

Placing the Greek-American Immigrant: Digital and Demographic Approaches to Mapping Migration in the Progressive Era

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Digital Harrisburg Initiative

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A series of projects that tell the stories of Harrisburg and its past

2012 to Present

Goals

- ▶ Undergraduate Research
- ▶ Diversity
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Digital Skills & Information Fluency
- ▶ Community Engagement

Contributions by the School of Humanities, Public Humanities Fellows Program, Office of Diversity Affairs, and classes in History, Geographic Information Systems, Computer and Information Science, and Business Systems at Messiah College and Harrisburg University

Google earth

Student Engagements with (Digital) Harrisburg

- **Harrisburg Neighborhoods:** demographic mapping and community asset analysis
- **Public Humanities Fellows Program:** student research, community histories, Poetry in Place, and memory harvests
- **Public History:** church histories, memory harvests
- **Digital History:** demographic databases, archival work, exhibits, community histories
- **Pennsylvania History:** digital exhibits and archival work
- **Office of Diversity Affairs:** work studies involved in Digital Harrisburg
- **Systems Analysis and Design Applications:** data refining
- **Database Applications:** data checking
- **U.S. Urban History:** early 20th century urban progressive movement
- **Intro to Geographic Information Systems:** historical maps and demographic data

The City Social Project



TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 9

Sheet No.

Enumeration District No. 42

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State PennsylvaniaCounty Dauphin

Township or other division of county

Harrisburg City

Name of Institution,

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division

Ward of city, 1st / 20th Prec.

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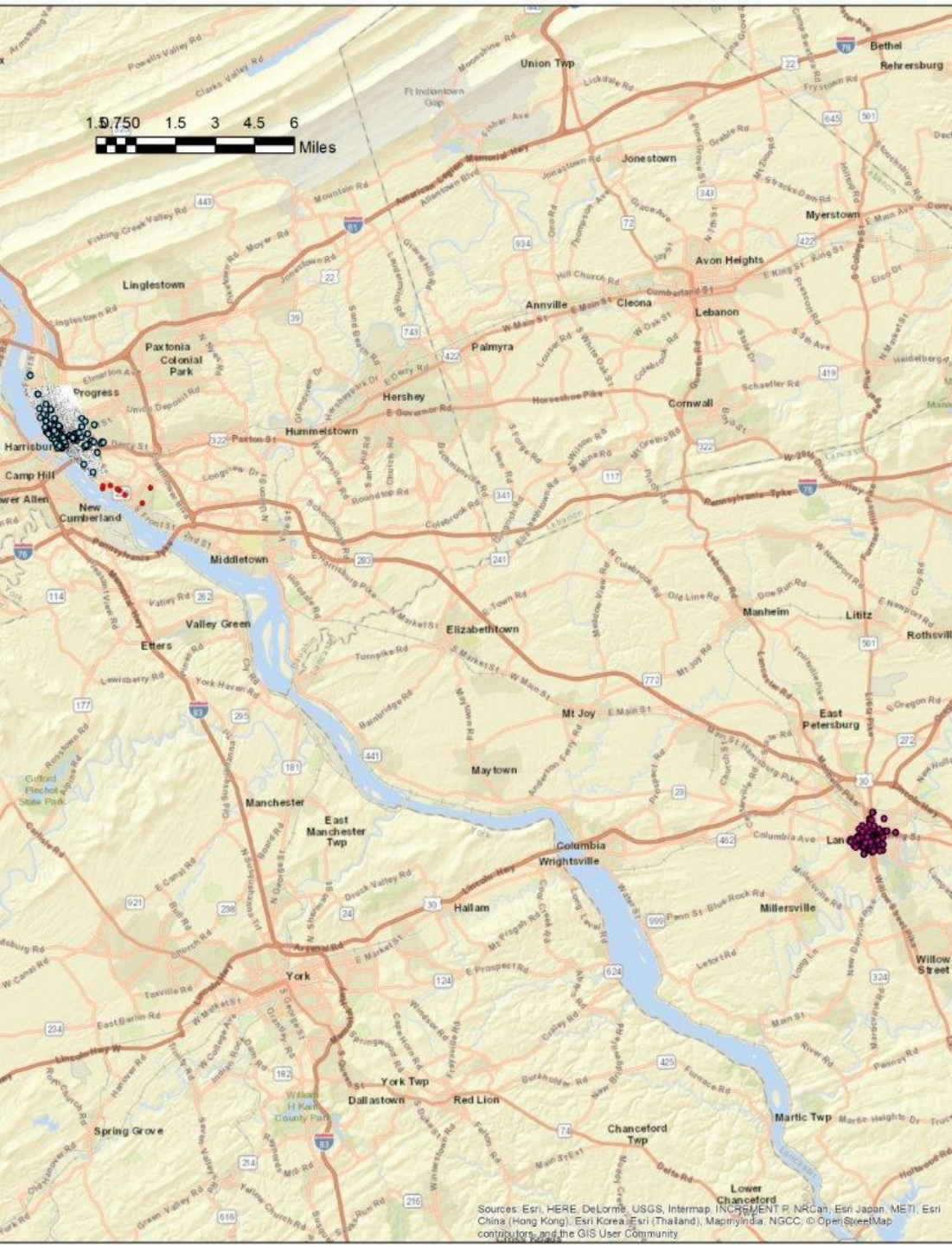
day of June, 1900,

Isaiah Parson

Enumerator.

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LOCATION.			NAME	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS OF AGE and over.	EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF HOME.								
IN CITY.	House Number.	Number of dwelling-house, in the name of tenant.			Number of family, in the name of head of household.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Number of live many children.	Number of them children living.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of Father of this person.		Place of birth of Mother of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalized.	Months not employed.	Attended school in months.	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Owned or rented.	Owned free or mortgaged.	Farm or house.	Schedule of farm schedule.
									Month.	Year.																					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
North Street	1088	1	1	Davis William ²¹	head	W	M	Mar	1842	57	M	30			Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Laborer on mill	9		No	20	yes	O	M	H		
				Mary ⁴¹	Wife	W	F	June	1843	56	F	30	2	2	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes					
	1106	2	2	Engelberger James ⁴¹	head	W	M	Dec	1842	57	M	2			Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Self-employed	10		yes	yes	yes	A		H		
				Mary ⁴¹	Wife	W	F	Feb	1849	51	F	5	1	1	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes					
				Bessie H.	Daughter	W	F	Feb	1889	1	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania														
				George John	Son	W	M	Jan	1890	10	M				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania														
	1108	3	3	Sheehy Daniel ³¹	head	W	M	Jan	1837	63	M	22			Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1852	46	yes	Laborer on mill	10		yes	yes	yes	R		H		
				Sarah ⁴¹	Wife	W	F	June	1838	61	F	24	10	8	Pennsylvania	Ireland	England	1851	46	yes				yes	yes	yes					
				Regina	S. Daughter	W	F	Mar	1860	40	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				At school	6									
	1110	4	4	Neill Allen ⁶¹	head	W	M	Oct	1844	55	M	5	3	3	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes	R		H		
				Herbert ¹⁶	Son	W	M	Oct	1881	18	M				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Laborer in ship	7		yes	yes	yes					
				Edna	Daughter	W	F	Oct	1883	16	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				High School	8		yes	yes	yes					
				Robert	Daughter	W	F	Nov	1885	14	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Stripper in ship	1		yes	yes	yes					
				Isabella	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1887	13	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				at school	5									
				Edna	Daughter	W	F	Mar	1888	12	F				Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				at school	5									
	1125	5	5	Heath Clyde ³¹	head	W	M	May	1872	28	M	1			Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Cart Driver	8		yes	yes	yes	R		H		
				Lucy ¹¹	Wife	W	F	Aug	1881	18	F	1	0	0	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes					
				Marion Lee ¹¹	Daughter	W	F	May	1890	10	F		1	1	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania							yes	yes	yes					
	1124	6	6	Kriner Sarah ⁴¹	head	W	F	Mar	1836	64	F	3	3	3	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania				Days work			yes	yes	yes	R		H		



Three Greek Populations

Comparison of Greek Populations 1900-1930

Harrisburg				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	50,167	3	0.01%	1
1910	64,107	55	0.09%	21
1920	76,423	98	0.13%	53
1930	80,601	226	0.28%	92

Steelton				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	12,087	0	0.00%	0
1910	14,308	0	0.00%	0
1920	13,423	34	0.25%	14
1930	13,013	11	0.08%	6

Lancaster				
Year	Population	Greeks	% Pop.	Residences
1900	41,459	2	0.005%	1
1910	47,227	44	0.09%	11
1920	53,150	205	0.39%	63
1930	59,949	409	0.68%	109

National Trends (Moskos)	
Year	Immigrants from Greece Proper
1891-1900	15,979
1900-1910	167,519
1910-1920	184,201
1920-1930	51,084

► “Greeks” = Birthplace (or parent’s birthplace in Greece, or Greek language speaker)

Sex and Age

Harrisburg				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	3	1891	23	100.0%
1910	55	1903.6	26.1	80.4%
1920	98	1907.7	26.6	84.7%
1930	226	1913.3	26.7	69.9%

Lancaster				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	2	1890.5	25	100.0%
1910	44	1907.2	22	79.5%
1920	205	1910.3	24.2	62.0%
1930	409	1914.8	24.4	56.2%

Steelton				
Year	Count	Immigration Year (Mean)	Age (Mean)	% Male
1900	0			
1910	0			
1920	34	1911.5	29.7	88.2%
1930	11	1917.3	40.3	66.7%

National Trends in Immigration		
Author	Year	% Male
Saloutos & Moskos	1900-1910	95%
	1910-1920	80%

Marriage and Family

Harrisburg			
Year	Count	% Married or Widowed	% Children under Age 18
1900	3	0.00%	0.00%
1910	55	33.90%	19.60%
1920	98	30.60%	16.30%
1930	226	42.50%	35.40%

Steelton			
Year	Count	% Married or Widowed	% Children under Age 18
1900	0		
1910	0		
1920	34	61.8%	8.8%
1930	11	81.8%	9.1%

Lancaster			
Year	Count	% Married or Widowed	% Children under Age 18
1900	2	0.000%	0.0%
1910	44	27.30%	22.70%
1920	205	41.50%	28.80%
1930	409	44.20%	44.30%

Property

Harrisburg			
Year	Count	% Boarders, Roomers, Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	3	0.00%	0.0%
1910	55	47.30%	0.0%
1920	98	51.00%	5.7%
1930	226	21.70%	23.9%

Steelton			
Year	Count	% Boarders / Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	0		
1910	0		
1920	34	44.2%	9.1%
1930	11	18.2%	66.7%

Lancaster			
Year	Count	% Boarders / Lodgers	% Property Owned
1900	2	50.0%	0%
1910	44	43.20%	0%
1920	205	23.40%	12.7%
1930	409	10.00%	50.5%

Harrisburg				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Service Occupations				
Bootblack		7		
Barber		1	1	1
Cleaner				4
Domestic Servant		2	2	1
Driver		1	1	1
Guard				1
Picture Show Operator		1		
Food & Restaurant Services				
Busboy, Waiter, Dishwasher		1	1	4
Candymakers, confectioners, and soda	3	5	13	10
Cashier & Counter Man			1	3
Chef & Cook			4	13
Venders (peanuts)		3		1
Skilled Trades				
Carpenter / Construction			1	2
Electrician		1		
Painter			4	4
Unskilled Labor				
Manual Laborer			3	

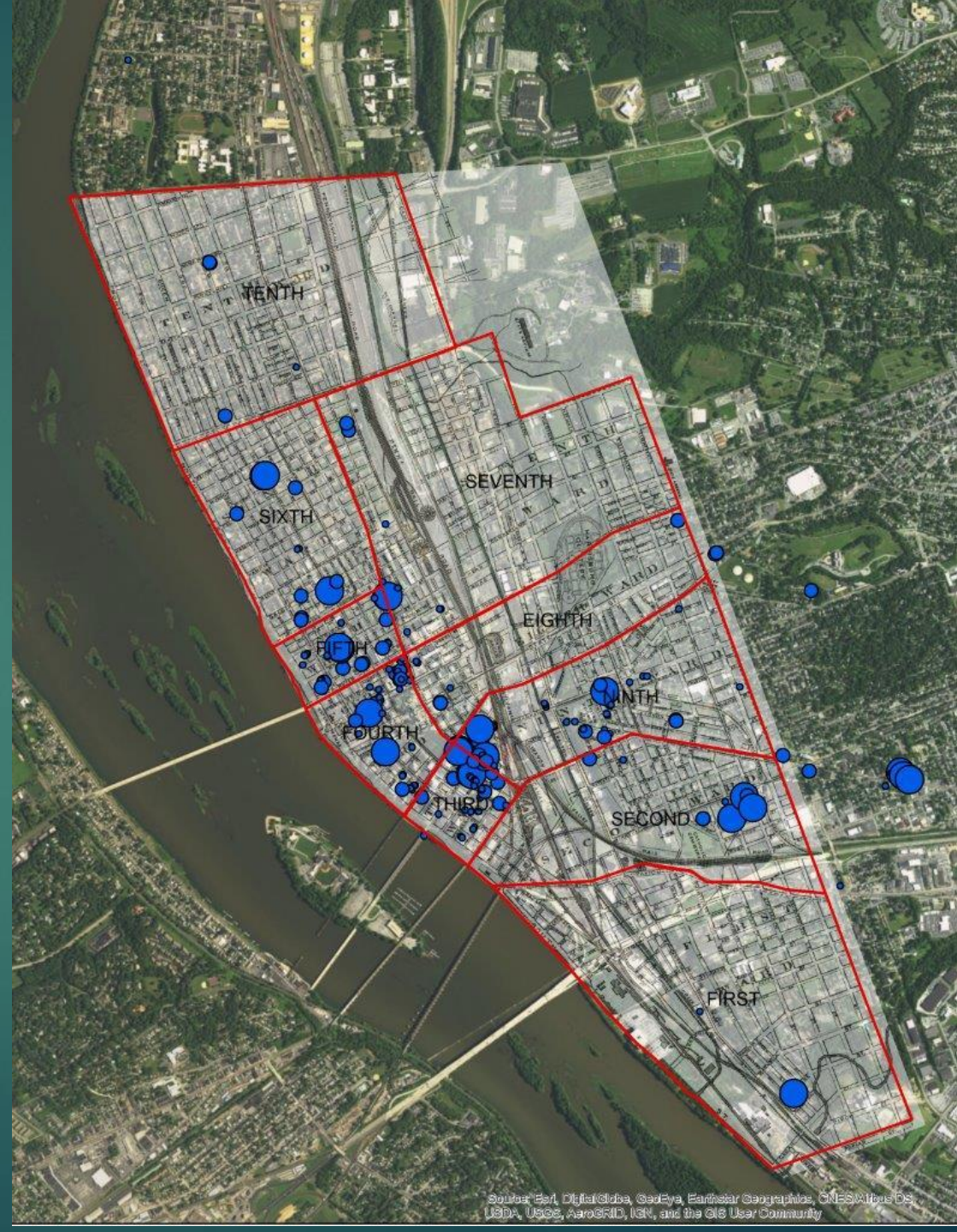
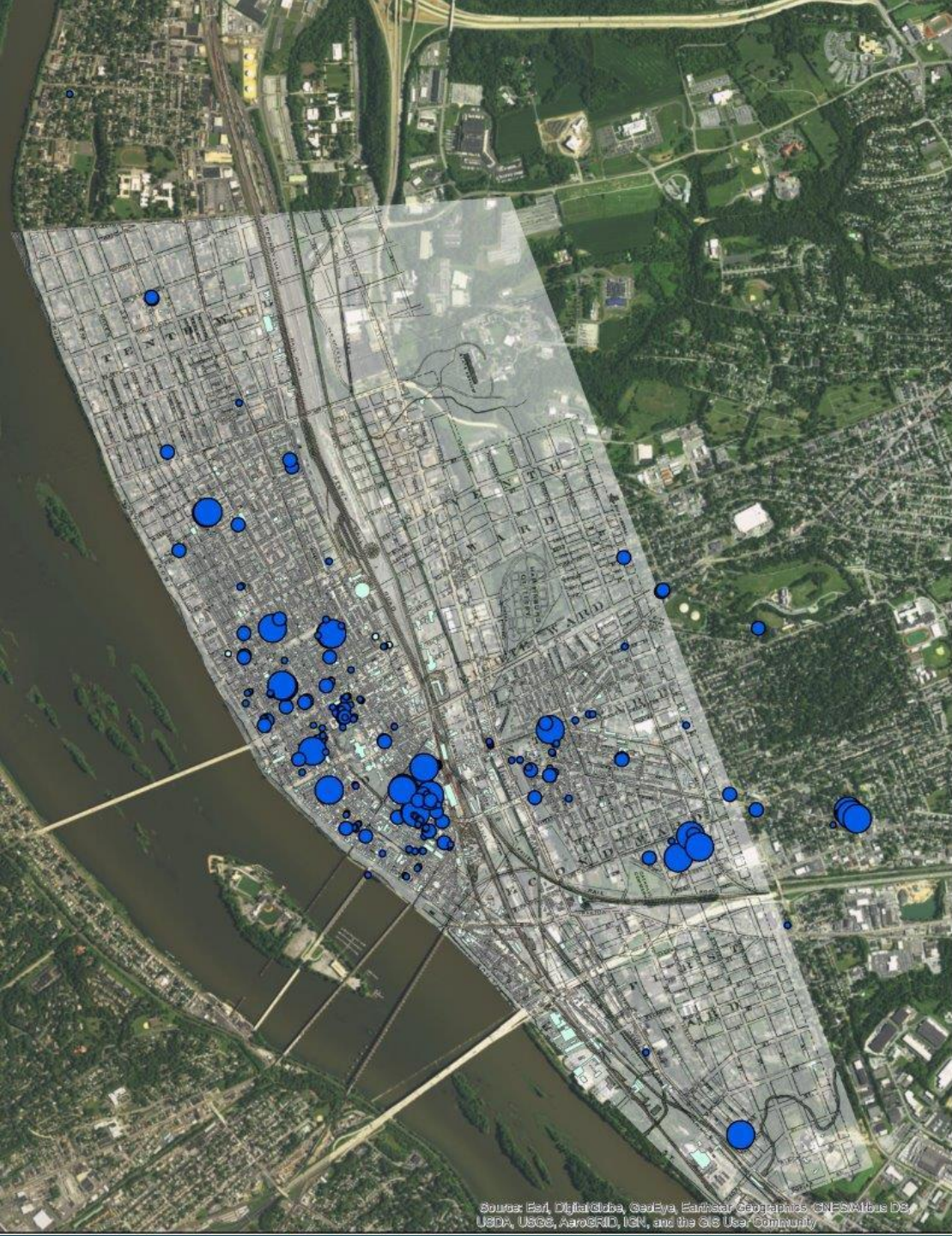
Harrisburg				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Professional Occupations				
Clerk		6	11	5
Contractor				1
Conductor for Railroad			1	
Judge			1	
Manager		2	7	5
Merchants, Retailers, & Salesmen		10	2	14
Physician				1
Proprietors		4	12	42
Tailor			1	2
Manufacturing & Industry				
Box Folder			1	
Iron Worker			1	
Manufacturer				1
Females Employed				
	0	3	2	1

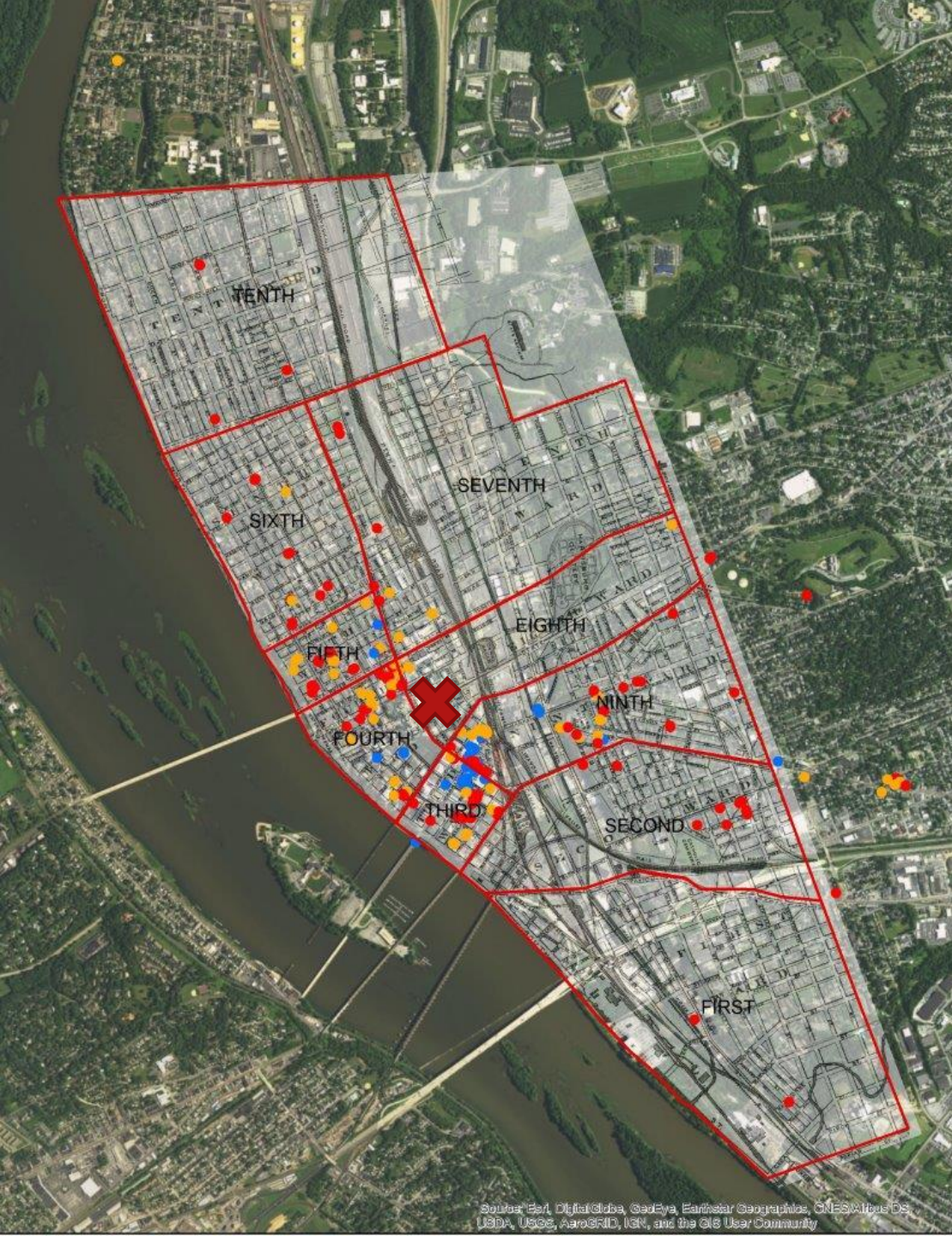
Lancaster				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Service Occupations				
Bootblack		8	16	10
Barber			1	4
Cleaner		2		1
Domestic Servant				1
Florist				1
Help				3
Hotel				1
Food & Restaurant Services				
Barman				1
Busboy, Waiter, Dishwasher		2	11	32
Butcher			1	
Candymakers, confectioners, and soda	2	1	5	6
Chef & Cook		2	9	13
Venders (peanuts)		1		
Skilled Trades				
Lock Maker		1		
Laborers				
Laborer for Railroad			1	
Worker			4	3

Lancaster				
	1900	1910	1920	1930
Professional Occupations				
Agent				1
Clerk			1	2
Manager		1	6	12
Merchants, Retailers, & Salespeople		1	5	3
Manufacturer			1	
Minister			1	1
Physician			1	
Proprietors			4	23
Shoemaker			3	4
Tailor		1		3
Teacher				1
Typist				1
Manufacturing & Industry				
Laborers skilled and unskilled		8	12	28
Machinist			2	4
Printer			1	2
Weavers		2	30	5
Females Employed				
		0	13	16

Steelton		
	1920	1930
Service Occupations		
Barber	1	1
Cleaner		1
Helper		1
Food & Restaurant Services		
Butcher	1	
Skilled Trades		
Machinist	1	2
Unskilled Labor		
Laborers	22	1
Professionals		
Proprietor	1	
Merchant		3
Females Employed	3	0



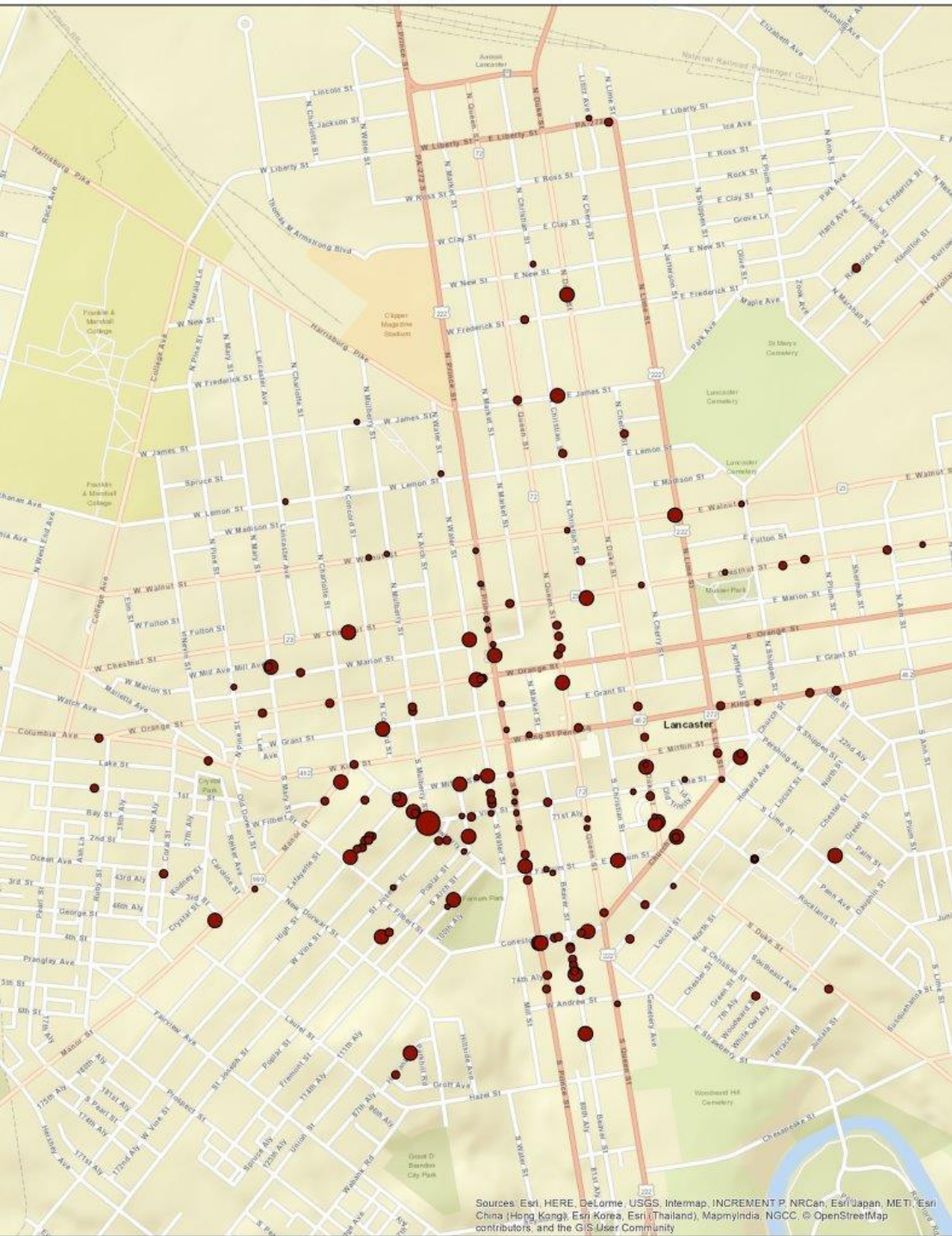




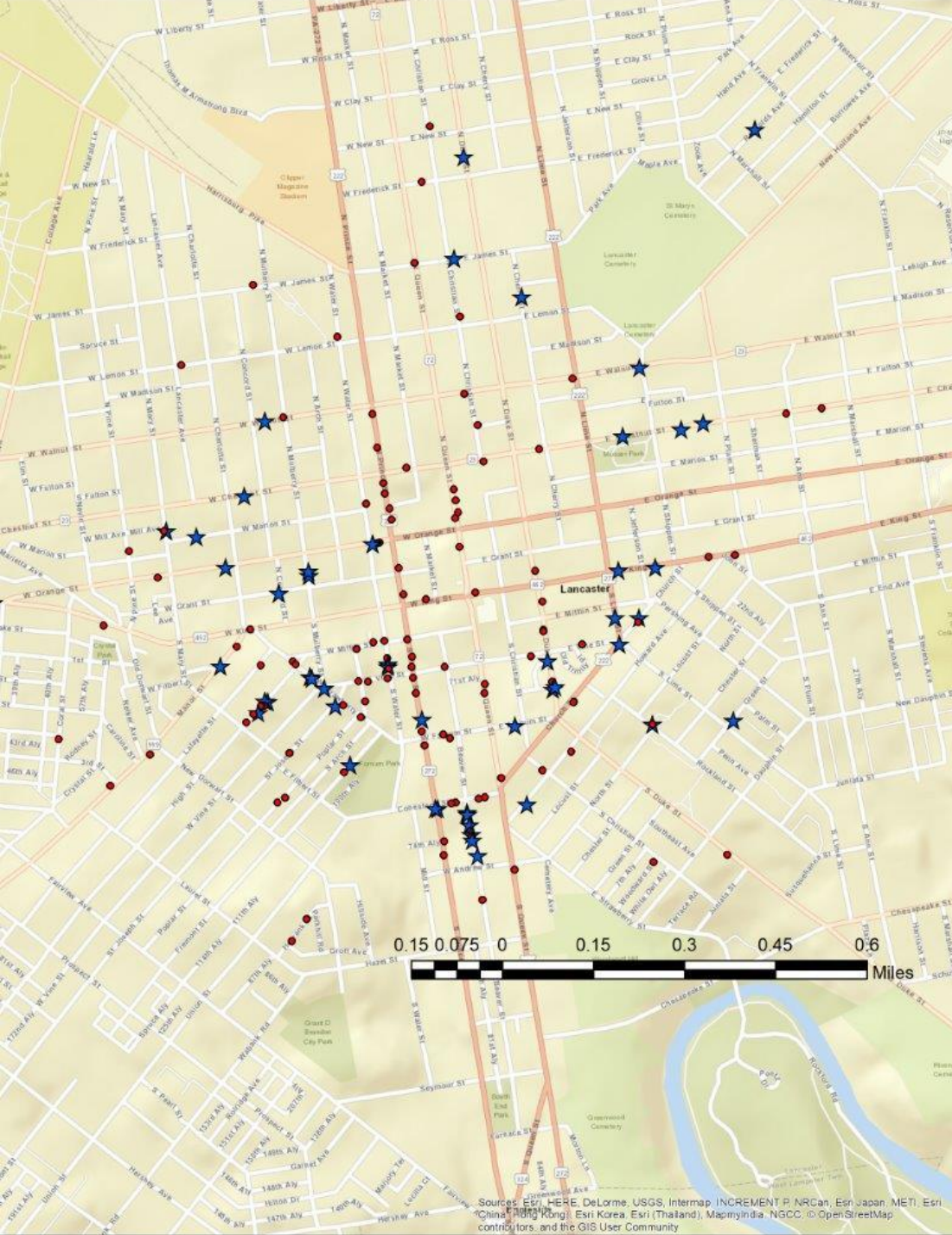
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