

Who Founded Westgate?

A snapshot of its residents

Because I live on Westgate Road, I became fascinated with searching deed records to find out who lived here. (See the third part of this brochure for how you can research your own house.)

There are two primary styles of house on our street. The houses with front porches were mostly the first ones sold, prior to the Tudor Revival houses. A few houses at the bottom of the hill are different, and date from a bit later. Take a walk down our street while looking through this list of original owners!

This list begins at the top of the street. Most of these people were renting houses in the city prior to buying a house in Westgate. It may come as a surprise how many people lived in these houses! (This information is drawn from the 1930 or 1940 census, depending on sale date.)

* indicates a member of the community board and its committees during its first years.

House	First Owners	Date First Sold
514	Emil and Bessie Clas Candy manufacturer; drapery saleslady + Three children aged 16 to 22.	August 1927
513	Charles and Catherine Brandt Sheet metal worker; he was deceased by 1930 and she lived with three adult daughters.	August 1927
512	James and Sadie Donnelly Proprietor, fruit store + Mother-in-law and three children aged 5 to 13.	July 1927
511	Robert Foster Master mariner, bay boats + Cousin/housekeeper and two sons 14 and 18.	December 1927
510	Lillian Henze (widow) Household included an unmarried daughter, two married daughters and their husbands, a married son and his wife, and two grandsons. One of her daughters was married to the son of James and Sadie Donnelly (see 512).	October 1927
509	Peter* and Blanche Huesman Manager, life insurance + Four children aged 15 to 21	September 1927
508	William and Emma Pfaffenbach Foreman, drug co.	July 1927
507	Albert Jr. and Marie Stevens (see 500) Salesman, wrapping paper	September 1927

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506	George and Anne Potthast Furniture store clerk; later, furniture store owner + Two daughters aged 3 and one month, and a married couple boarding	September 1927
505	Helen Mary and Anna Marie Knorr Teacher; secretary, telephone company	September 1927
504	Annabel and Ethel* Lowdenslager Teachers + One elderly aunt	November 1927
503	Earle and Georgia Snader Chemist, refining company + Two children aged 1 and 5	May 1928
502	Charles and Gertrude Hudson Pharmacist + One adult daughter	September 1927
501	John and Margaret Jentner Retired newspaper printer + One stepson, his wife, and their baby	January 1928 (house predates 1918)
500	Albert and Dessie Stevens Railroad coach painter Their son Albert Jr. owned 507. + Daughter Cora and her husband J. Milton* Frizzell, dept. store buyer	November 1927
433	Walter and Elaine Leisure Banking clerk + Elaine's parents	July 1928
432	Frederick and Mary Zeis Electrical engineer, machine shop	July 1928
431	Charles* and Mary Jane Waters Dentist + One child aged 9, and Mary Jane's parents	August 1928
430	Louis and Lillian Lydard Retired + Charles and Hilda (Lydard) Henze (see 510) and their 11 year old daughter	May 1928 3 rd prize in the 1932 lawn and garden contest
429	Leroy* and Ruth Elgin Jewelry salesman + Ruth's mother and brother	September 1928
428	Charles* and Rita Hoffman Manager, advertising + One child aged 1 and a 20-year-old servant	September 1928

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427	Arthur and Marie Bopst Railway mail clerk (apparently resided at 5120 Edmondson Ave. and rented out this property)	November 1930
426	Thomas and Agnes Baxter Railroad boilermaker + One 20-year-old son	June 1928
425	John and Annie Stokes Sail maker, coast guard + Two adult daughters	September 1928
424	Irl and Ella Beall Public school teachers/principals + Ella's mother and brother	June 1929
423	Howard* and Clara Gross Carpenter + Their daughter and son-in-law	June 1930
422	Elizabeth Kreusler and Louisa Lechel (Kreusler owned and lived at 511 Kingston)	September 1930
421	Herman* and Julia Frentz Druggist	June 1930
420	Fetter and Mary Rose Salesman, Luden's candy house + Three children aged 4 to 11	March 1932
419	Benjamin, Emma, and Christina Grace Owner, coal business	July 1930
418	Norford and Maye Mullinix Telephone engineer; dept store buyer's asst.	August 1939
417	George H. Weis Foreman, copper works	September 1930
416	Francis and Elizabeth Marecki Druggist + Two children 7 and 9	July 1932
415	J. Marshall and Grace Guard Paint salesman + His parents and three lodgers	August 1930 Honorable mention in the 1932 lawn and garden contest
414	Charles and Pearl Goetz Civil engineer/power industry; teacher	August 1933

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413	Robert and Muriel Irwin Life insurance salesman; dept store clothes buyer + One son	August 1930
412	James and Leola (Norris) Parker Marine engineer + Two children, two nieces, two lodgers, and Leola's mother	May 1932
411	Eugene and Blanche Costello Station man, filling station	July 1931
410	(Clinton) Leroy* and Carlin Ewing Bacteriologist, City health dept. + One son	July 1938
409	Charles and Minnie Ernest Labor representative/printing + One son	November 1930
408	Herman* and Lilly Rueggeberg Plumber + Two sons 21 and 24 and Lilly's mother	August 1929
407	Thomas and Margaret Covington Foreman, moving garage + One daughter, one son and his wife	July 1931
406	Hugh and Ethel Lovett Clerk, social security + One son and a boarder	October 1931
405	John and Fannie Jacob Salesman, music company + Two daughters	September 1938
404	Edgar and Lucy McCauley Salesman, flowers + One stepson	September 1937
402	Charles Comegys Insurance bookkeeper + Three adult siblings	March 1939
400	Richard Carozza	January 1968