Imagine: Looking Forward by Looking Back
Unit 8/Lesson 3: Connect the Dots – Interpreting Clues in Public Records

POLK DIRECTORY PAGES

What follows are 21 pages from the Polk Directory (the Seattle phone book) from 1920 to 1956, showing entries for the owners and residents of some of the houses that were torn down to make way for the Century 21 fairgrounds. (Phone books are going the way of the dinosaur these days, but you could probably still dig one up for your students to look at. Have they ever used one? Can they find anyone they know in there? What do they – or their parents – usually do when they want to find out someone’s address or phone number?)

There are notes in the images directing students to certain items on each page, but there are many other interesting things to note about these documents, so give them time to explore. For instance:

• In the early years, the directory listed your occupation, even what company you worked for. Sometimes the abbreviations are a little hard to figure out – have students try to decode the entries.

• There was a reverse directory, so instead of looking up someone’s name to see where they lived, you could look up an address and find out who lived there. Could you do this now?

• Wives’ names were in parentheses after their husbands’ names. Widows had their husbands’ names listed even after they were dead. Why was that?

Each page has information about one or more of the properties from the property cards, also provided with this unit. Students can glean information from these pages that will help them fill out (or get started on) their imaginary stories about the homes that were torn down when the Seattle Center was built.
STATE FARM MUT AUTOMOBILE INS CO (CLAIMS OFC)
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DEL 1135

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APARTMENTS

WILLIAM PEN M

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ARAASEN C E

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MANS DEL 6740

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2D AV N—Contd
PREMIER APARTS—Contd
E 2 LANDEN DOROTHY
F BURRIDGE BLANCHE
C M SYLVESTER
G HYGARD DORA DEL MA 2852
H ELLIFSON BYRON
I WINSOZ MARGT C
129 VACANT
131 DUTTON GEO B
135 SPRINGER JOHN F DEL MA 1653

1956 POLK DIRECTORY
1939 Park
Esther M
Lundquist
3rd Ave S N
528 2nd Ave N
1939 Polk

Anna Hopkins

209 Harrison St.
1956 Polk
John O
Looney
215 Nob Hill Ave
Colby Steel & Co., Inc., 71 Colby St.

Thos T (Ethel) police h3041 Manning

Wm R (Alice R) supt Evergreen Cemetery Co h2222 Crescent dr

& Dickinson Inc F S Dickinson pres Geo S Rich sec 426 White-Henry-Stuart bldg

Colcock-Blanchard Co N B Colcock pres Geo W Blanchard sls mgr neckwear mfrs 305 Wash Mut Sav Bk bldg

Edw F slsmn MS&Co r4232 51st av S

Colcock Furnace Co (J A Colcock), Furnace Mfrs, Distributors “Faultless Comfort,” “Sunbeam” and “International” Pipe and Pipeless Furnaces 1247 Rainier Av, Tel BEacon 0420

Jno A (Marion; Colcock Furnace Co) h 2301 Shoreland dr

Kath Mrs r4220 Lakeside av S

Neville B (Gertrude) pres Colcock-Blanchard Co h1727 31st av S

Wm E (Sarah J) mgr Colcock Furnace Co h4232 51st av S

Cole Alice (wid Geo H) r1325 California

Alonzo R (Adelaide S) foremn PT&TCo h508 E 84th

Amanda R (wid Clifton) h1210 1/2 Terry

Ambrosia (wid Henry) h4548 8th av NE

Anna L wtrs Firlands r do

Arthur A asst credit mgr G.-RCo r5503 16th av NE

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1926 Polk

N.B. Colcock

Ormed

219 Nob Hill Ave
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RITCHIE
" Elsie Mrs slswm BAInc h4064 Latona av
" Eunice S Mrs calc mach opr USTD h3219 W
" Floyd R (Nina E) slswm MIMTC h3320 Mt
  Baker blvd
" Frank W (Anita) mgr Loring Hotel h1521 7th
" Geo L (Jennie M) carp h8003 California av
" Harold W (Betty) trmn SMRy h938 23d av
" Ida M (wid Jas A) r124 23d av S
" Irene disp GOG r553 Aloha
" Jack E stdt r124 23d av S
" Jacob M (Dorothy H) USASC h6746 Division
  av NW
" Jas gdnr r411 Jefferson
" Jas L h1802 16th av SW
" Jas L (Belva V) driver h5226 38th av SW
" Jas V (Beatrice E) h1718 Minor av apt 317
" Jay C (Verna C) carrier PO h342 E 55th
" John D (Verna C) inspr h704 E Thomas
" John W (Dorothy) cook h321 5th av N
" Jos shoe repr 3852 24th av SW h do
" Lester enternt r938 23d av
" Martha (wid Spencer E) r107 N 100th
" Montie M r202 N 39th
" Oscar T clk BACo r816 Shelby
" Paul E (Adeline) lab City Eng h821 30th av S
" R R Mrs h1818 20th av apt 310
" Ruth C Mrs hosiery mndr F&N h1631 Boylston

1939 Polk
John Ritchie
living @ 321 5th Ave N
1932 POLK

PETER DAIGLE

@ 329 3rd Ave N

(omn. also)
1932 Park
Anna Hopkins
owned
334 2nd Ave N
(Note: In 1939
she is listed
as the widow
of Fred.)
THOMAS—From 300 Queen Anne av, east
15 Nelson Minnie S @ GA 6617
18 Frary Marion Mrs AL 6297
   Menmer Cynthia
   Myers Elbert W
24 Harris Ralph C C
   1st av intersects
101 Swanson Alf J
115 Koser Martha Mrs
115 1/2 Mathiasen Olaf MU 4146
117 Blake Mary B Mrs MU 3448
117 1/2 Hielscher Mary S
119 Fields Carl A
121 Hielscher John F C MU 3635
123 Strickler Chas
125 Aldrich A E
   Warren av intersects
150 Mills Wallace
158 Rosemary's Antique & Gift Shop MA 8180
   Pfeif Ruth H Mrs C
166 Clement Bertha
166 1/2 Jameson Ernest T
168 McCrory Garnet W
170 Green Francis E MU 3599
170 1/2 Steere Roy L MU 4338
172 Fredricson Nora
172 1/2 Harkcom Lillian Mrs
174 Simdars Herman A MU 2987
174 1/2 Bies Herbert F
176 Fournier Wm F
176 1/2 Shields Carl
   2d av N intersects
208 Mantyla Theo T MU 4197
208 1/2 Dirksen Amil
210 deAlvandros Carlos
210 1/2 Olson Jennie Mrs
   Bergerson Tillie Mrs
214 Bergston Edwin H MU 0079
   Fry Ethel M Mrs
   Kafka John W
216 Harclon Geo
219 Thornton Richd AL 5244
   3d av N intersects
   Nob Hill av intersects
309 Apartments
   Apartments:
   1 No return
   2 Vacant
   3 Vacant
   4 Beach Helen M MU 3293
   5 Fritze Laura Mrs MU 2815
   Street continued
   356 Wubker Eug J MU 2916

819 Jones Earl H & Co Inc mfrs agts SE 2181
821 Seattle Junior Programs Inc (side ent)
   9th av N intersects
900 Monrad Olaf Bulb Co
   EL 8797
   Westlake av N intersects
967 Ashwell-Twist Co plmbrs
   EL 1969 MU 1584
970 Northern Pac Ry Co
   (Terry av depot) EL 5560
971 Abbott Laboratories Inc mfg chems SE 1933
   Terry av N intersects
1014 Vacant
   Born av N intersects
   Fairview av N intersects
1155 Bestway Refrigeration Serv
   EL 0280
   Hardware Mfrs & Reps

1953 Polk
208-210 Thomas St.
LIPMAN
" Arth S (Mary A) (L & M Fuel Co) h4457
" Linden av
" & Esfeld (Morton Pinch A J Goldman) ins
" 506 2d av R401
LIPMAN HERBERT B, Asst Mgr Pacific Outfitting Co, r2827 Franklin Av
" Leo (Daphnee) lab r823 E 90th
" Max (Dora) junk dlr h1221 E James
LIPMAN MAX (Esther) Mgr Pacific Outfitting
Co INC, h2827 Franklin Av
" Mervyn H mgr California Ink Co h1220 Boren
" S Mrs r7500 Seward Park av
" Lipp Elton (Shirley) h2111 N 53d
" Lee mach Fishing Vessel Owners’ Marine
Ways Inc r530 N 137th
" Leo shoemkr r1616 Queen Anne av
" Robt H sismn Beneficial Standard Life Ins
" Co r Renton
" Rosella ofc-sec Lewis Refrig & Sup Co h
" 1619 E John apt 210
" Victor K (Daisy D) cnyr formn h21 W Lee
" Lippa Eleonora r610 W 79th
" Lippard Madelyn A Mrs fountain mgr HLGCo
" r1027 Bellevue ct
" Lippe Benj H bartndr Ben’s Tavern r12228 Linden av
" Leah E Mrs sismn Wagner’s Inc r719 Alder
Dolores M sten Et Lawton r6225 Woodland pl
Dorabelle Mrs fnshr Fox Cleaners r1446 W
64th
Doris J Mrs typ Alaska Communication Sys r
10602 California av SW 106th
Dorothy E tchr Hilite Dist r5714 15th av NE
Douglas T (Cath) brkmn GN Ry h8546 20th
av NW
Edw pres Pacific Marine Supply Co r Bellevue
Wash
Edw studt 103 13th N apt 2B
Edw J (Myrtle) battalion chf SFD h6514 34th
av NW
Edw J jr (Wanda E) capt SFD h7742 14th
av NW
Ethel nurse Wash Mem Hosp h1514 Bellvue
av apt 204
Ethyl h1620 14th av apt F
Eugene F (Grace; Cunningham Manufacturing Company) h2026 Louisa
Eug S (Doris) emp Brookings Lumber h5656
41st av SW
Eunice T Mrs h510 Roy E
Fernando ship scaler r110 26th av S
Florence studt County Hosp r326 9th av
Frances tchr PS r Edmonds Wash
Frances Mrs h2108 E 54th
Francis H (Eva M) rigger Todd Shipyards
h351 Olympic pl
Francis J (Marjorie J) driver New Model
Lndry h121 W 83d
Frank M (Rita K) supvr PTS h10706 Riviera
pl NE
Freddie Mrs h1700 16th av
Freedly (Shirley) transit opr Seattle Transit
System h4606 Orcas
Geo C driver Lee & Eastes r1002 S 175th
Geo T (Dorabelle) clk City Police Dept h1446
W 64th
Geo V Jan Dexter Horton Bldg r420 Wall
Geraldine R nurse Swedish Hospital r1102
Columbia
Gloria emp Boeing h1019 Terry ave
218 Whiteley Thos & Co ofc quip Δ MU 3663
218 Hor-O-Tronic Corp (laby) Δ MU 4905
223 City Fire Alarm and Police Signal System (fire alarm ofc) Δ EL 0012 and MA 3344
224 Carter's Self Service Lndry Δ MU 3784
228 Carter Edw L @ Δ MU 4028
231 Ustad Lillian M Mrs @ Δ EL 2463
232 Hanco Inc real est Δ MU 4334
Hebb & Narodick Constr Co Inc bldg contrs Δ MU 4334

Thomas intersects

303 Popich Sign Co Δ MU 3444
309 Foster Emmett E @ Δ MU 3375
309 Vacant
311 Poole Virgil E
311 Vacant
313 Vacant
313 Vacant
314 Fry Alice I Mrs Δ MU 3759 Walker Louise C Mrs Δ MU 3759
315 Vacant
315 Vacant
316 Spears Willard C @ Δ MU 4079
317 Vacant
317 Vacant
320 Methot Joseph A Δ MU 4493
320 Vacant
321 McCain Darlene Ort Ralph Δ MU 1559 Spark Lynn I
321½ Taylor Marcella Mrs Δ MA 4742
322 Boltano Davis Δ MU 4778
323 Perkins Floyd E @ Δ SE 4319
326 Kiwanis Club Youth Center No 1
331 West Apartments Δ EL 9840 Vacant

1955 Poll
Alice Fry @ 314 4th N
White & Bollard Inc.

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BACKUS
" LeRoy M jr treas Potlach Pottery Co r The Highlands
" Manson F (Frances) with LeRoy M Backus h911 Summit av apt 1
" Senate (Eva D) eng KSS h1221 E James
" W Clinton with LeRoy Backus r The Highlands RD2
Bacon A Jas (Grace E) mgr Salmon Terminals Inc h Richmond Beach rd and 8th av NW
" Albert J (Lucille) pharm Stone’s Pharmacy h4021 E Madison
" Allen D (Margot R) tel repr WECO h1523 13th
" Archie C (Genevieve) mgr Lakeside Apts h2027 Eastlake av apt 103
" Archie R (Elma M) h650 E 40th
" Arth (Lily Ann) carp h1965 12th av W
" Betty dom 1730 Evergreen pl
" C Henry jr (Ada M) mgr Imperial Laundry Co Collins Laundry and Consolidated Cleaners & Dyers Inc h2227 University blvd
" Cath h8048 19th av NE
" Cecil H (Ellen R) mfrs apt 815 E Prospect
" Chas H (Irene) slsmn MFPDSCO h4716 45th av NE
" Dean H (Blonde M) mfrs h6115 19th ave E

BADER
" Bernard W (Marjorie) (Bader’s Dutch Bakery) h553 E 83d
" Corrine P Mrs sec Rainier Cooperatives h4231 42d av S
" Elmer W (Bader Art Gallery) r2117 16th
" Gene G (Eliz I) mach h3712 SW 99th
" Gordon R r4231 42d av S
" Helen M usher Roosevelt Theatre r2135 av S apt 1044
" John B (Corrine P) mech BaCo r-pte
" nautical Mechanics Local 751 h4221 i 16th
" S
" Lillian M Mrs atd USMH h2231 16th
" Mary A nurse VMH r1101 Terry av
" Mary Louise nurse CH r1019 Madison
Bader’s Dutch Bakery (Anthony A Bader) nard W Bader) 2104 E 65th
Baderman Bertha bkpr M Bloche & Co 305 Alder
Chas (Anna) (National Tool Co) Alder
Heinie ckr r2010 E Alder
Badertscher Ann N marker SLCo r1327 30th
Victor (Ann) h1527 30th av S
Balden, Inc. E (Emily) barber 406 Cola.
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1939 Polk
315-29 3-d
Ave N

122½ McCoy John
123 Nielson Geo
128 Powell Martin E
129 Jacky Harry ○

John intersects

211 Cook Carrie Mrs
214 Mantos Louis
215 Jones Frank E S
216 Lerstad Peter C
220 Million Bertha S Mrs ○
226 Witte Paul
228 Suter Walter A

Thomas intersects

Field Artillery Armory
313 Hannon Jay R
313½ Folmer Sigrid C Mrs
315 Christianson Jonina G Mrs
317 Stacey Geo
323 Norris Fred
323½ Balch Chas H
325 LaCasse Dagmar M Mrs ○
329 Daigle Peter H ○

Harrison and Republican intersect

501 West Coast Baking Co whol
519 Hiawatha Apartments

Δ Holtslander Robt
Δ Hoos Everett J
Δ Koch Lucille
Δ Larson Calma
Δ Leman Theo T
Δ McLennan Kenne
Δ Olsby Borghilde
Δ Southard Evelyn
Δ Taylor J E Rex
Δ Welch Anna V
1420 Seal's Lunch
1422 Seal’s Rite Way
Δ Queen Anne Hi
Galer

1503 Δ Cardiff Lena M
1512 Δ Hallenbeck Sale
Δ Sapp Margt M
1513 Δ Smith Clement
1516 Δ Walker Jas A
1523 Δ Connell Geo C
Δ Garfild
1601 Δ Misz Donald F
1605 Δ Palmer Geo R
Δ Lang Elsie nurr
1606 Δ Miller Herbert
1609 Δ Taylor Warren
1610 Δ Langseth Martin
1613 Δ Baker Barbara
1614 Δ Neighbor Roy
1616 Δ Lowe Bros Co
Δ Redman Vern
1616 Δ Foresman Rob
2D AV N—Contd
Premier Apts—Contd
E2 Landeen Dorothy
F Beirne Blanche
G Hygard Dora ∆ MA 2852
H Ellison Byron
I Winsoz Margt C
129 Vacant
131 Dutton Geo B
135 Springer John F ∆ MA 1653
                       John intersects
                       Thomas intersects
302 Eaton Apartments
A Vacant
B Riggins Eunice Mrs
C-D Vacant
E Holmes Norman D
F Murphy Jos
G Adamson Phyllis
H Kacer Ruth H Mrs ∆ MA 3047
I Wagner Robt ∆ SE 6731
K Vacant
L Hammond Jack
M Cork Jean
N Vacant
O Franklin Theo ∆ MU 3835
Q Churchill Garnet W
R Vacant
S Lauden Robt ∆ MA 0159
T Zuehlendorff Evelyn Mrs
                         ∆ MU 2914
                       U Vacant
309 Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall
                       ∆ EL 5027
311 Alto Lee Apartments
A Dolan Jas M ∆ MU 2964
B Whipple Wilbur
C Fredrickson Olive S Mrs ∆
                         MU 4099