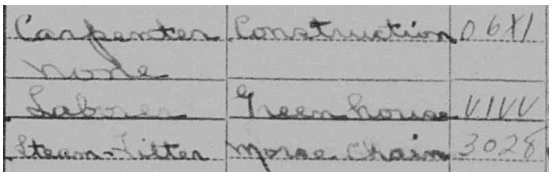
How to Verify Occupation Codes on the 1930 Census

Occupation codes are important for categorizing employment information on the 1930 census, ***all efforts should be taken to enter these codes correctly.***

Occupation Code

The four-digit codes in Column D following Occupation and Industry were added by clerks after the enumeration process. The first two digits represent the occupation, and the second two represent the industry. Primarily numerical, this code may contain only the letters "V" and "X." For example:



For help deciphering occupation codes for the 1930 census see: https://stevemorse.org/census/ocodes.htm.

For example, the occupation code for Laborer/Greenhouse in the example above appears to be V1VV. to verify that code, use the dropdown menus on Steve Morse's website to select the first and second pairs of digits:

Group 1: First character is a digit between 0 and 7 or is the letter V

V1 VV

Laborers (wage workers) occupation level

Agriculture industry

Group 2: First character is 8 or 9

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occupation

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