

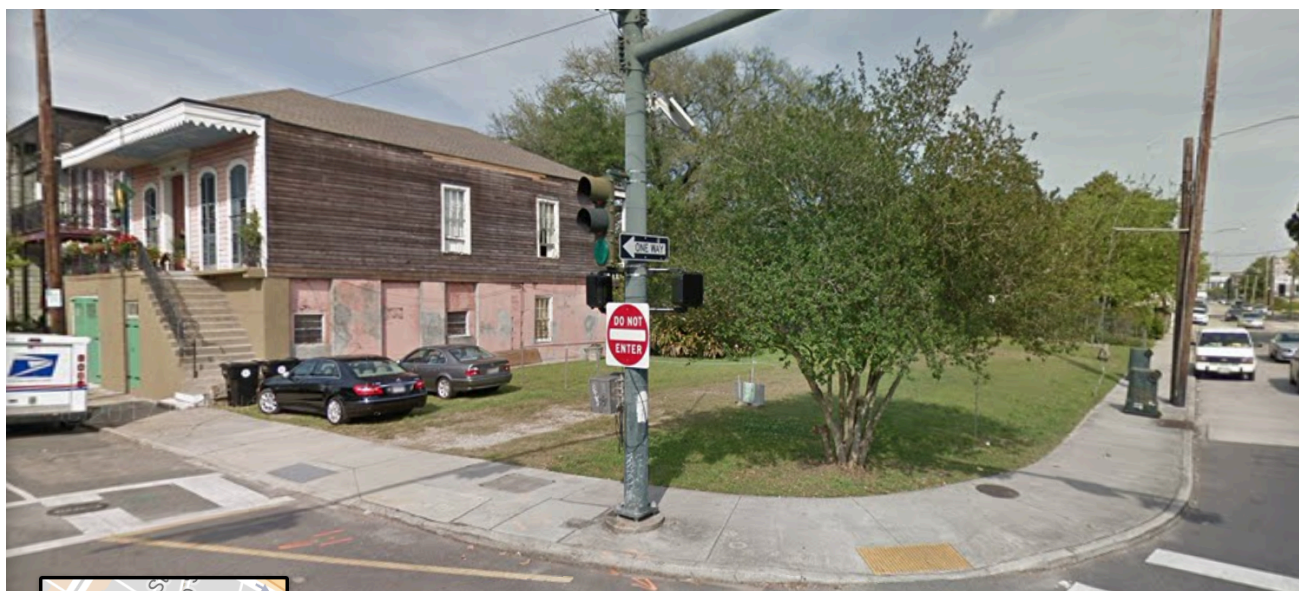
1900: Irwin Kern, age 9 months

Our maternal grandfather, **Irwin Kern**, was a 9 month old infant living at 1340 Camp St., in **New Orleans 1st Ward**, with his widowed grandmother **Anna Shonekas**, 65, his parents, **Charles and Delia Kern** (36 and 33), his maternal **uncle Frederick Shonekas**, 27, his maternal aunt **Lillie Shonekas**, 22, and his older siblings Charles, 11, Laurence, 10, Albert, 6, Clinton, 5, and Anna, 2. Only Frederick is listed with a profession (Stationery Clerk). The two oldest brothers are listed as “at school.” Their household is the largest on the census page.

1340 Camp St. area on today's map. Note the proximity to a streetcar line, which I think we have all ridden on.



1340 Camp Street no longer exists. This vacant lot is between the 1330 and 1350 block of Camp Street and is probably where 1340 Camp Street was.



There are **eleven households** listed on the 1900 census page, which covers this part of Camp Street. Every person there is listed as white. **35 of the 50** people on the page were born in Louisiana. Other birthplaces include: Mississippi (1 head of house, 1 sister, one lodger), Missouri (1 servant), **Ireland** (1 servant, one mother-in-law), **Mexico** (1 head of house), Indiana (1 head of house), Alabama (1 wife), New York (a mother-in-law), Kentucky (1 head of house), Florida (1 wife), and Pennsylvania (1 wife).

Two households include a **servant**. There are three boarders (2 of them in one household), one sister, three mothers-in-law, and two sons-in-law of the head of household. There are three **female heads of household**, all widows. At 1422 Camp Street there seems to be an abundance of heads of household listed: Clarence Kemper, 29; Bruce Kling, a 49 year old married man, and Anna Crawford, a 28 year old single woman. Each of those last two is listed with a different household number and family number but the same house number as Clarence and Juanita Kemper and their two boarders, William and Clara Hanna. This is probably a **boarding house** with one couple renting rooms to another couple, and perhaps separate entrances to the rooms of their other two boarders. It's hard to tell exactly. All but that household contain children and parents.

Of the **27 adults** not listed as children of other household members, **only six had two parents born in the U.S.** Five had one American parent and one foreign-born parent (1 German, 4 Irish). Of the U.S.-born adults, three had Cuban parents, three had Irish parents, one had French parents, one had English parents, one had German parents, one had one Italian and one Irish parent, one had one German and one Irish parent. Each of the five non-U.S. born adults had two parents from their native land (2 German, 2 Irish, one Mexican).

People on this census page with professions listed include:
(still need to list all the professions listed on the census page)

Maggie O'Connor, 39, Servant / Cook
Mary Moran, 54, Domestic Servant
William Newman, 36, Horse Shoer
Miguel Barera, 29, Vicecounsel, Mexico (?)
Cecile Fikse, 45, Dressmaker
Jesse Mismel, 28, Mixologist (?)
M___ Devereaux, 29, Seamstress (but male and listed as son-in-law!)
Clarence Kemper, 29, Decorator on windows
William Hanna, 39, Carpenter
Bruce Kling, 39, Cotton Merch (?)
Frederick Shonekas, 27, Clerk (Stationary)
Henry Caserta, 31, Driver Carriages
Pauline Josephson, 35, Salesman (Dry Goods) (but female and listed as daughter)
Christina Warner, 42, Clerk Music Store
Henry Warner, 21, Stenographer
Anna Crawford, 28, Anna Shonekas, 65, Mary Allen, 67 and Louis Josephson, 64 all have a 2-letter abbreviation and a numerical code of some sort in their "occupation" entry. Hard to tell what that is.

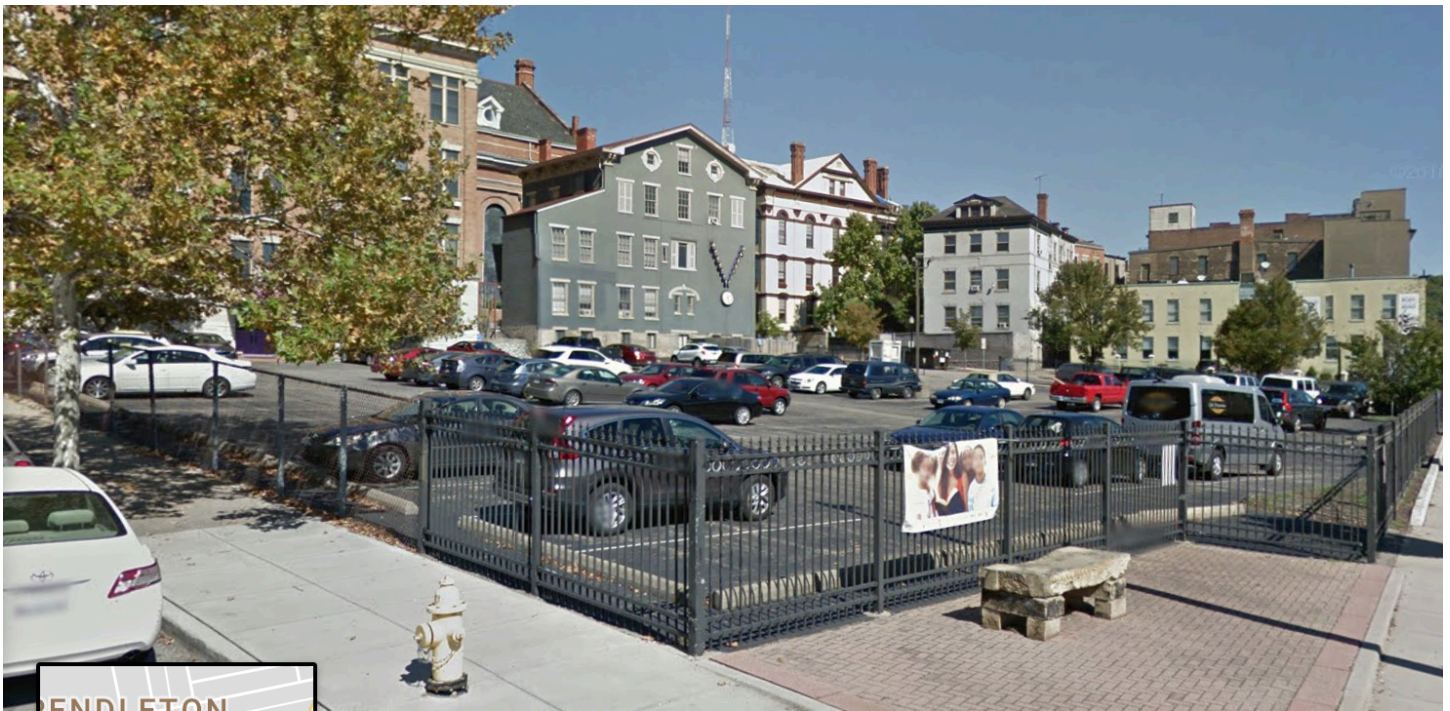
4 houses were owned (all free & clear, not mortgaged) and 7 were rented.

1910 - J. Paul O'Brien, age <1 year

Our paternal grandfather, **Paul O'Brien**, was an infant living at 716 Spring St., **St. Mary's Township, Cincinnati**, Ohio with his older brother Robert, age 2, and his parents **Robert J.** (29), a bookkeeper, and **Lillian** (24), no profession listed.



There is no longer a house at 716 Spring Street. The house most likely stood where this parking lot is today.



Old St. Mary's Church, for which the township is named, is a **Catholic** place of worship dating back to 1842.

It was founded as St. Marienkirche, a German-speaking congregation.

Each of the **twelve households** listed on the 1910 census page contains **English speaking white people only**. **41 of the 50 people on the page**



were born in Ohio. Other birthplaces include: New York (1 3-person family), Maryland (a 60-year old man), "Illinoise" (a 35 year old woman), **Germany** (one 68 year old widow, and one 93 year old lodger), Missouri (a 28 year old servant woman), and Virginia (a 9 year old girl).

Two households include a **servant**, one household contains a **grandmother**, and one household contains someone listed as a **boarder**, and another listed as a **niece**. Two households consist of a married couple without children. One couple is aged 60 and 51, so they are probably empty-nesters. The other couple is aged 46 and 48. The rest are families with 2 parents plus children living in the household.

Of the 28 adults not listed as children of another adult in the household, **half (14) have 2 parents born in the U.S.**, (Ohio, NY, MD, PA, TN, IL) **five have one parent born in the U.S.** and one parent born in Ireland (2) or Germany (3), and **eight, including the two born in Germany, have two German-born parents.**

People on this census page with professions listed include:

Amelia Doseck, 30, Servant / Housekeeper

James Brady, 47, Guager(?) / Oil Field

James Brady, 16, Clerk / Bank

James Collins, 60, Proprietor /(? ?)

Jacob Vietor, 43, Clothing / Merchant

Willis Armstrong, 40, Carrier / U.S. Mail

Bernice Armstrong, 19, Teacher / Public School

Guy Armstrong, 18, Farm Laborer / Working out

Sarah Pierce, 28, Servant / House

Baldwin Bitzer, 42, Manager / General Store

Robert O'Brien, 29, Bookkeeper / Paper Mill

William Brodbeck, 51, Contractor / House

Clara Huffmann, 29, Teacher / Public School [listed as the unmarried niece of the head of household]

Charles Burkhardt, 38, Roustabout / Oil Field

John Snapp, 46, Manager / Grain Elevator

Hazel Snapp, 19, Teacher / Public School

Edgar Snapp, 17, Laborer / Elevator (probably grain elevator)

Otto Stelzer, 46, Grader / Spokes (?)

Thomas White, 42, Cashier / Bank

The twelve women listed as wives of heads of household have no profession listed.

Unmarried women on this block are either schoolteachers or servants, and two of the teachers are 19.

6 houses were owned (one with a mortgage, the others free & clear), 5 were rented.

1910 - Irwin Kern, age 10 or 11

Our maternal grandfather, **Irwin Kern**, age 10 or 11 but erroneously entered as age 9, still lived at 1340 Camp St., in **New Orleans 1st Ward** in 1910. His grandmother is no longer part of the household; nor are his maternal aunt and uncle. His parents, **Charles Kern** (45, now listed as an **Engineer at a Molasses Refinery**) and Delia Kern, 39, still live there, along with older siblings Charles Jr., 19, (now listed as Traveling Salesman, Roofing Co.) Laurence, 17 (Mail Carrier, U.S. Mail Service) Clinton, 13, and Anna, 11. Albert is not listed with the household, and now Irwin also has two younger sisters, Byrl, age 6 and Eloise, age 1. Note that some other siblings' ages are inconsistent with the 1900 census.

The placement of this family's entries on the census page is lower on the page than in 1900, and most of the neighbors recorded on the same page live on Melpomine (so around the corner), not Camp St.

There are **ten households** (3 on Camp St., 7 on Melpomine) listed on the 1910 census page. All 50 are white, but only 35, including the 15 Camp St. residents, were born in Louisiana. 6 were born other states (2 from Mississippi, 1 each from Michigan, NY, Virginia and Kentucky). 9 were born outside the U.S. The census-taker listed in the nationality line both the country and, apparently, the language spoken. For instance, 4 people are marked with nationality "Russian Yiddish," 1 each "France French," "Russia English," "Europe Yiddish," "France English," Poland Polish." The youngest resident born outside the U.S. is the 5 year old eldest son of immigrant parents. His 3 year old sibling was born in NY and the two youngest siblings of that family are born in Louisiana. The other foreign-born people on this page are all adults. Of the 7 heads of household listed on Melpomine St., 4 were born outside the U.S.

On this page, there are no servants listed, nor boarders, but this may just be due to how households were classified and counted, because in two houses, there are three numbered families listed at the address.

Of the 22 adults not listed as children of other household members, only six had two parents born in the U.S. Among 7 adult residents not themselves born in the U.S., 5 listed both parents as Russian (4 sets of them Yiddish-speaking), and 2 listed both parents as Polish. Among 9 U.S.-born adults, 3 listed both parents as German, 2 listed both parents as English (and 1 more listed one English parent and one Welsh parent), and 3 listed both parents as Russian (1 set Yiddish speaking, 2 sets Russian-speaking).

People on this census page with professions listed include:

Abraham Paillet, 45, Manufacturer, Cap Factory

Michael Paillet, 28 (A.'s son), Solicitor, Cap Factory

William Bobbitt, 59, Plasterer

Alice Bobbit, 49, dressmaker, At home

Benjamin Bernstein, 26, Tailor, Dry goods store

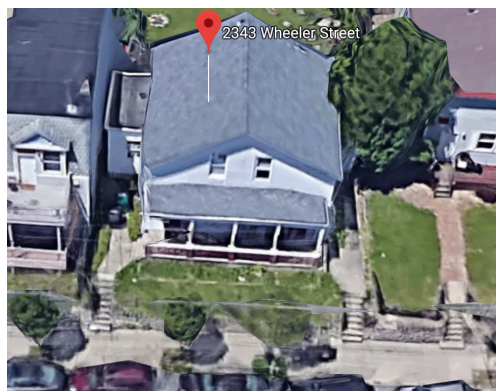
Herbert Paillet, 21, Salesman, Dry goods store (he is married and lives with his wife and her family)

Morris Miner, 33, Peddler, Umbrellas

Isaac Grossmark, 38, Peddler, Notions

1920: Alma Florence Niehaus, age 9

Our paternal grandmother, **Alma Niehaus**, first appears in the Census in 1920. She is 9 years old and lives at 2343 Wheeler St., Cincinnati, 12th Ward, with her parents **John Henry** and **Elizabeth**, ages 47 and 37, and her seven siblings, Elizabeth (18), Marie (17), Anna (14), Henry (7), Ferdinand (5), Robert (4), and Helen (1). John Henry's profession is listed as **Agent, Insurance Company**. The oldest sister, Elizabeth, is listed as **Saleswoman, Retail Grocery**. This house still appears to exist (2019), in the middle of a long block of Wheeler St., a little south of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. It was built in 1885 and was last sold for \$144,000 in 2004.



Families: There are 12 households listed on the census page, which covers the odd-numbered side of Wheeler Street. Everyone is listed as “White,” but in one household, the wife speaks **French**; in another, the Head of Household and a boarder speak **German**. In a third, the grandmother speaks **German**. In one house, a widow lives with her single sister. In two more, widowed grandmothers live with a child, the child's spouse, and grandchildren; in one of these homes there is also a nephew, age 9. **No servants** are listed on this block. 10 families own; 2 rent.

42 of the 50 people on the sheet were born in Ohio. 4 were born in other states (2 KY, 1 IL, 1 NJ). One was born in **France** (a wife, age 39) one in **Austria** (a boarder, age unclear but in his 30's) one in **Germany** (a head of household, age 61) and one in **Switzerland** (a widowed grandmother, age 75).

Of the 25 adults not listed as children of other household members, **only four have both parents born in the U.S.** Eleven of them have two **German**-speaking parents from Germany; other countries represented among the parents of this block's adult residents are **Switzerland** and **Austria** (both German speaking), and **Alsace-Lorraine** (all three of these parents were French speakers). One woman's father was from **Holland** and spoke Dutch.

People on this census page with professions listed include:

Edwin W. Augert, 16, Draftsman, Machine Tool Company

Alfred Verssin, 47, Salesman, Chemical Mfgs.

Conrad W. Miller, 58, Foreman, Cigar Mfgs.

John H. Niehaus, 47, Agent, Insurance Company

Elizabeth Niehaus, 18, Saleswoman, Retail Grocery

Arthur D. Grant, 44, Secretary, Roofing Mfgs.

Charles Grant, 17, Office Clerk, Roofing Mfgs.

George H. Pund, 34, Pressman, Printing Shop

Adelbert Zink, 61, Carpenter, Contractor

Hilda Zink, 27, Saleslady, Confectionary

John Rith, 37, Tailor, Clothing Mfg.

John Ruckstuhl, 62, Printer, Printing Co.

Amelia Ruckstuhl, 23, Oranist, Theatre

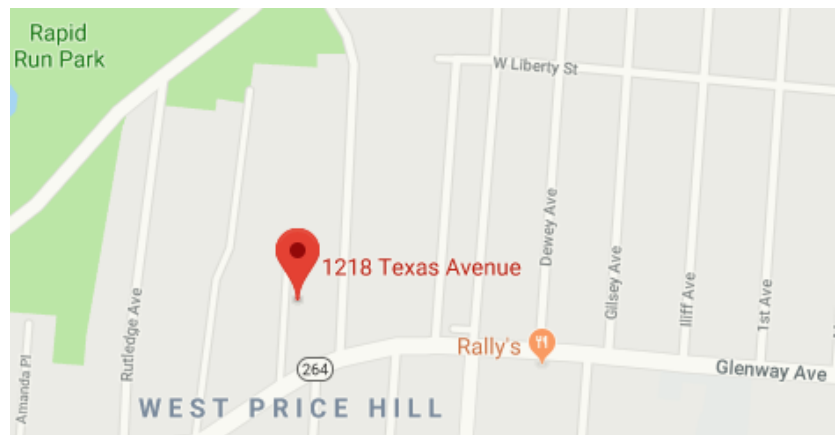
John Ruckstuhl, Jr., 38, Designer, Lithographer

Emil C. Cramerding, 38, Salesman, Commission House

Alvin I. Hucke, 33, Wire Chief, Telegraph Co.

1920: J. Paul O'Brien, age 10

By 1920, the family had moved to 1218 Texas Avenue in the West Price Hill area of Cincinnati, not far west of Rapid Run Park. There are now five children: Robert, age 12, Paul, 10, Catherine, 9, Marion and Lillian, both age 6. Robert Sr. is listed as a bookkeeper at Whiteware Paper Co.. A little way south there is a Jewish cemetery. The street may have continued then further than it does now; now, this end of it is a one-block street that comes off Glenway Ave. There's a house at the address today (5/2019, but according to the Hamilton County Auditor's site, it was built in 1925, so either the record is wrong, or this house replaced the previous house five years after the 1920 census.) The 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house is currently owned by the Metropolitan Housing Authority and is in rental.



In 1920, the census page covers five households on Texas Ave., three households on Glenway, and one on another street (number 1215, which is near the other Glenway addresses, so probably Glenway again), for a total of 9 households.

All 50 residents listed on this page are marked "white." At least one married couple lives in each household. Seven are listed as German speakers, one Polish speaker. The German speakers are all adults, some in their 60's-70's, some in their upper 30's-40's. At 1215, 34 year old William Leinenkohl(?) lives with his 42 year old wife, Millie, her parents and at least 2 children. The two children whose names are listed on the page are aged 22 and 23. So, either William was just 11 when his first daughter was born, or he is a stepfather. In one of the other Glenway houses, there are also one married couple and one 74 year old widowed Irishwoman renting, in addition to the head of household's mother-in-law. In all but two of the houses, the owner lives there.

Of the 23 adults who aren't children of anyone else in the house, about half (11) were born in Ohio. Two were born in other states (KY and IN). The rest were born in Europe (5 from **Germany**, 3 from **Austria**, 1 from **Ireland**, 1 from **Poland**). Of the 13 born in the U.S., only 5 had two US-born parents; 3 had one U.S.-born parent; 4 had both parents from Europe. Parents of U.S.-born adults were either from Germany or Ireland.

People on this census page with professions listed include:

John Leinenkohl (?), 23, Clerk, Hat(?) Can Co.

Helen Leinenkohl (?), 22, Bookkeeper, Corset Co.

William G. Leinenkohl, 24, Electrician, Gas Co.

Stephen Bilek, 43, Shoemaker, Own shop

Leopoldine Neugebauer, 42, Shirtwaist maker, (illegible) Factory

Cecil D. Rouse, 31, Chauffer, (illegible, transcribed as "Coal Stand Co.")

John B. Huelsman, 41, Grocery, Own store

John G. Huelsman, 17, Bookkeeping, (illegible, transcribed as "Street Factory" but could be Shirt Factory)

Leon Crandall, 27, Contractor, Railroad

William L. Deckman, 38, Assistant Superintendent, Life Insurance

Thomas J. Byrne, 50, Payroll Clerk, American Ex. Co. (possibly American Express?)

Mary C. Byrne, 24, Stenographer, Railroad

Thomas J. Byrne, 22, Stenographer, Railroad

Oswald Guenther, 54, Carpenter, House building

Alma Guenther, 24, Artist, Gibson Art Co.

Oscar Guenther, 22, Carpenter, House

Mary Pfohl, 39, Bookkeeper, Cap Manufacturer

George S. Feist, 40 or 41, City Salesman, Brush Manufacturer

None of the working women who work outside the home are married or widowed.

1920: Louise Crews, age 8 or 9

Louise Crews appears twice in the 1920 census - once with her widowed mother and siblings at 1609 Fern Street, New Orleans, where her age is listed as 9, and once with her 69 year old aunt, Emma Wilson on East Main Street, New Iberia. This is probably her mother's oldest sister, Emma, whose maiden name was French. Emma is listed as widowed, and according to two Ancestry.com members' trees, she was married to a Roger Wilson. There is a social notice in the *New Iberia Enterprise and Independent Observer* from June 18, 1921 (p.5) that "Little Miss Louise Crews of New Orleans is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Emma Wiltz."

The New Iberia house has an "x" at the house number; it is listed between 617 and 623. It *may* have been some sort of servant quarters; I remember hearing once that Nana had an older relative, perhaps an aunt, who did the laundry for the McIlhenny family and got to see the inside of their grand mansion on Avery Island. East

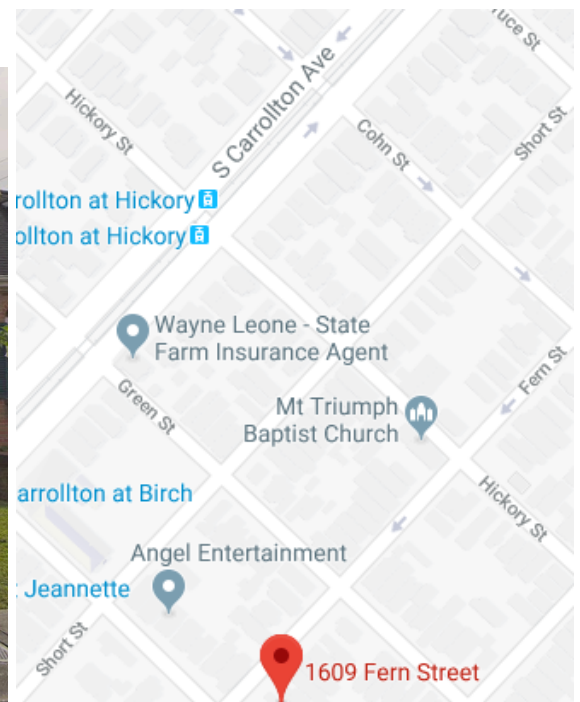
Main is not on Avery Island, but it is within blocks of it. There is a pool today behind 623, “Steamboat House,” and a small building next to it. It could have been a tiny home, or built on the location of one.

617 and 623 East Main Street in New Iberia look like this:



In 1920, 617 (on the left) was occupied by another widowed woman, age 66, alone and with no profession listed. 623 was occupied by a family of eight. X East Main was presumably an outbuilding located somewhere between these two buildings.

1609 Fern St., the New Orleans house where she probably lived most of the time, is in the southeastern part of the Leonidas neighborhood, between Green and Birch Streets.



The census page related to the New Orleans house lists the family as “Lauria” Crews, 53, a widowed schoolteacher, living with Inez, age 19, John, 17, Florence, 14, and Louise, 9. This census page covers one home on Hickory St., seven homes on Birch, and four on Fern. All residents are listed as white. Most other households have a man listed as Head, living with a Wife, except for this family and one other widow-headed family, and one thirty-five year old man living with his 57 year old mother (the man is listed as Head). One couple in their 40’s lives with two boarders in their 20’s. One family lives with a niece, one with an aunt, and one with an adult daughter, son in law, granddaughter and niece. Altogether, of the 50 residents on the page, 28 are adults who are not listed as the child of someone else in the household. Of them, 18 were born in Louisiana, two in Alabama, one in Mississippi, one in Georgia, one in Texas (totalling 5 born in other states). Other birthplaces included Ontario (two), France (one), Scotland (one), and England (one). Only two of them listed a native language other than English - the French woman who was married to the man from Ontario, who spoke French, and the Scottish man, who gave his language as Scotch. Of the adults born in Louisiana, seven had both parents from Louisiana. Eight more had at least one parent from another U.S. state (Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, or Kentucky); three had one parent from Louisiana and the other from another country (England, France, Germany), and four had two parents from other countries. Two of these had two German parents; one had two Irish parents, and one had a German parent and a Russian parent.

People on this census page with professions listed include:

Camilla Akers, 27, Teacher, At Home
William B. Campbell, 28, Exporter, Lumber
Charles Flotte, 35, Clerk, Railroad
David S. Robertson, 47, Steward, Fruit Company
Armana Martin, 32, Clerk, Railroad
Edward Herr, 35, Weigher, Cotton
Virgil Harris, 45, Clerk, Railroad
Sarah Banks, 36, Bookkeeper, Dept. Store (she is a widow)
Andrew Banks, 18, Inspector, Government (wonder what he inspected, for what government?)
Leopold Godchaux, 45, Salesman, Clothing
“Lauria” [sic] Crews, 53, Teacher, School
Casha Gelbke, 43, Conductor, R. Road
George Wagner, 49, Merchant, Flour
James O’Malley, 50, Carpenter, House
Ophelia O’Malley, 21, Typist Office, Supplies
Henry Hara, 24, Salesman, Candy
Leon Klein, 25, Salesman, Furniture

1920: Irwin Kern, age 19

I can’t find Irwin Kern in the 1920 census. He is not enumerated with the 18 year old bank clerk he will marry two years later, Bessie Evans; she appears with her parents, three older siblings in their 20’s, and a seven year old niece at 925 General Pershing St.. However, the **1920 New Orleans City Directory** does have a location for **Irwin G. Kern, Clerk at Hibernia B & T** [probably Bank & Trust]: 925 General Pershing St.. **In 1919, his address in the city directory was still listed at 1340 Camp. In 1921, he is again listed at 1340 Camp.** But I will look at the census record for 925 General Pershing, which is a 43 minute walk or a 17 minute trolley ride from 1340 Camp. **In 1930 the city directory has Irwin Kern residing at 4424 Constance St., a**

few blocks from Gen. Pershing, although the census still has him living with his in-laws on Gen. Pershing and lists him and Bessie as married.

The 1920 census page covers 16 households or partial households on Gen. Pershing Street. At the top of the page are listed two adult children of a head of household who must appear on the previous page of the record. I will count their data here, since they are both adults and not the children of any person who appears on this page. In 13 of the households, all household members are listed as white. In the one listed after 925 (929), a 35 year old mulatto laundress heads a household where two younger siblings, a house cook and a longshoreman, are listed; they are also classified as mulatto. In the next house, a 44 year old widow heads a household she shares with a 31 year old boarder. She is also a laundress, he, a levee laborer. Both are listed as black. There may be more household members on the following census page. All the people living on this part of this street, regardless of race, are tenants, except for the Evans family, which owns 925 General Pershing Street. 8 households are headed by married men with a wife present; 2 are headed by single men (one lives with a widowed sister and five nieces; the other lives with a widowed mother); one is headed by a 72 year old woman listed as married, but with no spouse listed with her, and another by another such woman, age 35. Two are headed by widowed women (one living with 2 siblings, one living with at least one boarder). One household lists a daughter-in-law, and two others list at least one grandchild in the household.

There are 28 adults listed on this page, who are not listed as children of another adult listed on the page. Of them, 21 were born in Louisiana, and the rest were born in other states. All the adults from other states are either married to one another, or unmarried; there's a couple from Arkansas, a couple from South Carolina, a couple from Pennsylvania, and the 72 year old married woman born in Massachusetts. She is the only adult on the page whose parents are from another country (Ireland); everyone else's parents hail from the same states as they do - the Louisianans' parents are also from Louisiana; the Arkansans' parents are also from Arkansas, etc. The people with professions listed on the page are:

Abram Lowerich, 40, Traveling Salesman
John Stumpf, 54, Police Station Chauffeur
Flossie Bell, 22, Telephone Operator
Irene Bell, 21, Packer, Candy Factory
Edna Bell, 19, Packer, Cracker Factory
H.N. Turnage, 52, Mercantile Collector
H.N. Turnage, Jr., 25, Mercantile Collector
W.M. Anderson, 55, Ship Clerk
L. Hannabal, 32, Elevator Mechanic
J.M. McCall, 33, Railroad Accountant
L.A. Von der Haar, 44, Marker, Merchant
J.G. Pauli, 35, Marker, Merchant
J.A. Gabbe, 34, Export Merchant
W.A. Foerster, 35, Clerk, Ship
Thos. D. Evans, Sr., 59, Beverage, Saloon
Mamie Evans, 28, Overall Factory Stenographer
Anna Evans, 20, Record Clerk
Thos. D. Evans, Jr., 24, Pipe fitter
Bessie Evans, 18, Clerk, Bank
Emma McGee, 35, Laundress
Adele Fontenot, 30, Family Cook
Shelton Dours, 29, Levee Longshoreman

Catherine Stafford, 35, Laundress

Sarah Latour, 44, Laundress

Dennis More, 31, Levee Laborer

Update (July 2025) - The 1920 Census entry has been found. Irwin Kern, age 19, is listed with his widowed father Charles, 55, his brother Clinton, 23, sister Anna, 20, and sister Beryl, 16, in a rented home at **1340 Melpomene Street**. This is almost certainly actually 1340 Camp Street, with the street confusingly labeled on the census sheet, given all the directory references to 1340 Camp St. The sheet is for Precinct 4 of New Orleans City, Ward 1, Supervisor's District 1st, Enumeration District No. 7, Sheet No. 10. There is a notation: 6301 0475 in the upper right corner of the sheet. Enumerated by Mrs. Elizabeth D. Donahue, January 15, 1920.

Even with the census having been taken in January, Irwin *should* have been listed as age 20. Clinton and Beryl's ages are consistent with their ages in 1910, but Anna is also listed as a year younger than she was; she was 11 in 1910.

There is no 1340 on either Camp Street OR Melpomene St. on today's maps. The house numbering around this corner is such that even numbers on Camp today (2025), skip from 1338 to 1344 and the numbers on Melpomene skip from 1144 to 1408. Today there is a parallel street to Camp, Coliseum Street, with a park area called Coliseum Walk between them. Google Maps places the pin for 1340 Melpomene in the center of the Coliseum/Camp corner. The only other Melpomene Street address on the census page is 1125 Melpomene.

The corner of Camp and Melpomene is shown in [Plate 3](#) of Robinson's 1883 *Atlas of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana*. There are individual buildings (mostly yellow, denoting wooden structures; pink buildings are brick) on the map but the street numbers on both streets in 1883 are only 3 digits; they predate the street renumbering that took place in the 1890s.. On this map, Camp is already quite a wide street, with Coliseum St. merging with it in an odd curve just before Melpomene. The New Orleans City Archives has a [converter](#) from old to new street numbers (1852-1938). On Camp St. at the corner of Erato, old 337/338 becomes the 1300 block. On Camp St. at the corner of Thalia, old 367/368 becomes the new 1400 block. On Camp St. at Melpomene, old 395/396 becomes the new 1500 block. This means that 1340 Camp would have been between Erato and Thalia, not as far as the corner of Melpomene.

Regarding Melpomene: On Melpomene, at the corner of Magazine, old 71/70 becomes the 1100 block. At the corner of Melpomene and Camp, old 99/98 ALSO becomes the 1100 block. At the corner of Melpomene and Prytania, the old 121/120 becomes the 1500 block. So 1340 Melpomene would have been between Camp and Prytania. Could the house so often labeled as 1340 Camp actually have been 1340 Melpomene? Without one-to-one address conversions, it's hard to say for certain.

The census page for the Kern residence in 1920 includes six addresses, all but one of them rented, and two of them containing small families with several lodgers. All residents are listed as "white." Two speak languages other than English (Italian and German). 41 were born in Louisiana. Other U.S. birthplaces include Alabama (1), South Carolina (1), Tennessee (1), Wisconsin (2). Non-U.S. birthplaces include Ireland (1), England, Italy (1), Germany (1).

Family/Household structures appear a bit muddled in some cases, for example, the first family listed, at 1125 Melpomene St., consists of James and Alice Nerney(?), 29 and 27, Henrietta Schwab, 60 (listed as "mother-in-law," George Schwab, 31, married, listed as "brother-in-law," Dele Schwab, 29, married, listed as "daughter-in-law," but, oddly, also as "M" for male. Edgar Clements, 11, listed as brother-in-law, Ida Landry, 43

(widowed), listed as “sister in law,” Isa(?) Landry, 19, listed as “granddaughter, Eward(?) Martinez(?), 28, listed as “grandson,” and Ivy Murtinez(?), 21, listed as “grandson.” It is impossible that the 29 year old head of household had grandsons in their 20’s. Likely, the census taker was having some cognitive dissonance and had started writing the relationships in relation to Henrietta, the oldest generation in the family, perhaps starting with Dele Schwab, who was probably married to George. How does 11-year-old Edgar Clements, the only household member with that surname, come to be a brother-in-law? He seems more likely to be James’ brother-in-law than Henrietta’s. Ida Landry could be Alice’s eldest sister, born when Henrietta Schwab was 17, making her James’ sister-in-law. Isa Landry, at 19, could plausibly be Ida’s daughter, thus Henrietta’s granddaughter. The 28 and 21 year old Murtinez(?) “grandsons” could also be Henrietta’s grandsons, being raised by the family matriarch or possibly even just visiting her the day of the census. It’s even possible that they are also Ida’s older sons, if she was previously married to a different man.

Next on the list is the Kern household, which is much simpler: Charles Kern (55, widowed) is living with four of his children: Clinton, 23, Anna, 20 (should be 21), Irwin, 19 (should be 20), and Beryl, 16.

The household at 1338 Camp is also headed by a widow, age 62. She lives with two daughters, ages 36 and 27, plus 5 female and 2 male lodgers, ages 13 (Dorothy Rongullo[?]) to 65 (Estelle[?] Rodriguez). Among the lodgers is a married couple, Emma and George Hoffmann, 40 and 42, and a pair of teenage siblings, aged 13 and 15, who have a different surname than anyone else in the household.

At 1336 Camp live a couple, ages 33 and 30, and their six children, ranging in age from 11 to 1 11/12.

At 1334 lives a widow, Rosalie Manno, age 56, her sons (22 and 19) and daughter (17), plus one lodger, a 60 year old widow.

At 1326 lives a widower (name fairly illegible), age 72, his 35 year old son and 20 year old daughter-in-law, and eight lodgers, mostly married couples, plus a widow and a baby.

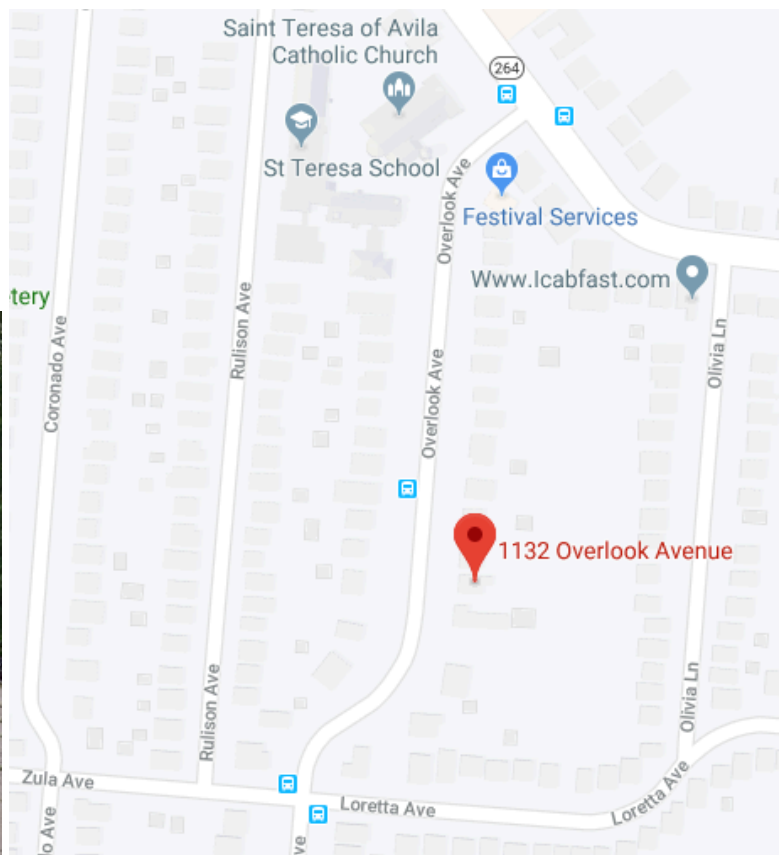
Due to the handwriting issues and possible gender mismatches on this census page, professions will be listed with ages and genders (sometimes with an asterisk) but not always names.

James, 29, grocer
George Schwab, 31, carpenter (house)
Ida Landry, 43, makes caps (factory)
Isa Landry, 19, Cashier, Department
Eward, 28, Packer, Wholesale House
Ivy, 21, Shipping Clerk, Wholesale Meat
Charles Kern, 55, Engineer, Laundry
Clinton Kern, 23, Clerk, Shop Yard
Irwin Kern, 19/20, Bookkeeper, Bank
Isabel Mulroy(?), 62, Housekeeper, Rooming
Elizabeth Mulroy, 36, Stenographer, Stock Co.
Anna Mulroy, 27, Stenographer, Agency State
Marie M., 49, Tailoress, Tailor Shop
Emma Hoffman, 40, Cashier, Shoe Store
George Hoffman, 42, Janitor, Hospital
M.R., 15, Messenger Boy, Department Store
Ellen Lynch, 50, Box Maker, Box Factory

1930: Alma Niehaus, age 20

1132 Overlook Place, Cincinnati (now called Overlook Avenue), some 5.3 miles west-southwest from the family's previous home, in what was probably then a new area. A 3-bedroom home built in 1922, it was most recently sold for \$143,000 in May 2011 and has a total of 7 rooms, 1652 square feet - a smaller house than the house on Wheeler Street, which had one more bedroom and is 2114 square feet. The house is about a block away from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and the attached parochial school.

There are still 8 people in the household - the parents and six children ages 13-24, living at home. Alma's father is listed as an insurance salesman; Older sister Anna, 24 is a telephone operator. Alma, who is listed in this census by her middle name, Florence, Henry, Jr., 19, and Ferdinand, 18, are all listed as Office Clerks, at the businesses of Telephone, Commission, and Manufacturer, Electric, respectively.



The census page covers two households and the last person listed under another household on Loretta Ave., plus eight households and the start of a ninth, on "Overlook Place." Every person on the page is listed as white. All but two people on the page were born in the U.S.; one 22 year old wife was born in Ohio and one 38 year old head of household was born in Italy. There are more households with elderly and/or widowed parents plus adult children (or in one case, an adult nephew) - 6 or 7 - than there are households with children under 18.

Chris O'Brien: "When grandpa Niehaus was building the house, the contractor ran out of the brick he was using, so it was built in 2 kinds of brick, so they covered it with stucco."

Bill O'Brien: "There was a climbing rose up the side of the house, a flower garden between driveway and house. There was a big maple tree out front and 3 or 4 others. They played baseball in the backyard. There was clearing almost exactly 60' which is the distance for pitchers. Behind that was about 40' of very tall trees, which became a wall to keep balls out of neighbor's yards, but the best was Taffy. Taffy was the cocker spaniel up the street. We sent the dog to fetch the ball if it got it far; she always fetched it, but she didn't always want to give it back.

Chris O'Brien: When Jack and Chris drove by their houses, they're all still looking nice, unlike Chris' old houses in Dayton.

Jack O'Brien: Alma worked for Bel Tel. She only ever used Florence, so everyone she knew at the company knew her as "Florence" because she was not old enough to work there.

The people with professions listed on the page (Ward 20, Block 58, Ward O, Enumerated by Virginia Dale Peters on April 14, 1930, Enumeration District 31-229, Supervisor's District N. 24, Sheet 24A) include:

Joseph P. White, 40, Insurance Agent

Emma C. White, 40, Grocery Clerk

Joseph MacHenborg, 66, Printing Pressman

Carl G. Weber, 40, Drayman (Own Truck)

Louis E. Schuch, 58, Drayage Contractor

Charles F. Schuch, 28, Commercial Artist, School

Frederick J. Ottmann, 44, Manufacturer, Store Fixture

[for Niehaus professions, see above]

Michael Mataria, 38, Fruit busien, Market

Hubert Lindenschmidt, 50, Bookbinder

Louis Fritz, 40, Real Estate Agent

Joseph H. Reis, 40, Manufacturer & Jobber, Glass

Frank H. Reichmann, Brass Finisher

Albert H. Stanfield, 35, Office Clerk, Gas Co.

1930: J. Paul O'Brien, age 20

1218 Texas Avenue, Cincinnati [same address as 1920]

At this address now live Robert and Lillian O'Brien and their unmarried children: Robert, 22, Paul, 20, Katherine, 19, Marion and Lillian, 16, and Rose, 10. Robert Sr. is listed as "Bookkeeper, Ware House." Robert Jr. is listed as "Clerk, Gas Company." Paul is listed as "Receiving Clark, Gas Company." Katherine is listed as "Stenographer, Rubber Store."

On the census page are listed five addresses on Sunset Avenue, one address on Glenway Avenue, and six addresses on Texas Avenue (1218, 1224, 1228, 1230, 1233, 1231). This Block 216 in Ward 20, Precinct R of Cincinnati, OH, Enumeration District 31-227, Supervisor's District 24. Enumerated 4/4/1930 by Rose Gilday.

Residents here are listed uniformly as "white." U.S. Places of birth (48) are Ohio (40), Indiana (2), New York (2) Kentucky (1), Missouri (1), Nebraska (1), Virginia (1). Non-U.S. places of birth are Germany (1), England (1).

On this census page are ten children aged 1-18, of whom three are 0-6, three are 7-12, and four are 13-18. There are 4 widows, three of whom are heads of household (so 25% of the households on this pages are headed by widows in 1930). The fourth widow is 38 and living with her parents (64 and 73), her 11 year old daughter, and an unmarried stepsister, age 49. The family structures of the other 11 households include:

- Widow (51) living with 2 sons, 19 and 22.
- A married couple, ages 30 and 34
- Widow (78) living with 2 sons in their 50s and 2 daughters in their 40s
- A married couple (41 and 31) and their 9 year old son, living with another couple with a different last name (28 and 20), who are listed as “brother in law” and “sister in law” to the head-of-household, which probably means the 20 year old is the sister of the 31 year old wife of the head-of-household.
- A married couple, ages 47 and 41, living with their unmarried children, ages 21, 18 and 16.
- A 65 year old widow living with her 41 year old unmarried daughter
- The O’Briens (parents with 6 unmarried children, who are the largest household on the census page)
- A married couple, ages 65 and 62, and their two unmarried sons, age 30 and 27
- A married couple, both age 31, and their three children, ages 5, 3 and 1
- A married couple, ages 43 and 37, their 19 year old unmarried son, and the a 27 year old brother-in-law
- A married couple, ages 41 and 40 - the last 2 entries on the page, so don’t know if anyone else lives with them

Three of the twelve households rent (monthly rent: \$43, \$35, \$19); the rest own their homes (\$2500, \$8750, \$5000, \$7000, \$4000, \$8000, \$3600, \$4000, \$7000).

Those with professions listed are:

Bernard Dougherty, 22, Compositor, Printing Office
James Dougherty, 19, Photographer, Photo Gallery
Milton Niederhelman, 30, Clerk, Wholesale House
Adolph Chlerding, 59, Bookkeeper, Commercial Pho.
Robert Chlerding, 56, Superintendent, Coal Co.
Cornelia Chlerding, 45, Cashier, Brokers Office
Henry Wintering, 41, Pharmacist, Drug Store
Joseph Walters, Surveyor, Construction Co.
Emma Walters, 20, Practical Nurse, Doctor's Office
Michael Rebel, 47, Tailor, Tailor Shop
Bernadett Hackman, 41, Seamstress, Coffin Factory
[for O’Brien professions, see above]
Oswald Gunther, 64, Carpenter, Builder
Mary Phol, 49, Corsetier, Department Store
Olga Meir, 38, Stenographer, Pool Table Co.
Joseph Wicham, 30, Secretary, Railroad
Seeley Wicham, 27, Clerk, Railroad
William Lang, 31, Meat Butcher, Meat Market
William Dubach, 43, Salesman, Cone Co.
Harold Dubach, 19, Clerk, Candy Factory
Edwin Speckelmeier, 27, Clark, Laundry
Frank Poppe, 41, Detective, Railroad

1930: Louise Crews, age 19

1727 Short Street, New Orleans, LA

1930: Irwin Kern, age 31

4424 Constance Street, New Orleans, LA

Dad (Bill O'Brien) told me (Rachel Brekhus) that Irwin told him some things about that side of the family while on a train ride from Chicago to New Orleans one time. Dad doesn't recall much of what Papa said, but he did describe work on a "[Brinks](#) truck," an armored truck for transporting cash, as a "sidekick."

On January 9, 1929 this story appeared in the *Monroe News-Star*:

POLICE CLERK IS SUSPENDED TODAY IN INVESTIGATION

Accident Results From
Death of Young
N. O. Girl.

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—Superintendent of Police Ray today suspended **Irwin Kern**, police clerk, pending an investigation into charges made by L. Gus Elfer, real estate dealer, whose 12-year-old daughter was run down and killed by Kern's automobile several months ago.

The clerk was convicted of manslaughter but later given a new trial.

In a letter sent to Superintendent Ray and the board of police commissioners Elfer charged that a politician sold **Kern** his promotion in the police department from supernumary clerk to clerk while he was under the manslaughter charge.

Elfer also charged that **Kern** admitted on the witness stand when he was on trial for manslaughter that he had sworn to a **false** registration certificate to obtain promotion.

"Kern has confessed on the witness stand a state of affairs in your department most discreditable to the department and calling for a thorough investigation," the letter said. "Already found guilty by a jury of one felony and confessing another felony, he has still never even been suspended from duty."

Was this our Irwin Kern? The same story also appeared in the *Shreveport Journal* on the same day. Presumably there would be some court records available.

1940: J. Paul and Alma O'Brien, ages 30 and 29

1132 Overlook Avenue, Cincinnati

1940: Louise Crews, age 29

[m. Hoffmark in 1932 or '35, but by 1940 appears as Crews; m. Kern in 1944]

Behman Hwy, Jefferson Parish

1940: Irwin Kern, age 41

1812 Lounram Avenue, New Orleans, LA