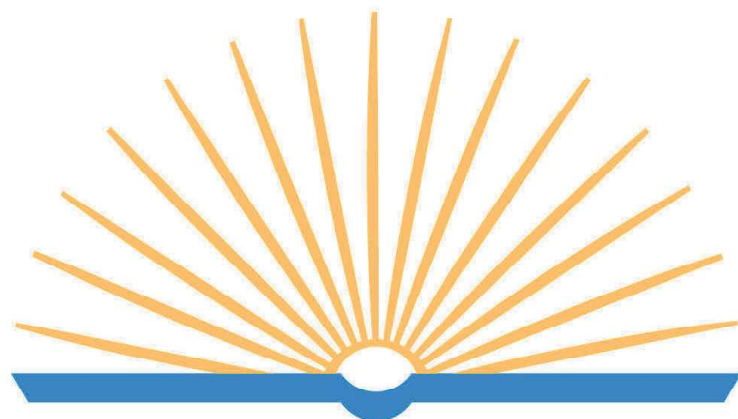




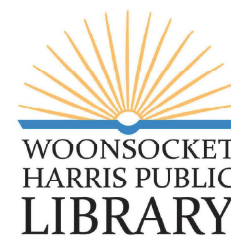
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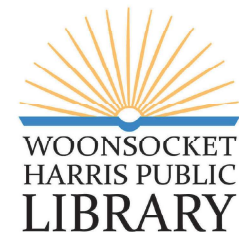
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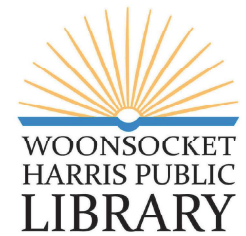
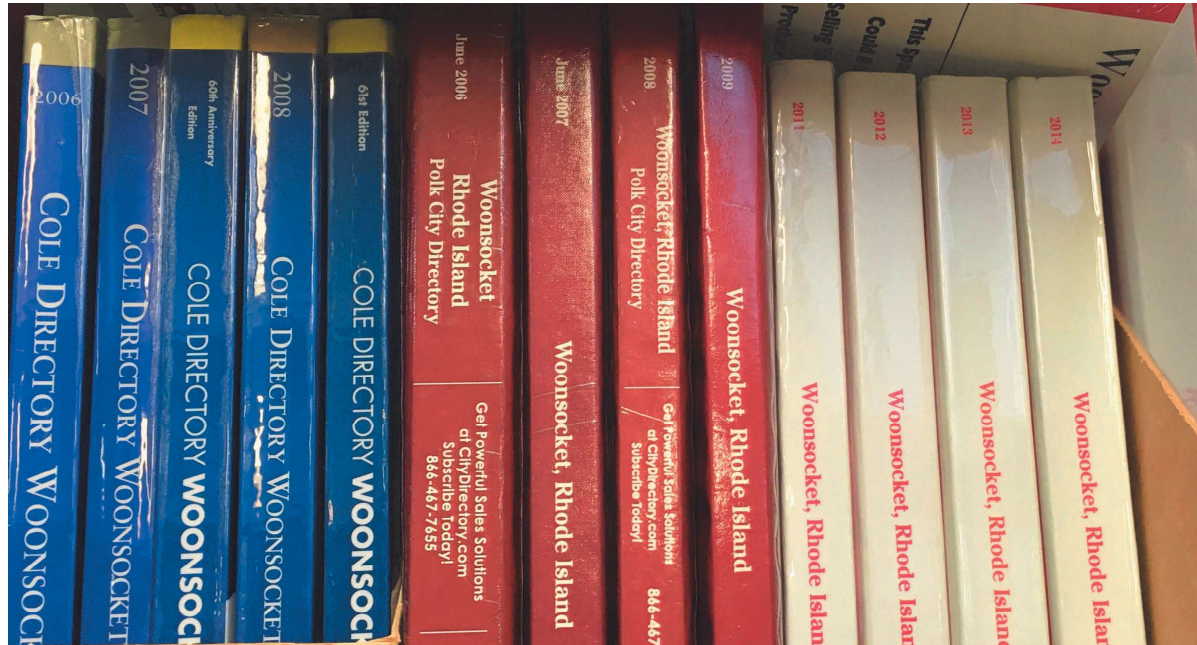
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City directories are powerful tools for tracing family history, especially for the years between federal and state censuses, helping to bridge the 10-year gaps to track when an ancestor arrived or left town. They provide exact street addresses to help you narrow down where your family lived, which can lead you to local church, land or school records.





Most directories list a person's occupation or employer, offering a glimpse into their daily life. By checking directories year-over-year, you can track marriages, deaths, and relocations. Women (especially widows) and working-age children ages 16 years and older living at home are often listed individually alongside the head of household.

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POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND
BY COUNTIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS FOR 1925, 1930, 1935
*Cities designated by an asterisk. Shire towns in Bold Face Type

	1925	1930	1935
Towns and Divisions of the State			
Bristol County			
Harrington	4,938	5,162	5,501
Bristol	12,707	11,963	10,885
Warren	7,397	7,974	7,389
Totals	25,442	25,089	23,775
Kent County			
Coventry	6,379	6,430	6,907
East Greenwich	4,157	3,666	3,518
*Warwick	18,273	23,196	27,072
West Greenwich	407	402	400
West Warwick	15,215	17,696	17,897
Totals	47,431	61,390	65,294
Newport County			
Jamestown	1,773	1,899	1,897
Little Compton	1,333	1,382	1,589
Middletown	2,245	2,499	3,007
*Newport	27,757	27,612	29,202
New Shoreham	1,070	1,029	1,044
Portsmouth	2,798	2,969	3,603
Tiverton	4,539	4,578	5,118
Totals	41,565	41,668	45,460
Providence County			
Durhamville	9,413	7,677	7,335
*Central Falls	25,403	25,898	23,996
*Cranston	34,471	42,911	44,533
Cumberland	10,238	10,304	10,160
East Providence	26,088	29,995	30,113
Foster	1,069	946	1,167
Glocester	1,630	1,608	1,001
Johnston	8,668	9,357	9,763
Lincoln	10,581	10,421	10,453
North Providence	9,065	11,104	11,770
North Smithfield	3,571	3,945	3,764
*Pawtucket	69,760	77,149	72,320
Providence	267,248	252,981	243,006
Scituate	3,348	2,292	2,729
Smithfield	3,948	3,967	4,566
*Woonsocket	49,681	49,376	46,822
Totals	534,842	540,016	524,903
Washington County			
Charlestown	1,124	1,118	1,260
Exeter	1,182	1,314	1,617
Hopkinton	2,737	2,823	3,277
Narragansett	1,357	1,258	1,593
North Kingstown	4,399	4,279	4,767
Richmond	1,719	1,535	1,667
South Kingstown	6,085	6,010	6,100
Westerly	11,177	10,997	10,999
Totals	29,780	29,334	31,280
THE STATE	679,260	687,497	680,712

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CITY DIRECTORY
1940
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Miscellaneous Information
For information not found in this department see regular Alphabetical Section or under proper headings in the Classified Business Directory

CITY GOVERNMENT OF WOONSOCKET
1940

City Election first Tuesday following first Monday in November biennially.
City Government organizes first Monday in January biennially.

Mayor—FELIX A. TOUPIN
Office at City Hall

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Ernest E Dupre, President
Ward 1 Eug N Gagne. Ward 2 Robt C Ferria. Ward 3—Robt J Doria. Ward 4 Jas H Holland. Ward 5—Ernest Dupre.

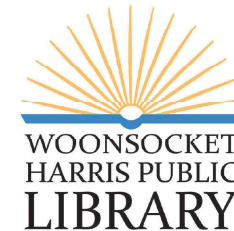
COMMON COUNCIL
Roger B Ledue, President
Ward 1—Roger B Ledue, Geo Gouette, J Herman StLaurent. Ward 2—Onesime C Peloquin, Jas W Nulty, Jos W Dubuque. Ward 3—Geo H Gregory Jr, Lucien Gariepy, Edmund Holgate. Ward 4—Ovila Germain, Edw C Fitzpatrick, Frank M Hanley. Ward 5—Jos Farland Jr, John A Menard, Ernest J Tellier.

Regular meeting of Board of Aldermen on the second and fourth Monday evenings in each month at 8 o'clock.
The Common Council meets on the fourth Monday in each month at 8 o'clock.
The meetings are held in their respective chambers in City Hall, Main street.

The directory's title page lists city officials and government information. The Mayor in 1940 was Felix A. Toupin. The left page compares populations in 1925, 1930, and 1935. In this 1940 directory, the city's population shows a decline of 2,859 people between 1925-1935.

FIRE ALARM BOXES

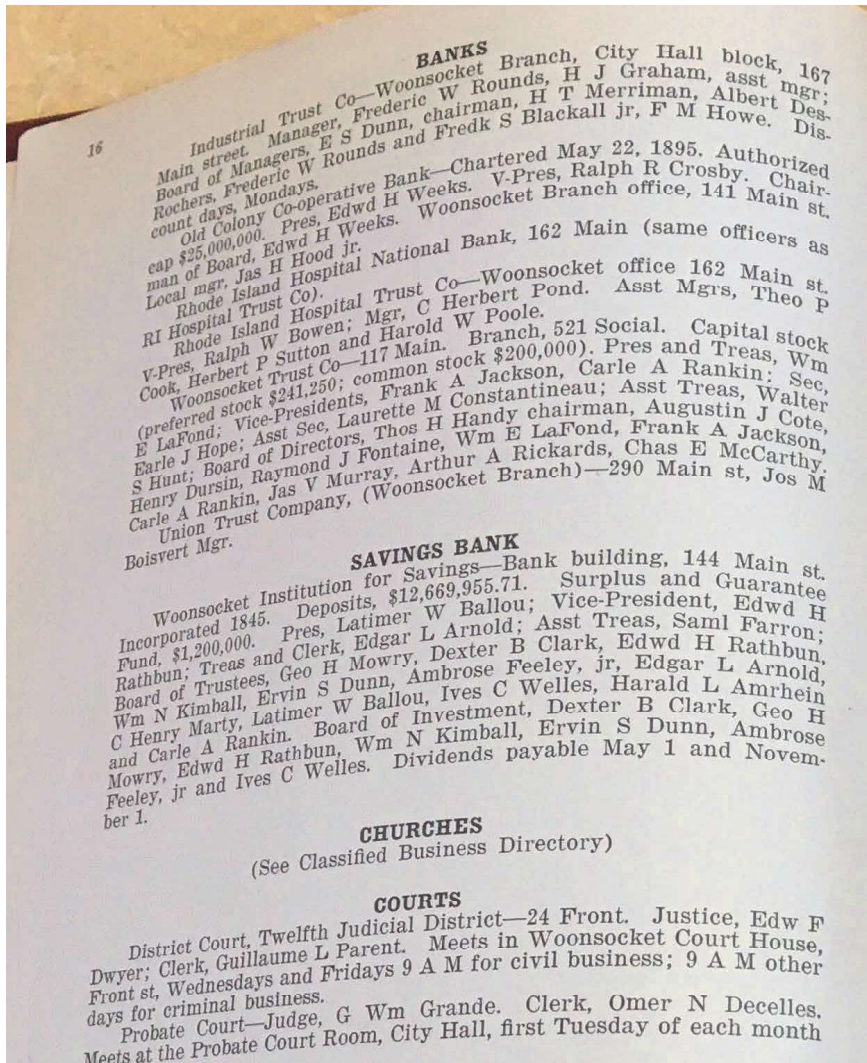
No.	Location	No.	Location
13	River and Fairmount sts	373	Social Street School
131	Alice Mill	374	Laurier Theatre
14	High and River sts	375	Brook and Godfrey sts
15	High and Fountain sts	38	Social and Mill sts
151	McFee School	381	StLouis School
152	Ballou Home, High st	382	Pothier School
16	Perseverance Worsted Mill	383	Rathbun and Privelege sts
161	Woonsocket Worsted Co	384	Dunn's Worsted Mill
163	River and Singleton sts	385	Oak Hill av and Rathbun st
17	River st	386	Social and Adams sts
171	Sayles and River sts	39	E School and Elbow sts
18	Arnold and Fountain sts	391	E School near bridge
198	Samoset and Singleton sts	392	Guerin Mills
21	Earle Street School	41	Carrington av and Welles st
212	Mechanic av and Pond st	412	Willow and Welles sts
213	StCharles School	413	Willow Street School
23	Main st and Cook's Hill	414	Paradis av and Robert st
231	Main st	415	Maple st and Paradis av
232	Strand Theatre	416	Bernon and Division sts
233	Rialto Theatre	43	Bernon and Greene sts
234	B. V. G. & E. Co. Main st	45	Front st and Central av
24	Main and Railroad sts	451	Grove and Willow sts
241	City Hall	452	Grove Street School
242	Bljou Theatre	453	B. V. G. & E. Co. Front st
243	Flynn sq, Main st	454	B. V. G. & E. Co, Gas Plant
25	Monument sq	455	Court Square
251	Park Theatre	46	Carrington av and Greene st
252	N Main and Snow sts	461	Academy of Jesus and Mary.
253	Stadium Theatre		Greene St Annex
254	Social and Worrall sts	462	Convent of Jesus and Mary,
26	Market sq		Park av
261	Fire Sta No. 1	463	Hospice StAntoine
262	Allen st	464	Sacred Heart College, Hamlet
27	Taft-Peirce Co		av
271	N Main and E School sts	465	Villa Nova
272	Fire Sta No. 3	466	High School
28	Main and Federal sts	467	Junior High School
281	Commercial School	47	Hamlet av and Manville rd
29	N Main and Winter sts	471	Manville rd and Willow st
291	Winter and Pond sts	474	Manville rd and StSimon st
292	N. Y., N. H. & H., N Main st	475	Verdun Worsted Mill
293	Temple and Rivulet sts	476	StBarnabe st and Mt St-
31	Clinton and Worrall sts		Charles av
311	Masonic Home	477	Logee st and Rhode Island av
32	Social and Sampson sts	478	Flora av and Bertenshaw rd
321	Jeanne D'Arc School	479	Reservoir and Joffre avs
322	Chateau, Sampson st	48	Hamlet av
323	Social and Pond sts	49	River Spinning Co
324	Gobeille av	51	Prospect and Summer sts
34	American Wringer Co	52	Church and Boyden sts
35	Nourse and Clinton sts	521	Boyden Street Schools
36	Clinton st	522	Trinity Club
37	Social and Cumberland sts	531	Blackstone and W School sts
371	StAnn's Gymnasium	532	StMichael's School
372	Fire Station No. 5		



SPECIAL FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

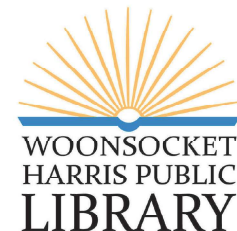
- 1-2 Followed by Box No. means second alarm.
- 4 Followed by Box No. means General Alarm.
- 1-1-1 Fire Out.
- 1-2-1 Calls entire Police Dept to Headquarters.
- 1-1 Military Signal.
- 1-2-3 Water Dept Signal.

You will find other interesting information listed among the pages that hint at what daily life was like in 1940 such as the locations of fire alarm boxes and special fire alarm signals.



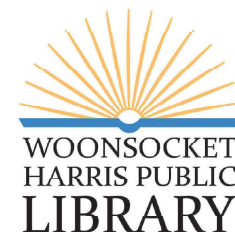
On this page, we discover that Woonsocket had many banks in 1940. Churches are listed in the Classified Business Directory section. The General Index indicates this directory begins on page 661.

If your ancestor owned a business in Woonsocket, look in this directory to find advertisements or partnership names.



GENERAL INDEX

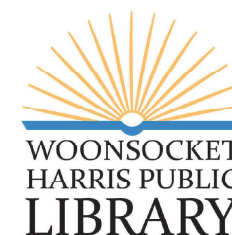
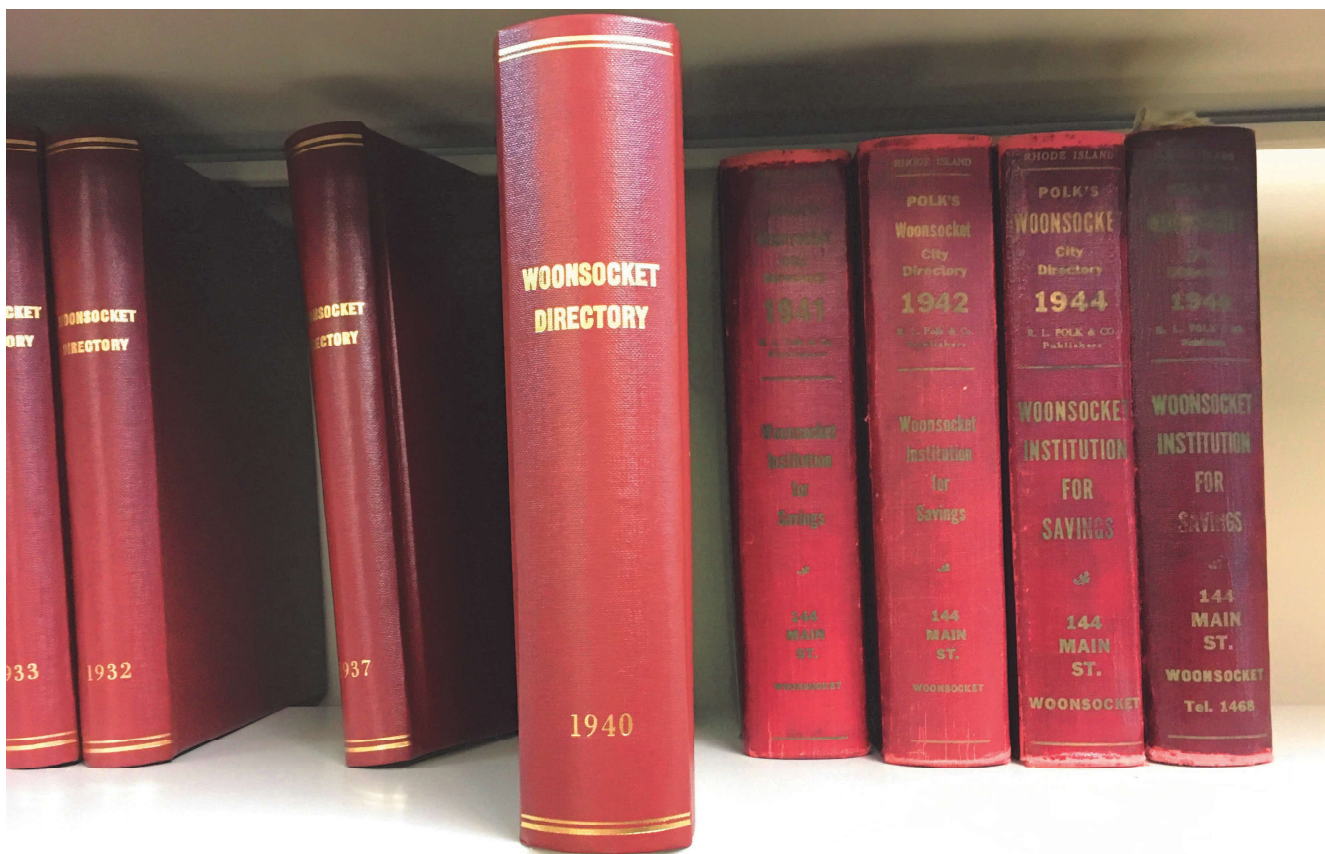
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The General Index page is alphabetized to bring you to the correct page for the information you are researching.

For example, the Alphabetical Directory is a search using the last names of residents . This begins on page 33.

We will use the 1940 city directory for this example to search for a relative living in Woonsocket named Antonia Jodoin.





CITY LUMBER CO.

INCORPORATED
Lumber of Every Description
333 RIVER ST. TEL. 2280 WOONSOCKET, R. I.

Jannell
— & Son Body Co (Damase T Jannell) truck body bldrs 840 Cumberland Hill rd
— Jeanette Henry (Mary) mulespinner h 55 Rodman
— Jeanette R (Germaine) Roseau h 504 Fairmount h 19 Sampson
— Jannito John J (Amelia) buyer F J Gardella's Sons Inc h 34 Napoleon
— Jannotti Antonietta wid Matteo h 78 Fountain
— Janowski Stanley h 14 W Park pl
— Janowski (French) see Johnson (English)
— Janson (Emma F) real est 59 Orchard h do
— Joe (Emma F) real est 59 Orchard h do
— Loretta W sten r 52 Orchard
— Wilfred (Antoinette) baker h 128 West
— Jansson Axel J (Helga) butler r 583 Harris av
— Helga Mrs maid r 583 Harris av
— Jankowicz Katherine B winder Glenark r 121 Church
— Nicholas (Catherine) h 337 3d av
— Victor N r 337 3d av
— Janusiewicz John (Mary) lab h 43 Jeffers
— Jacques see Jacques and StJacques
— Jardin Henry lab r 8 Monument sq
— Jaroas Albert clk r 17 Cato lane
— Bernarda r 17 Cato lane
— Carolina wid John h 17 Cato lane
— Genevieve clk Woolworth's r 17 Cato lane
— Lawrence J (Esther) hlpr Ann Wringer Co Inc h 126 Maple
— Lawrence J lab Woon News Co r Willow st
— Lawrence J mgr Blue Ridge Knittercraft r 82 Social
— Jarret Adrian R mgr Blue Ridge Knittercraft r 82 Social
— Anna E Mrs pres-treas Sydney Worsted Co h 121 Woodland rd
— Aram P asst tres Sydney Worsted Co r 121 Woodland rd
— Chas P studt r 279 Woodland rd
— Hugo A (Isabel) lawyer 162 Main rm 503 h 530 S Main
— Hugo A jr, studt r 530 S Main
— Juliette E clk School dept r 217 Rathbun
— Lawrence A (Mabel F) pres-treas and gen mgr Textile Processing Corp h 279 Woodland rd
— Lawrence A jr, studt r 279 Woodland rd
— Jarrett Grace Mrs h 635 Social
— Leo paper tube mkr r 635 Social
— Raymond A (Quincy Monumental Works) r do
— Jarrie Arthur A (Leah A) pntr h 106 Farm
— Cecile r 75 Railroad
— Victoria wid Emile h 75 Railroad
— Jerry Bertha G winder Glenark r 87 Elm
— Blanche housekpr r 87 Elm
— Ernest (Rena) weaver h 55 Roberts
— Florida Mrs waitress Emory Massie r 504 N Main
— Louis (Rosa) weaver h 87 Elm
— Roger W (Imelda J) weaver h 137 Dulude av
— Sylvia weaver r 87 Elm
— Wilfred G (Mildred A) pntr h 106 Farm
— Jarvis see Gervais
— Lionel J (Viola L) designer h 15 Corey
— Mary Mrs h 242 Vose
— Oliver r 242 Vose
— Jackiel Miel (Sophie) h 534 River
— Jasmin Clara Mrs h 723 Bernon
— Gerard L (Alice M) chauff h 439 Social
— Homer I (Rhea) chauff h 44 Vose
— Jos twister h 77 Cumberland
— Omar E studt r 44 Vose
— Rosario (Marguerite) wool washer h 131 Chester
— Wm H clk Wm J Mahoney r 416 Olo
— Jasmine Elois r 256 Main
— Jasiorowski Emily wid Jos h 241 Cato
— Michl dyer r 241 Cato
— Peter motorcycle mech r 241 Cato
— Jaworski Chas M (Stella) slsmn Batchelor's Bottling Works Inc h 99 Fountain
— Edwa W (Amelia M) firemn h 27 Farm

A. P. BELLIVEAU

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES
Lighting Fixtures and Appliances
SHOP TEL. 1937 2 MONUMENT SQ. RES. TEL. 4410



Jaworski

— Jas (Olen) wire wkr h 413 Front
— Jos W (Rose M) mech h 22 Fountain
— Mary wid Walter h 99 Fountain
— Jazyshyn Ann office sec National Youth Administration r 147 Boyden
— Antonia Mrs drawer Cherrybrook Worsted Co r 147 Boyden
— Michl (Antonia) lab h 147 Boyden
— Jean Arthur A (Laura E) mulespinner h 588 Privilege
— Eug r 72 Rathbun
— Rosanna spinner r 39 Gaulin av
— Laura opr B Cotton & Sons r 342 Privilege
— Virginia wid Andre h 72 Rathbun
— Jehovaha Witnesses 223 Bernon
— Jenacka Nellie A Mrs opr r 46 Cold Spring pl
— Jenaki Peter (Mary) gas sta 793 Harris av h at S Bellingham, Mass
— Jenacks Clara H h 169 Spring
— Rudolph L tchr Kendrick av sch h 353 Park av
— Jencks see Jenks and Jencks
— Bertrand S (Jennie E) teller RI Hospital Trust Co h 25 Summit av
— NS
— Blanche W Mrs specker h 134 Paradis av
— Carl P opr Glenark r 309 Nursery av
— Earl C (Hazel) (Jencks Garage) h 144 Newport
— Fred A (Bertha E) farmer h 309 Nursery av
— Garage (Earl C Jencks) auto rpr 144 Newport h do
— Kenneth W opr Glenark r 134 Paradis av
— Raymond E farmer r 2004 Diamond Hill rd
— Wm L (Mary A) farmer h 2004 Diamond Hill rd
— Jenkins Esther nurse h 612 S Main
— Rose r 612 S Main
— Jenks see Jencks and Jencks
— Nancy R (Mrs Zeuner M) died July 22, 1929
— Zeuner M coal trav h 160 Great rd UV
— Jennings Thos J (Emily M) h 433 Prospect
— Jennison Florence A h 482 Park av
— Geo L r 482 Park av
— Orville B (Marion C) chief eng Woon Hosp h 482 Park av
— Warren M (Nora A) pntr h 482 Park av
— Jette Honorious P (Isabel M) h 95 Farm
— Raoul (Clara) dye house wkr h 93 Kendrick av
— Jewell Clarence W (Lucy V) clk FO h 74 Glen rd
— Jas H (Maria R) storekpr BV&GE Co h 163 Great rd UV
— Maria R Mrs prin Union Village sch r 163 Great rd UV
— Jillson Ellsworth C (Rose M) civ eng Comr of Public Works h 282 Dulude av
— Elmer A (Leonora) cond h 150 Adams
— Rose specker Glenark r 282 Dulude av
— Joan Plush Mills, Earl E Herzog supt 719 River
— Joanis Rose E speeder tndr Glenark r Central Millville, Mass
— Job Max (Angelina) h 180 Winter
— John Della wid Napoleon r 143 2d av
— Roland (Florida) percher Glenark h 149 2d av
— Jock Timothy Rev pastor St Elias Syrian RC Ch h 439 Broad Central Falls
— Jodoth see Godin and Godon
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— Antonia clk Sadwin Curtain Co r 125 Greene
— Arthur clk r 125 Greene
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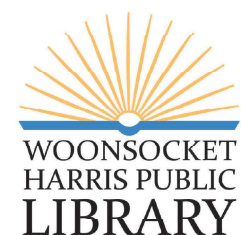
ARTHUR J. GABOURY

PLUMBING, HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING
WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLED

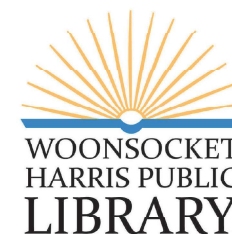
Shop: 75 RATHBUN ST., TEL. 3073 RES. 77 MANVILLE RD.



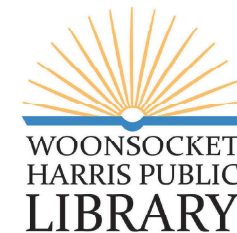
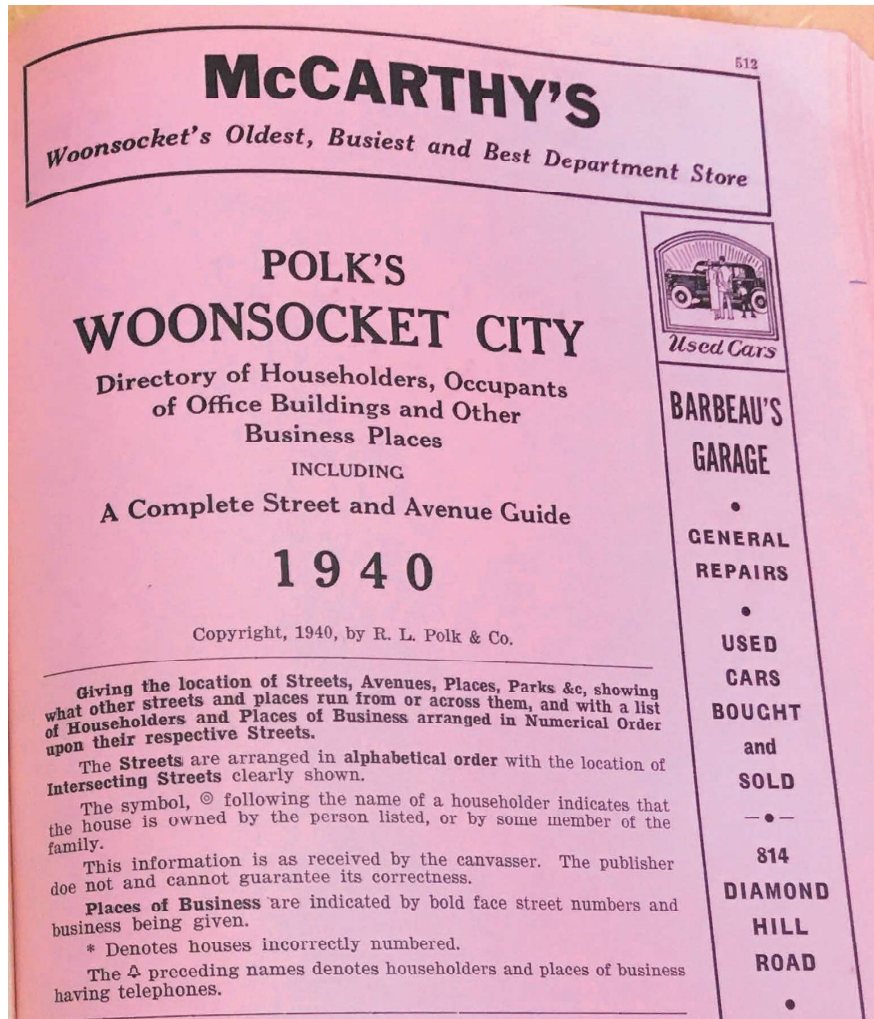
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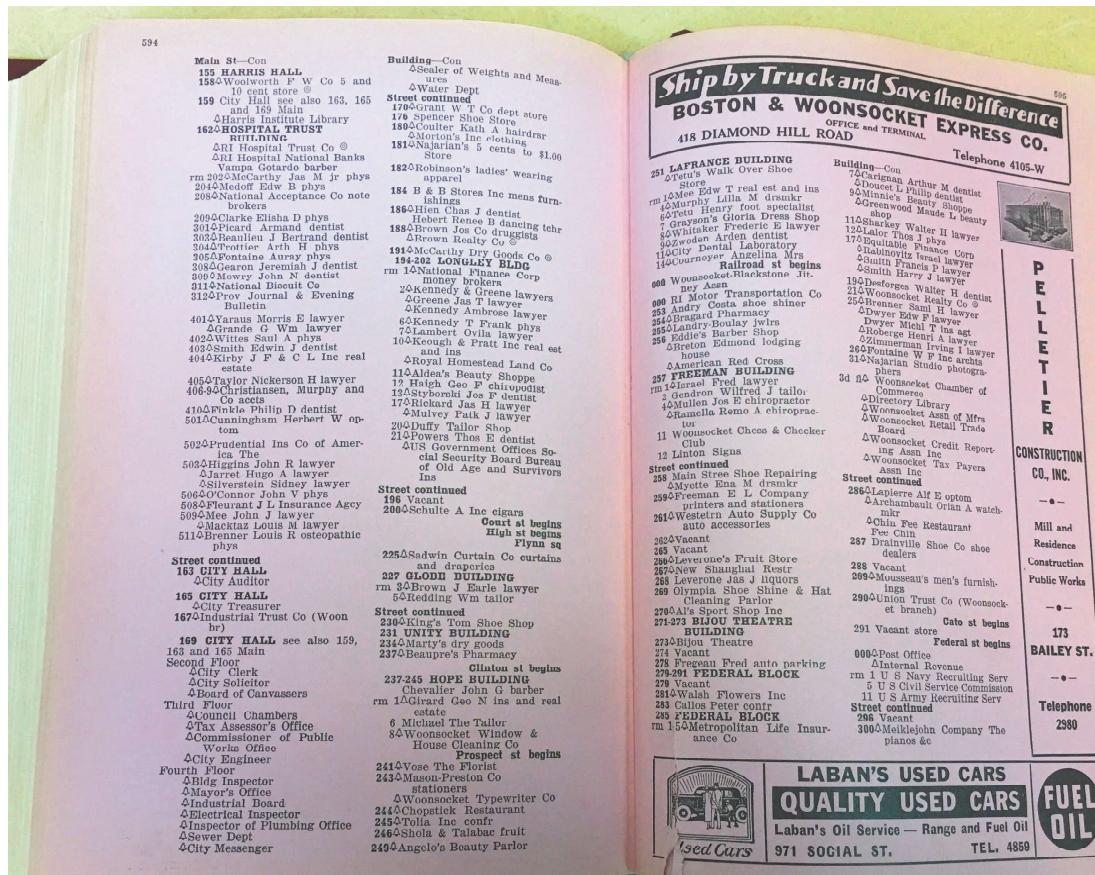
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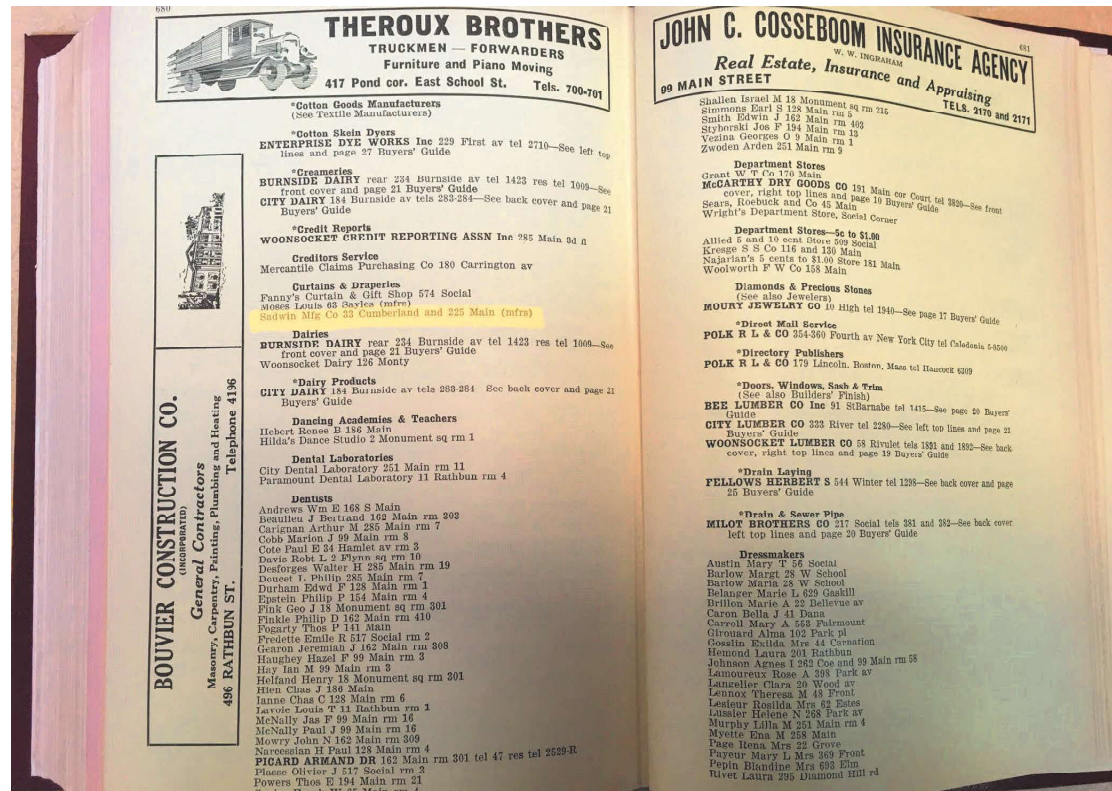
Let's look for the relative with the last name of Jodoin. Under the name Jodoin is a list of first names, followed by an abbreviation of the person's occupation, place of employment, and residence. Here we find that the relative named Antonia Jodoin we are searching for was a clerk at the Sadwin Curtain Co. and lived at 125 Greene St with two other relatives.



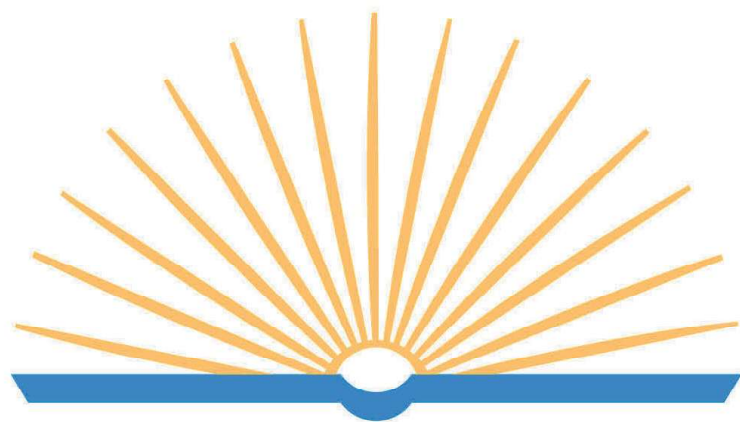
Page 513 begins the Street Directory. Listings here are by street names arranged alphabetically and in numerical order. Intersecting streets are also listed, as are the names of householders and places of business.



Listed here are Main Street buildings and addresses. Note that the names of buildings are given, such as the Hospital Trust, Longley, Globe and Hope Buildings. Followed below the building name is the address number and occupant's name. Antonia worked at Sadwin Curtain Co. which was located at 255 Main St.



The Classified Business Directory section is organized by the type of business, then the business name and address. If we want to find out who sold curtains in 1940, under the Curtains & Draperies category we see that the Sadwin Curtain Co. is listed as is Fanny's Curtains & Gift Shop.



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