

# Lexington City Directory Data for a Section of DeRoode Street

## R. L. Polk and Company

### PART TWO: HISTORY Learning Extension

#### Introduction

This handout and its accompanying PowerPoint provides additional historical data that supplement and temporally bracket the information about DeRoode Street residents found in the 1940 U.S. Federal Census that students studied in **PART TWO: HISTORY**. These data come from R.L. Polk and Co.'s 1931-1932 Lexington City Directory (pages A-1 and A-2) and 1948-1949 Lexington City Directory (pages B-1 and B-2). These data provide a nearly 20-year long window of information about neighborhood residents that can be analyzed alone, or combined with the U.S. Federal Census data to explore changes through time in the neighborhood (for example, with respect to where families lived, adult occupations, and employers).

This information is presented as it is listed in the actual directories. The data sets are organized in identical house number order to facilitate comparison. The **highlighted entry** in each set refers to 712 DeRoode Street, the Davis Bottom Shotgun House Site.

Classroom piloting revealed that providing scaffolding for students at the beginning of this extension was essential—they had never seen documents like this before, and so they found them overwhelming at first. However, once they understood the headings, they were fascinated by what the data could tell them about the neighborhood residents.

Rows present information about the residents of that house only. In some cases, two families live in the same house. Most of the column headings are self-explanatory, but some deserve brief discussion.

#### House Number

The DeRoode Street house numbers refer to the same buildings depicted on ☐ “DeRoode Street–1934” (Page 20 in “Archaeology Notebook”) used in **PART TWO: HISTORY**, and to the same addresses listed in the 1940 U.S. Federal Census data for DeRoode Street also used in **PART TWO: HISTORY**. If no information was available for an address in the directories, the entry is “No data.” If the house was not occupied at the time, the entry is “Vacant.”

#### Race

In these documents, the name listed for African-Americans is “Colored.” Refer to 🍎 pages 26-27 in “Instructions for the Teacher” for a discussion of the labels applied to African-Americans.

#### Occupation

Most occupations are self-explanatory and are similar to those listed in the U.S. Federal Census (refer to 🍎 Page 32 in “Instructions for the Teacher”). The exceptions are “lather” and “cutter.” A lather is someone who fastens wooden, metal, or rockboard lath to walls, ceilings, and partitions of buildings to provide the supporting base for plaster, fireproofing, or other material. A cutter is someone who cuts cloth rags into smaller pieces for making paper; in this context, however, the rags may have been cut into smaller sizes and used in cleaning services. Both occupations at that time were menial, low-wage jobs.

#### Procedure

1. Make copies of the 1931-1932 Lexington City Directory (pages A-1 and A-2) and 1948-1949 Lexington City Directory (pages B-1 and B-2). Make enough for all pairs/groups of students in the class. Make two copies of ☐ “DeRoode Street–1934” (Page 20 in “Archaeology Notebook”).
2. Access the ☐ City Directory PowerPoint.
3. Distribute materials to students as you did during the 1940 U.S. Federal Census data analysis activity. You may provide both directory sets to each pair. Or, you may wish to give to each student/pair only

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one set. Depending on the number of students in your class, you could consider giving the same set to at least two students/pairs so that they can confirm each other's data frequencies.

4. Review ☐ "How To Read A Sanborn Map" and ☐ "DeRoode Street–1934" (pages 19-20 in "Archaeology Notebook"; slides 5-6 in ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint). Point out the map key and remind students that ☐ "DeRoode Street–1934" was adapted for their use directly from the original color version of the Sanborn Map on Page 18 of their "Archaeology Notebook."
5. Project the ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint and discuss the example directory pages (slides 2-3 in ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint). Use the Junius Ayers entry for 712 DeRoode Street in the 1931-1932 Directory (Slide 4 in ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint) to discuss the kinds of data the directories contain. Review column headings (pages A-1 through B-2; Slide 7 in ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint). Remind students that this information was taken directly from the Lexington City Directories. All of the information except home ownership/renting was included in their handouts. Point out that the **highlighted entry** in both data sets (pages A-1 and B-1; Slide 7 in ☐ "City Directory" PowerPoint) relates to 712 DeRoode Street, the Davis Bottom Shotgun House Site.
6. These City Directory data can be used to answer **Question 3. What does "Who lives where?" tell you about the Davis Bottom neighborhood?** in ☐ "The Davis Bottom Neighborhood in the Early 20th Century: Analyzing the Data" activity (Page 21 in "Archaeology Notebook").
  - A. Using the two directories, find out how many Colored families and how many White families live on DeRoode Street (use the "Race" column) in 1931-1932 and in 1948-1949. Students graph this information as they did with the U.S. Federal Census data. Compare these findings to the findings they made using the 1940 U.S. Federal Census data.
  - B. Using the Directory data and different colored markers for "Colored" and "White," mark the house locations on the 1934 Sanborn Map: one map for 1931-1932 and one for 1948-1949. Where do Colored people live? Where do White people live? Compare the maps to the one students prepared using the 1940 U.S. Federal Census data. Ask students to describe any patterns they see and any changes that occurred over time.
7. This City Directory information provides opportunities for students to explore a wide range of other topics. For example, ask students to examine occupations and compare them for Colored/White in the City Directories, and contrast them with occupation data for Negro/White listed in the 1940 U.S. Federal Census. Ask them to compare men's and women's occupations listed for 1931-1932 and 1948-1949 in the City Directories, and contrast them with men's and women's occupations listed in the 1940 Census. Ask students to discuss the patterns they see and what those patterns mean for their understanding of what life was like in this working class neighborhood and how it changed.

Ayers Jas E (c; Russell) lab r246 E 3d
Ayers Junius (c; Cornelia) lab h712 DeRoode
Ayers Minnie (c) maid 340 S Broadway
Ayers Pullman (c) h762 N Broadway
Ayers Wm (c) chauf r439 Newtown pike
Ayers Wm C (Bessie V) gro 500 E 7th h502 do
Ayers Wm E (Ethel M) pntr h165 Transcript av
Aylesford The apts 210 Woodland av
Ayres Edw (Lillian) mach r308 S Broadway
Ayres Ida Mrs hsekpr h ws Thompson rd 2 n Frankfort pike
Ayres Marie waiter Criterion Cafe r102 W High

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**MOVING  
PACKING  
STORAGE**

**BAUGH & GARNER INC.**

**5 Stores**

**COMPLETE  
HOUSE  
FURNISHINGS**

416-18-20 W. Short. Phone Ashland 4044

**STERLING, KY.**

**DANVILLE, KY. — LEBANON, KY. — MT. STERLING, KY.**

237 N. Limestone. Phones Ashland 488 and 1440

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## Taylor Tire Company

Vine St. at South Eastern Tel. Ashland 3931

Auhagen Rudy driver CCC  
 Auhagen Susie A. (wid Geo E) r131 Arceme av  
 Auhagen Wm D janitor Arlington Sch h131 Arceme av  
 Austin Ashley J h307 S Broadway  
 Austin Bertha (c) cook r162 Collfax  
 Austin Betty B (c) h587 Newtown pike  
 Austin Frank G (Mary) h363 S Mill  
 Austin Mary (c) dom h155 Race  
 Austin Ruth r307 S Broadway  
 Automobile Adjustment Bureau The W Price Fishback mgr 163 W Short R453  
 Auxier Lillian student nurse St.Joseph's Hosp r544 W 2d  
 Averett Lloyd B (Margt) ins agt h620 Russell av  
 Averett Margt V tchr Johnson Sch r620 Russell av  
 Averett Mary E (wid Wm P) h218 S Ashland av  
 Averill Rebecca G instr Univ of Ky r208 Rose apt 6  
 Averitt Paul student r304 E Maxwell  
 Averitt Saxe D (Eleanora S) chemist Univ of Ky h304 E Maxwell  
 Avery Annie (c) dom h206 Warnock  
 Avery Della Mrs r216 Rose  
 Avery Lucille Mrs clk r543 N Broadway  
 Ayers Edw auto mech Jay C Fisel r308 S Broadway  
 Ayers Eliz (c) dom r762 N Broadway  
 Ayers Jas E (c; Russell) lab r246 E 3d  
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 Ayers Minnie (c) maid 340 S Broadway  
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 Ayers Wm (c) chauf r439 Newtown pike  
 Ayers Wm C (Bessie V) gro 500 E 7th h502 do  
 Ayers Wm E (Ethel M) pntr h165 Transcript av  
 Aylesford The apts 210 Woodland av  
 Ayres Edw (Lillian) mach r308 S Broadway  
 Ayres Ida Mrs hsekr h ws Thompson rd 2 n Frankfort pike  
 Ayres Marie waiter Criterion Cafe r102 W High

### W. L. KELLER

**GENERAL INSURANCE — SURETY BONDS**

First National Bank Bldg. Office Ashland 5554 Res. Ashland 6406-X

Ayres Minnie (c) maid 1002 Fontaine rd  
 B & M Dairy Products 1401 Bryan Station pike 350 Georgetown 435 E High 545 and 930½ S Limestone and 376½ E 3d  
 Babbitt Chas L (Clare L) repr h133 Preston av  
 Baber Jos (Edith) lab h900 Liberty rd  
 Baber Kenneth E (Ada L) spl agt Am Fidelity & Casualty Co h258 E High apt 3  
 Baber Prather R (Anna) printer h142 E Short extd  
 Babin Fred (Edna M) mgr h245 Lincoln av  
 Bablitz Aug A (Emilie) lawyer and notary 163 W Short R232 h276 Kentucky av  
 Bablitz Aug A jr eng r276 Kentucky av  
 Bablitz Caroline nurse 276 Kentucky av h do  
 Bablitz Fred W (Lizzie) baker h171 Gazette av  
 Baby Milk Supply Assn Mrs Mattie S Combs pres Mrs Louise B Healey sec Selah K Baird supvr 208 Mechanic  
 Bacach Doris clk Woolworth's r159 Barr  
 Bach Arth (Rose J) phys 271 W Short R207-08 h342 Dudley rd  
 Bach Carmie E tchr r347 Linden walk  
 Bach Delmas Mrs tel opr Lex Ice Co r643 Headley av  
 Bach Harmon student r347 Linden walk  
 Bach Helen Mrs sten Standard Typewriter Co h663 Headley av  
 Bach Madison T (Caudill S) lab h347 Linden walk  
 Bach Otis O (Helen) farmer h663 Headley av  
 Bach W Everett (Pearl D) slsmn h163 Bell ct W  
 Bach Wilgus (Amanda) phys 271 W Short R207-08 h217 Woods Point rd  
 Back Pauline student r254 S Hanover av  
 Back Virginia Mrs bkpr r323 S Ashland av  
 Backer Ann student r429 S Upper  
 Backer Cath (wid Frank) h468 Park av  
 Backer Edna student r429 S Upper  
 Backer Geo E (Evelyn K) oil h424 W 3d  
 Backer Max (Fannie) barber 110 W Vine and men's furngs 116 do h429 S Upper

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1931-1932 City Directory						
House Number	Last Name	First Name	Race	Occupation	Employer	Wife's Name
706	Smith	William C	Colored	Carpenter		
708	Massey	Minnie	Colored	Cook		
710	Vinegar	Mary	Colored	Domestic		
712	Ayres	Junius	Colored	Laborer		Cornelia
714	Smith	Thomas	Colored	Laborer		
716	Inghaham	Robert	Colored	No data		
728	Waites	John	Colored	Driver		
730	Jackson	Charles	Colored	Laborer		Annie
733	Hawkins	George	Colored	Laborer		
735	Brown	Margaret	Colored	Cook		
737	Britton	William M	White	Driver		Mary
738	Blaine	Gabriel	Colored	Laborer		
739	Wilcher	Vester	White	Laborer		Mattie
740	Vacant					
742	Blanchard	Susie	Colored	No data		
744	No data					
745	Canada	Martha	Colored	Laundress		
747	Booker	Edward	Colored	No data		
	Simpson	Thomas	Colored	Laborer		
749	Haskins	Luther	Colored	Laborer		Thelma
763	Young	Morris	Colored	Laborer		
765	Smith	Maggie	Colored	Domestic		
767	March	Jason	Colored	Laborer		
800	Howard	Robert	Colored	Lather		
802	Hill	Mary	Colored	No data		
804	Howard	Garrett	Colored	Laborer		Josephine
805	Williams	Frank	Colored	Groomsman		Elizabeth
806	Vacant					
808	Vacant					
809	Williams	William	Colored	Laborer		
810	Vacant					
812	Vacant					

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1931-1932 City Directory, continued						
House Number	Last Name	First Name	Race	Occupation	Employer	Wife's Name
813	Vacant					
817	Johnson	Henry	Colored	Groomsman		Ella
821	Jackson	Luvina	Colored	Laundress		
824	Maxberry	William	Colored	Doorman	Lafayette Hotel	
825	Hedges	Edward	Colored	Laborer		Mary
826	Harris	Burris	Colored	Laborer		
833	Vacant					
837	Stone	Dillard	White	Farmer		Nora
	Curtis	Thomas	White	Farmer		Minnie
836	Hampton	Van	Colored	Laborer		Minnie
841	Dent	Robert	Colored	Laborer		Eva
844	Keyes	George	Colored	Farmer		Lucy
845	Price	Arthu	Colored	Laborer		Carrie
848	Phillips	Charles	Colored	Laborer		
849	Sims	George	Colored	Laborer		Kath
853	Hollaway	George	Colored	Laborer		
855	Williams	Mary	Colored	Housework		
856	Dandy	Robert	Colored	Laborer	C S Brint Seed Co	
860	Deshazo	Samuel	Colored	Laborer		Mary
861	Bush	Patsy	Colored	No data		
865	Brooks	Charleston	Colored	Laborer		Ida
867	Vacant					



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1948-1949 City Directory						
House Number	Last Name	First Name	Race	Occupation	Employer	Wife's Name
706	Brown	Mary	Colored	No data		
	Lumford	Kath	Colored	No data		
708	Smith	John	Colored	No data		
710	Winfield	George	Colored	No data		Verna
712	Smith	Maude	Colored	No data		
714	Sykes	Annie L	Colored	Cutter	Green's Clean Wiping Rag Service	
716	Morton	Lieutisble	Colored	No data		
728	Waites	Mary	Colored	No data		(Widow John)
730	Jackson	Annie	Colored	No data		(Widow Charlie)
733	No data					
735	No data					
737	Howell	Garrett	White	No data		Florence
738	No data					
739	Means	Jason	White	No data		Martha D
740	Adams	Jarvis	White	No data		Ruth
742	Slavey	Lucy D	White	No data		
744	Johnson	Henry	Colored	No data		
745	Estep	Marcus	White	Laborer		Drusie
747	No data					
749	No data					
763	No data					
765	No data					
767	No data					
800	Howard	Robert	Colored	Lather		
802	No data					
804	No data					
805	Gadd	Houston	White	No data		Ollie
806	No data					
808	No data					
809	March	Jason	Colored	Laborer		Georgia M
810	No data					
812	No data					

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House Number	Last Name	First Name	Race	Occupation	Employer	Wife's Name
813	Tincher	Melvin	Colored	Radio repair man		Sylvania
817	Hines	Kiahetter	Colored	Driver		Flora
	Hines	Jane Hines	No data	No data		
821	Harris	Charles H	Colored	Tobacco worker		
824	Coffey	Maggie M	Colored	No data		
	Spencer	Willie	No data	Laborer	L & M Wings & Co	Mattie
825	Brown	Anna M	Colored	Maid	Lafayette Hotel	
826	Childs	Edna R	White	Maid		
833	Griffith	Arthur	White	No data		Mollie
837	Preston	Linda	White	No data		
836	Haddix	Julia	Colored	No data		
	Haddix	Allen G.	No data	No data		
	Haddix	John Jr	No data	Factory worker	Southwestern Tobacco Co	
841	Rellford	William	White	Laborer		Kath
844	Roland	William	Colored	Laborer		Bessie
	Dennis	Rodney	No data	No data		
845	Raynes	Oneal	White	No data		Minnie
848	Mitchell	Raymond	White	Laborer	Southwestern Tobacco Co	Nelly M
849	Bishop	Clyde	White	No data		Sadie
	Barnes	Jesse	White	Laborer		Pearl
853	Bryant	Samuel	White	No data		Nellie
855	No data					
856	No data					
860	No data					
861	Hartman	William	White	No data		Irene
865	Turner	Julia	Colored	No data		
867	No data					