

1910

You are:

28 yr old male

Black

Driver for a private family

Who was He?

Arthur Briggs

Prince George Street

Driver in the household headed by Charles H. Stanley, 65, a lawyer and prominent Laurel citizen who was President of the Citizens National Bank in 1910, and Laurel's second Mayor.

Briggs is listed as married but his wife is not part of this household. An Isabella Briggs, 30, married, and black, boards with the family of Evans Wesley (also black). Could that be his wife?

Also in the Prince George Street household were Stanley's wife Margaret (Snowden), 50, their sons Harvey, 24, Charles H. Jr., 21, William, 19, John S., 13, Margaret S., 10, and Stanley's sister Annie S., 50.

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6 year old female

White

Father works in Printing

Who was She?

Catherine L. Kaiser
Prince George Street

She lives with her father Casper 32, brother Edward, 2, and mother Minnie, 24. Catherine's grandfather was born in Germany. Her father is listed as a counter.

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50 year old female

White

Mother of 8 children, 6 are living

Who was She?

Emma Fisher (Fischer?)
Washington Avenue, I

Emma is the wife of Elwood N. Fischer, 50, the head of household, whose profession is listed as “keeper” Livery and mount.

Her children were Margie, 26, single, Nelson, 24, Cordell, 22, Walter, 20, Emma, 19, Howie, 14. By the 1920 census Emma had died, leaving Elwood a widower, living with several grown children and a son-in-law.

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29 year old female

Black

Mother of 3 (4) children

Who was She?

Elnora Wilson

Elnora Wilson, 29 was the daughter of Mary Tibbs. She was married to William Wilson and had 4 (not three) children, including twins Elizabeth, and William age 6, Florence G, age 13.

While Elnora is not listed as working, her husband William worked as a laborer at the Moore Bank, as did many of their neighbors. Her mother worked as a washerwoman. Located in voting District #10, they likely lived outside the Laurel city limits.

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17 year old male
White

No occupation

Who was He?

Hellen L. Chaney
10th Street

Lives with James (23) who works in the cotton mill as a weaver. Hellen is listed as married, as is James. Did the census taker err and list Hellen as male instead of Female? Census record has James B. Ash (33) as head of the household, working as a laborer at the cotton mill. Emma Ash (38) is listed as his wife at the same address.

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23 year old male

White

Cotton Mill worker

Who was He?
James Chaney
10th Street

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29 year old male

Mother from England

White

Carpenter for Rail Road

Who was He?

Oliver Herberson.

10th Street

Lives with wife Ella, 28, and son Vernon, 3.
Twenty years later , in 1930 the family still lived in
Laurel, but son Vernon, now 23 was married to
Elnora. The entire family now lived on Montgom-
ery Avenue.

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23 year old male

Single

Laborer

For the Railroad

Who was He?

Eppa B. Leigh
9th Street.

His mother Mary Leigh (48) was born in Virginia,
as were her parents and Eppa.

Also in the household are Daisy, 21, Mary's daughter-in-law, and Mary's grandson Joseph 3, who was born in Maryland. Daisy works as a spooler at the cotton mill.

Also in the household is Mary's son Craven, 17, who also works at the mill as a winder, her daughter Kate Leigh Bagent, and her husband Robert, who both also work in the mill, and their son Charles.

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32 year old male

Chinese

Single

Laundryman
Who was He?

Yin Bong
Main(e) Street

He is actually 26 and is a boarder in Ott Sing's household. Unlike Ott Sing, who with his parents was born in China, Yin Bong and his parents were born in California.

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26 year old male

White

Sanitarium Patient

Who Was He?

Frank Lawrence or Harry Lunt

Both men were patients in the Laurel Sanitarium which treated people with mental health difficulties and conditions such as drug abuse and alcoholism.

Census records suggest they could be Frank Lawrence, born in the District of Columbia of District of Columbia born parents or Harry Lunt who with his parents were born in Massachusetts.

Ten years later, in 1920, Lawrence is still listed as an "inmate," though Lunt is not.

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34 year old male

Black

Farm Laborer

Who was He?

Samuel Jones

Samuel Jones and his wife of six years, Mary, lived with their five year old son Samuel and three year old Josephine. Part of the 10th election District, they likely lived outside of the Laurel city limits. Their neighbors, while also mostly black, included a German immigrant as their nearest neighbor.

Did the Jones stay in Laurel? Maybe not. The 1920 Census has a family with the same family names, and children of the right names and ages living in Camden, NJ, with Samuel working as a labor in a coal plant.

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42 year old female

Black

Washwoman

Who Was She?

Mary Tibbs

Born in Virginia, Mary Tibbs was a widow working as a washerwoman and at odd jobs. She shared her household with her daughter Elnora Wilson, son-in-law William Wilson and twin grandchildren Elizabeth, and William, age 6, and Florence G, age 13.

William worked as a laborer at the Moore Bank, as did many of their neighbors. Based on the age of her daughter (29) it is possible that Mary was a mother at 13.

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70 year old male

Black

Servant for a private family

Who was He?

Marshall Cole
Washington Avenue

Marshall Cole, age 70 is a widowed man living in the household of Frederick (41) and Harriet Dallam (36), and their three children on Washington Avenue.

Another black servant, Arthur Collins, 23, also works in the household. Cole, and his parents are both listed as having been born in Maryland. Given his age, it is very possible that Cole was born into slavery

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40 yr old male

Chinese Immigrant

Laundryman

Who was He?

Ott Sing
Main(e) (sic) Street.

He and his parents were born in China. He lives
with Yin Bong, 26.