a jazz singer in nightclubs. He was eventually spotted by Warner Brothers and was offered a recording contract.

His unique vocal sound ultimately earned Al Jarreau seven Grammy awards and over a dozen nominations. Perhaps his most popular album was the 1981 *Breakin' Away*. He was among the performers that sang the charity song, *We Are the World*.

In 2005, Jarreau returned to Milwaukee to give the keynote speech at the UW-Milwaukee graduation ceremony. Jarreau died in 2017 at age 77.

Spotlight on Bronzeville family (1940s) (Information from U.S. Census and other public records)

The Ueckers

In 1940, the Uecker family lived on the corner of 3rd Street (now MLK Boulevard) and Garfield, on the boundary between today's Halyard Park and Brewer's Hill neighborhoods. The father August ("Gus") was a German-speaking immigrant from Switzerland and the mother Mary ("Sue") had been born in Michigan, apparently the daughter of Swiss

immigrants. August was working as a truck driver for a construction company. Having learned the tool and die trade at an early age, he often helped support his family during the Great Depression earning \$2 to \$3 a day working on cars.

August and Mary had three children—Robert, Caroline, and Rosemary. By 1940, 6-year-old Robert ("Bob") (see photoiii) had become an avid baseball fan, frequently riding his bike to watch the minor league Milwaukee Brewers play at nearby Borchert Field. One of his favorite players was Johnny Logan. Bob also played baseball in high school.

Uecker, however, never completed high school. At age 20 he enlisted in the army and played military baseball. While in service, the Boston Braves had moved to his home town and become the Milwaukee Braves. In 1956 Bob Uecker signed a major league contract with the Braves as a catcher for \$3,000. He spent his career as a lackluster back-up catcher with a .200 career batting average and a league-leading number of passed balls in 1967.

Uecker went on to use his uninspiring baseball career as material for stand-up comedy. After making repeated appearances on the Tonight Show, Johnny Carson dubbed him "Mr. Baseball." Soon Uecker became a household word. He made dozens of TV commercials and even appeared in comedy roles in the film *Major League* and as a supporting actor in the TV series *Mr. Belvedere*. He also helped call major league games for ABC and NBC.

When the Milwaukee Braves moved to Atlanta following the 1965 season, a local businessman, Bud Selig, campaigned to bring another major league team to Milwaukee. The effort came to fruition in 1970 when the bankrupt Seattle Pilots team was purchased and moved to Milwaukee to become the Milwaukee Brewers. Selig was intent on bringing Uecker in to join a team of Brewer broadcasters. Since 1971, Bob Uecker has been "the voice of the Brewers."

Bob Uecker has authored two books: *Catcher in the Wry* and *Catch 222*.



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

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

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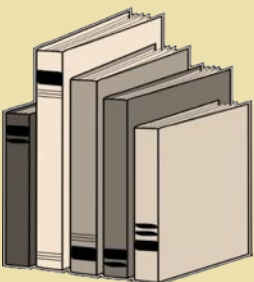
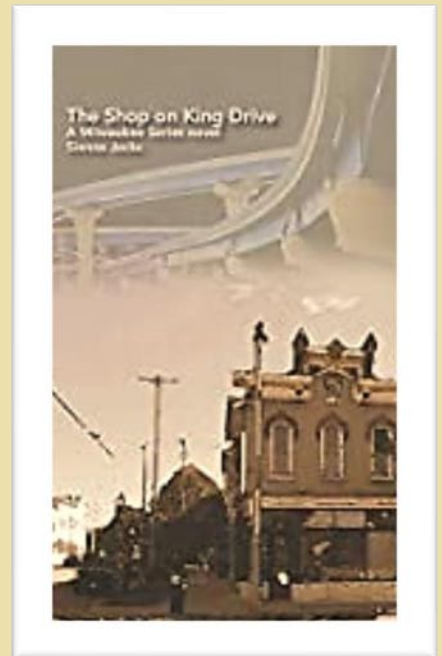
Novels that educate readers on Milwaukee neighborhoods

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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| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| “ | 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 |

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|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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. Shewetzer Garage |
| " | Abraham Urkofsky Barber |
| 925 | Edward Jackson Physician |
| 926 | Rottman & Duckler Real Estate |
| 927 | Hy-Way Movers |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| “ | 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| | |
| 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. |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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. Breitrick Restaurant |
| 1313 | Aug Pica Coal |
| 1322 | David Nissenbaum Painter |
| 1325 | Rockteschel & Ahnert Lawyers |
| “ | Haltner & Rockteachel Insurance |
| 1326 | Brake & Speedometer Service Corp. |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from <u>Milwaukee City Directory</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| <i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i> | <i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| <i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i> | <i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1126 | Canak Realty |
| " | Nathan Hedes Dentist |
| " | Bakery & Confectionary |
| " | Workers Union Local #2 |
| 1126 | Paul Boekus Chiropractor |
| " | 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. |

| <i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i> | <i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1302 | Max Nelson Grocery |
| 1308-10 | Everpure Ice & Coal Co. |
| “ | Carleys Letter Service |
| “ | Wisconsin Spring & Wheel Co. |
| 1331 | Rockteschel & Anherst 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 | Bistricky 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1622 | Albert Stuck Tailor |
| 1627 | Gillich's Produce Co. |
| 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.

An example of a Great Depression era business family on Walnut Street appears below.

Spotlight on Bronzeville family (1930s) (Information from U.S. Census and other public records)

The Malcolm M. King family



Malcolm M. King was a black physician with an office at 625 W. Walnut. Born in the West Indies, King opened his Milwaukee office in the late 1920s and remained at until sometime in the 1940s. About the time he set up his Walnut Street practice he married Edwina Smith and brought her teenage daughter Isabel into the union (see photo of Isabel to the left). Isabel took the surname of King. The family rented a home on nearby Clark Street, as apparently even physicians had difficulty purchasing homes in Milwaukee if they were black.

The match between Edwina and Malcolm may have been stimulated by common experiences, as Edwina was also college-educated and the daughter of a doctor. Her father, Frank G. Smith was a general practitioner and her mother Lena Smith (nee Calhoun) was also college-educated.

Edwina's family was shadowing the movement of the Great Migration. Her parents had roots in Alabama and Georgia and moved north into Tennessee by the time that Edwina was born. Frank may have been a student at MeHarry Medical College in Nashville, the first medical school in the South for African Americans. The family then took up residence in Chicago where they purchased a home on Wabash Avenue. Other family members moved on to Milwaukee.

Malcolm and Edwina's daughter Isabel followed the same family pattern, even as the Great Depression loomed on. While Malcolm was practicing medicine on Walnut Street, she received an education at Milwaukee State Teachers College, where she graduated with a degree in exceptional education (the photo is her graduation picture from the school's yearbook).

It is not known how long the King family remained in Milwaukee. It is unlikely that Malcolm King would have lived into the 1960s where he could have extolled the significance of his Christian and surname in the Civil Rights Movement.

Change would occur in all Milwaukee neighborhoods during the decade following the Great Depression and the end of World War Two. Walnut Street was no exception.

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 |
| | |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| " | 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 800 | Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School |
| 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?) |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| " | 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 |

| Address on W. Walnut St. | Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory |
|--------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| " | 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. |

| <i>Address on W. Walnut St.</i> | <i>Names of businesses and organizations from Milwaukee City Directory</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| | |
| 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 past 10th Street, rather than 7th Street. On North Avenue they extended much further west.

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. (Listings from Milwaukee City Directory.)

| 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. Stampp Na. Prath [?] | | |
| 306 | Charles L. Christiansen Dentist | | |
| 307 | George Weldman, Dentist | | |
| 308 | John R. Dippel, Dentist | Sidney Saichok, Lawyer Saichok 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 | |
| 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. Naroon, 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 |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 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 | |
| 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. | |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|---|--|
| 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 | | |
| 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 |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|--|---|
| 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. |
| 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. Roebwerger, Dentist Charles Schneider, Physician | Irvin H. Rochwerger, 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 |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 819 | Louis Yaillen Barber | Gordon Lepgold 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 | |
| 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. | | |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 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 | | |
| | | | |
| 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 |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 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 | |
| 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 Mehringer 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 | |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|---|---|
| 1518 | Harry Goldman Meats | | |
| 1521 | | Quality Kosher Meat | Quality Kosher Meat |
| 1522 | | | Storm Scenter Store Umbrellas |
| 1523 | Nicolas Brazy Real Estate Martin Marx Barber | | |
| 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. |

| Address | 1930 business name | 1940 business name | 1950 business name |
|---------|--|---|---|
| 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. |
| 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 |

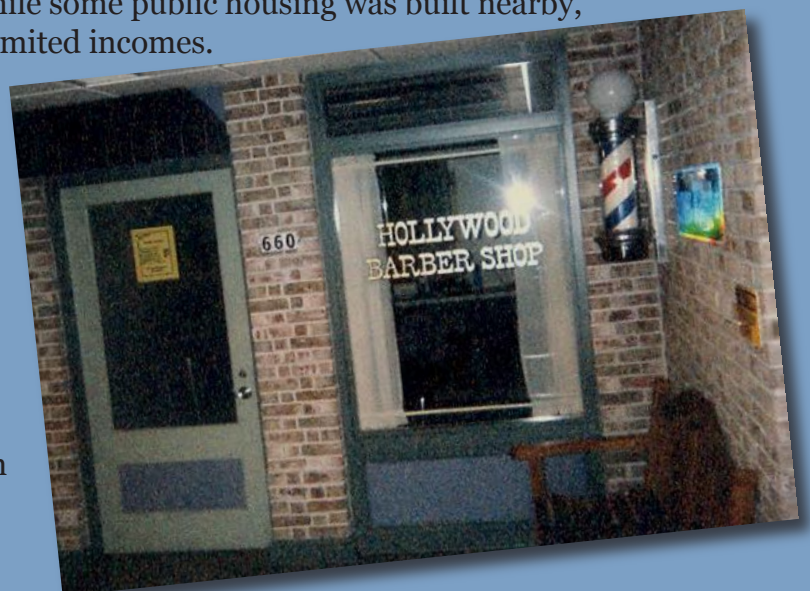
| Types of businesses | Number |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Bakeries & confectionaries | 14 |
| Taverns | 23 |
| Recreation/hobby (not bars) | 10 |
| Real estate | 19 |
| Insurance | 5 |
| Clothing/shoes/tailors | 25 |
| Jewelry | 3 |
| Barbers | 19 |
| Furniture | 4 |
| Building trades | 3 |
| Lawyers | 4 |
| Beauty shops | 8 |
| Laundries/dry cleaners | 6 |
| Religious organization | 1 |

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 homes 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 classes 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.



Today's neighborhood—Streets of Old Walnut Street in Lapham Center

Current populations (as of 2021)

One of the first institutions built to accommodate displaced persons in Bronzeville was the Lapham Park Apartments and Senior Center, which included 170 units of multi-family housing and an eight-story, high-rise for seniors. At the urging of residents, the housing project eventually dedicated its lower level to reminisce the lost Walnut Street commercial district. The entire level included facades (with full interiors) designed to replicate shops that had once stabilized Bronzeville. (See photos.)

And how exactly did Halyard Park emerge? During the 1970s a merger of several black-owned real estate firms, called the United Realty Group, began working on ways to return middle class residents to the area. They proposed a subdivision of single family homes in the renewal area, which was eventually approved by the Redevelopment Authority. In 1977 Beechie Brooks built his own home in the subdivision, and this was followed by development of 43 spacious, ranch, split level, and colonial homes on large lots.

The subdivision was named after Wilbur and Aldie Halyard. Arriving in Milwaukee in 1923, the couple left a legacy of helping fellow African Americans find housing (see their profile above). Halyard Street was named after the couple in 1965 and the neighborhood several years later.

Today, the Halyard Park neighborhood is a mix of low income populations living in the Lapham housing project and middle class home owners of the Halyard subdivision. Over 9 in 10 residents are African American. Over half the families are made up of three or fewer members. Residents on average are a *median* age of four years older than other Milwaukee residents.

Halyard Park is a generally well-educated neighborhood, with nearly double the number of residents enrolled in undergraduate colleges compared to the rest of Milwaukee. They also have nearly double the number of young people in private schools compared to the rest of the city.

How stable is Halyard Park? Did the investment in Milwaukee's central city work? One statistic that stands out is the tenure of home ownership. How long did people remain in their homes? The median year that residents in the City of Milwaukee moved into their current homes (as of 2010) was 2000. In Halyard Park, the median year that residents moved into their current homes was 1981. Home owners that moved to Halyard Park when it was first developed simply have not left the neighborhood.

New development in Halyard Park

A \$17.4 million Garfield Development project broke ground on April 4, 2017. The project, a collaboration among Maures Development Group, America's Black Holocaust Museum, Jeffers & Co., and 16 other supporters, will include 41 affordable apartments, 8,000 square feet of commercial space, and the return of America's Black Holocaust Museum on the corner of North Avenue and North 4th Street, within the borders of the Halyard Park neighborhood.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (ABHM) was founded in Milwaukee in 1984 by Dr. James Cameron, who survived a lynching attempt as a teenager. Artifacts and exhibits collected by Cameron told the story of the struggles of African Americans through the centuries of slavery, Jim Crow, and into the present. The museum closed in 2007 a few years after the death of Dr. Cameron, and its contents and other supporting documents went online. The return of the museum is now accompanying the virtual museum.



Today's neighborhood-
Halyard Park homes

INTERESTING FEATURES

- **Lapham Park Apartments and Senior Center** at 1901 N. 6 thStreet.
- **George Washington Carver Park** ion 8 thand Brown St., home field for the famous Beckum-Stapleton Little League.

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.

| 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

“The loss of Bronzeville was the breakdown of the village. The whites had people moving them into the projects and those with a little money moved to the suburbs. It was then the image of who we were that came from the whites. Before that it had been a localized culture. Before that you took care of your own—you watched other people’s kids, made sure your neighborhood was nice and safe. After the move, we lost that.”

“Well, if we're talking about Bronzeville in terms of the African American community, we're talking about Walnut Street mostly and that's where mostly a lot of the businesses were located and the businesses that I remember were a whole series of restaurants: Rose's restaurant, Claire's restaurant, T. Joe's restaurant, Music Café, Deek and Jones, Chicken Shack, Larry's

Frozen Custard, Williamson's Frozen Custard, Richardson's Frozen Custard, Samuel Elville Tap--we used to call it the blood basket—ah, and then there was Golden something, I can't remember.”

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

“The one good thing that happened after we lost Bronzeville, was the development of Halyard Park, where middle class blacks could claim a piece of what had once been a solid community.”

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.

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



Local community gardening. Shoots 'n Roots program, late 1970s, early 1980s. (Photos courtesy of Dennis Lukeszewski of the University Extension)



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