

## Final Report for SCRLC: Digitization Grant 2024

### Seymour Public Library District – Auburn HistoryForge: A Window to Parker Street

With funding from SCRLC, we were able to move forward in our goal of creating an in-depth historical picture of one diverse street from 1900 - 1950.

#### Project steps:

- We trained our intern, Brian, in adding additional census years.
- Brian reviewed 1900 census data entered for Parker Street by a previous intern to verify the data had been entered correctly.
- We determined which census pages were relevant to the project.
- Brian added 1920 and 1940 census data for Parker Street, and some data has been added for 1950 as well. Volunteer transcribers will be adding the 1930 census, including the data for Parker Street. To date, we have 623 records for Parker Street for 1920, 108 records for 1940, and 61 records for 1950, in addition to previously entered records for 1900 and 1910.

The data added during the project gives researchers and others a sense of what Auburn HistoryForge will look like in the future when more census decades have been added for other streets in Auburn.

We faced some challenges with the project. There was initial miscommunication with our intern about the scope of the project and a number of non-Parker Street records from 1920 were entered into History Forge. We also faced some glitches with the HistoryForge platform. As a result, Brian did not have enough time left to add newspaper articles to the census records.

#### Future of the project:

- Providing opportunities to further engage our community, offering them the opportunity to submit more information for the Parker Street section of Auburn HistoryForge: photos, documents, and other materials that may be privately held by those whose families lived on Parker Street during the first half of the 20th century.
- Selecting individuals with interesting personal narratives whose stories can be shared to promote interest in local history and in HistoryForge.

We thank SCRLC for supporting this project and we look forward to incorporating the additions to HistoryForge into our exhibits, programming, and outreach.

BUDGET	Proposed	Expended
Personnel (130 hours of intern time)	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00