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A MEMOIR OF RACE, CHANGE,
AND FRACTURED COMMUNITY
IN 1960s CHICAGO

LINDA GARTZ



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PROLOGUE: The Attic



Fred and Lil Gartz, the author's parents,
about 1943.

CHAPTER 1: On the Street

Where We Live



Our street: the 4200 block of Washington Boulevard.

CHAPTER 2: Nothing from Nothing Is Nothing



Josef and Lisi Gartz, Dad's parents,
wed in Chicago, October 13, 1911.

CHAPTER 3: If We Won't Be Happy, Who Will?



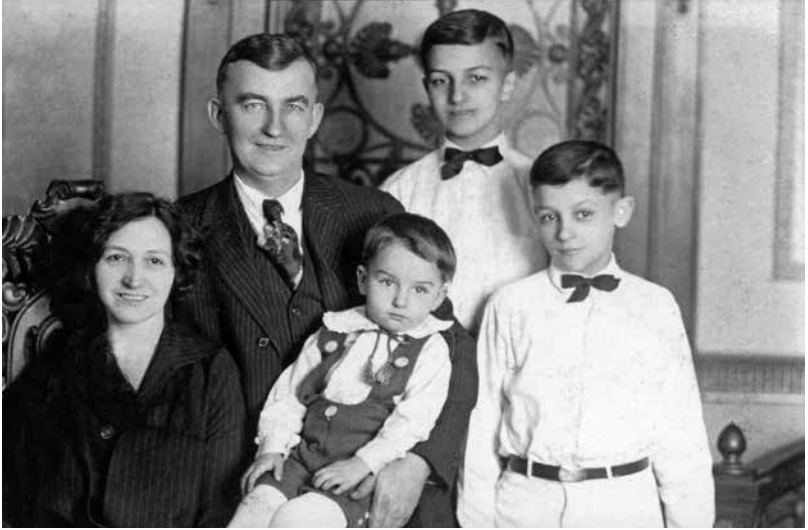
Dad and Mom on an early date, fall 1941.

CHAPTER 4: Madness and Marriage



Lil, Mom, and her “Mama,”
Grandma Koroschetz, 1922.

CHAPTER 5: Resistance and Devotion



Gartz Family: Lisi, Josef, Frank "Ebner," Will, and Fred (Dad), 1926.



Dad and Mom wed, November 8, 1942.

CHAPTER 6: Death



Mom and her "Papa," 1937.



WWII Army Air Corps navigator 1st Lt.
Frank Ebner Gartz, 1944.

CHAPTER 7: Shock



Fred and Lil with Grandma K in my parents' Keeler Avenue apartment.

CHAPTER 8: The Best-Laid Plans



Mom with baby Paul, summer 1946.



Our two-flat at 4222 West Washington Boulevard.



Mom, baby Linda, Paul, Dad: April 1949.

CHAPTER 9: Redlined



A NEGRO FAMILY JUST ARRIVED IN CHICAGO FROM THE RURAL SOUTH

The Negro in Chicago: A Study of Race Relations and a Race Riot by
The Chicago Commission on Race Relations, Photo-about 1919.

CHAPTER 11: Flipped



Linda, 1962 Tilton graduate, with her 8th grade teacher, Miss Kelleher.

CHAPTER 13: A New Start



Linda and Peggy, October 1962.
Caricature of Linda's Dad behind them.

CHAPTER 14: The Long Goodbyes



Dad sleeping on train to Ft. Worth, Texas, January 24, 1956.

CHAPTER 15: Travelin' Man



Mom and Dad in happy times, Caruso's restaurant,
June 1958.

CHAPTER 17: Tenth Anniversary



Mom with ten mums from Dad for their 10th Anniversary,
November 8, 1952.

CHAPTER 18: A Vision of Decline



Grandma K with Dad, Mom, Linda, Paul,
and Billy in our living room, 1954.

CHAPTER 19: Barbara



Linda and Barbara play dress-up, 1961.

CHAPTER 20: Thief, Robber, Crook



Mom reads to us kids (and puppy, Buttons) around our campfire at Devil's Lake State Park, 1956.

CHAPTER 21: Travels with Dad



Dad teaches Linda to swim in Enid,
Oklahoma, July 1958.



Dad and Linda at pool, Enid,
Oklahoma, July 1958.

CHAPTER 22: The Asylum



Mom and Grandma K, Manteno,
Illinois, 1960.

CHAPTER 23: Black and White



Dunk Tank, Riverview Amusement Park, Chicago, Illinois,
<http://livinghistoryofillinois.com>.



Dunk Tank, Riverview Amusement Park, Chicago, circa 1921,
with permission of Derek Gee and Ralph Lopez, authors of
Laugh Your Troubles Away: The Complete History of Riverview Park.

CHAPTER 24: Brothers and Sisters



Billy with classmates at his Lutheran school, 1963-1964.

CHAPTER 25: Not Unhappy



Bethel Church Sunday School Christmas Pageant: Linda, right; Billy, back row, 2nd from left, 1965.

CHAPTER 26: Saturday Night Burger



Linda and Bill, early date, summer 1965.

CHAPTER 27: The Tether and the Dream



Our new home at 4323 N. Keeler Avenue.

CHAPTER 28: Up in Flames

ALLEGEDLEY

**DRUNKEN WHITE FIREMAN
KILLS BLACK WOMAN !!**

ACT CALLS MASS RALLY

TONITE FRIDAY AUG. 13

7:P.M., ON CORNER WILCOX & POLASKI

SPEAKERS.

LAWRENCE LANDRY · JACK THOMPSON
NAHAZ ROGERS · EDWARD SLOAN
ROBERTA WILSON

NO MORE ALL WHITE FIRE STATIONS IN
ALL BLACK COMMUNIT/ES

BLACK PEOPLE MUST CONTROL
THEIR OWN COMMUNITY !!

PROTECT BLACK WOMEN.

ACT. 413 E. OAKWOOD. BLVD.
PHONE 924-1390

HEAR, -LANE MAXWELL - ROBERT SMITH, SPEAK!

This is a copy of leaflet distributed on West Side.

Chicago Daily News, August 14, 1965 p4.

CHAPTER 31: A New Life



Dietmar, Peggy, Bill, and Linda: dressed for Luther North Homecoming Dance, 1966.

CHAPTER 33: Riots Redux



Aftermath of April 1968 riots on Chicago's West Side.
Photo © Jo Freeman

CHAPTER 34: Convulsions



Bursar's office takeover by NU black students, May 3, 1968; white sympathizers outside. Photo © James Sweet



Linda with Bon Voyage cake at farewell party, August 1969.

CHAPTER 35: News from the Front



Katy and Linda prepare to cross the Atlantic, August 1969.

CHAPTER 36: Sexual Politics



Linda and Katy join in sing-fest, Austrian Alps, 1969.



Bill arrives in Munich,
December 27, 1969.

CHAPTER 39: A New Roommate



Bill and Linda, 1973.

CHAPTER 40: No End in Sight



Rats killed by Dad and Billy at the West Side six-flat.

CHAPTER 41: Home Alone



Billy preparing to leave for Seattle, 1974.

CHAPTER 43: End of an Era



Bill and Linda's wedding, May 30, 1975.

CHAPTER 44: Dad's World



Mom plays cello for the family,
December 1977.

CHAPTER 45: A Convergence of Change



Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, West
End and Keeler, Chicago's West Side.



Dad at his retirement party; Mom and Linda looking on.

CHAPTER 46: Not of Our Choosing



Dad works with an occupational therapist, 1985.

CHAPTER 47: Reconciliation



Dad hugs Mom, 1986.



Mom hugs Dad, 1987.

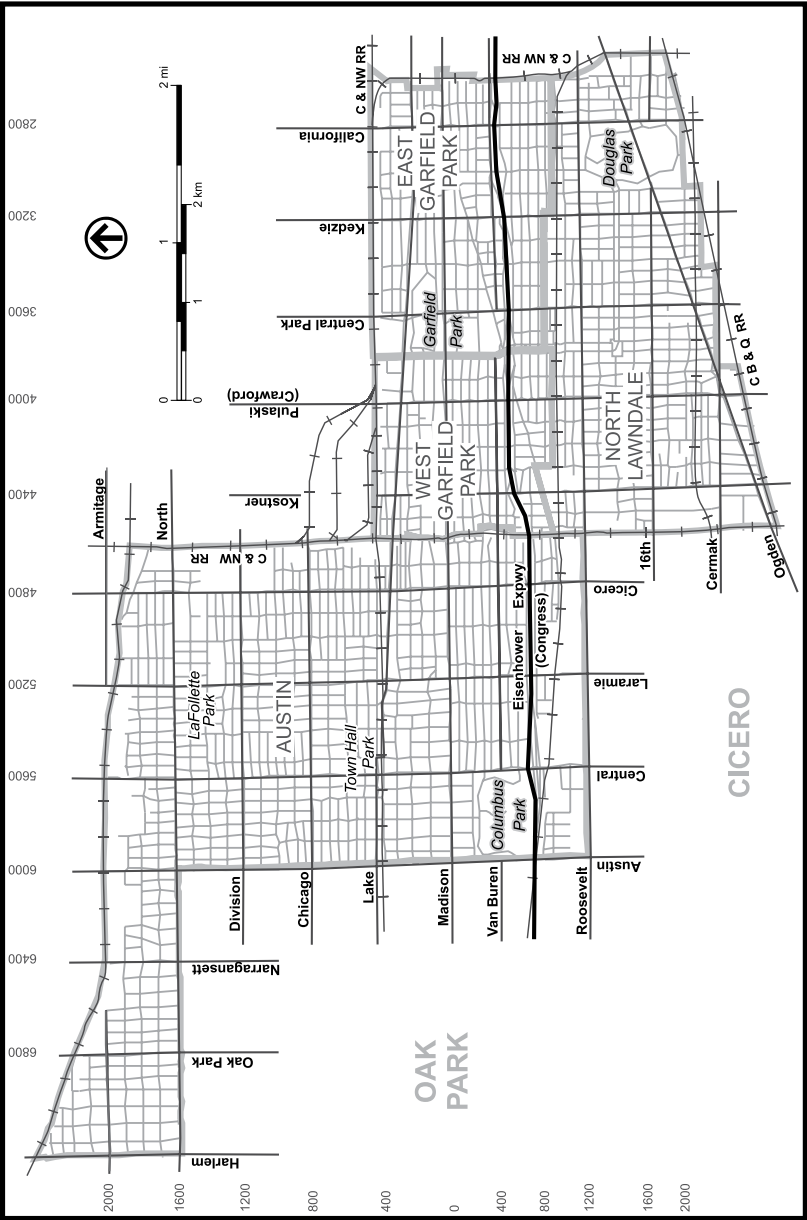


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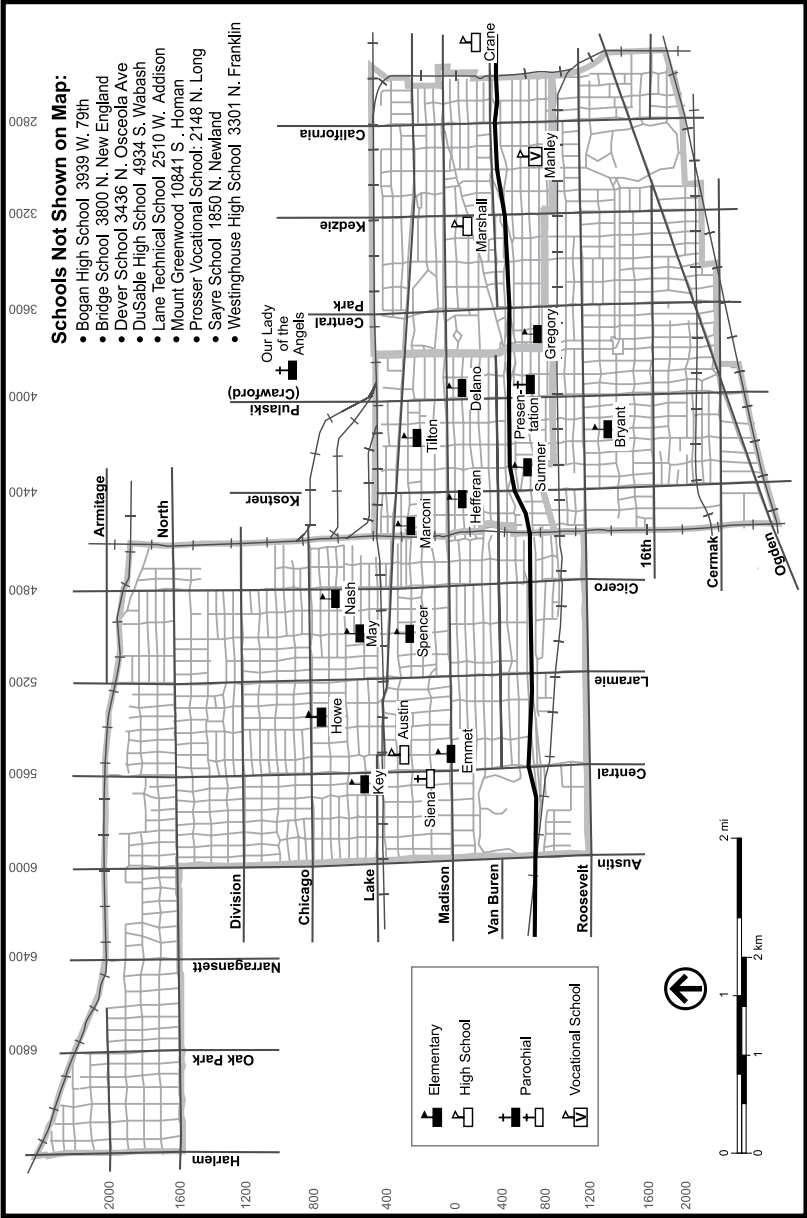


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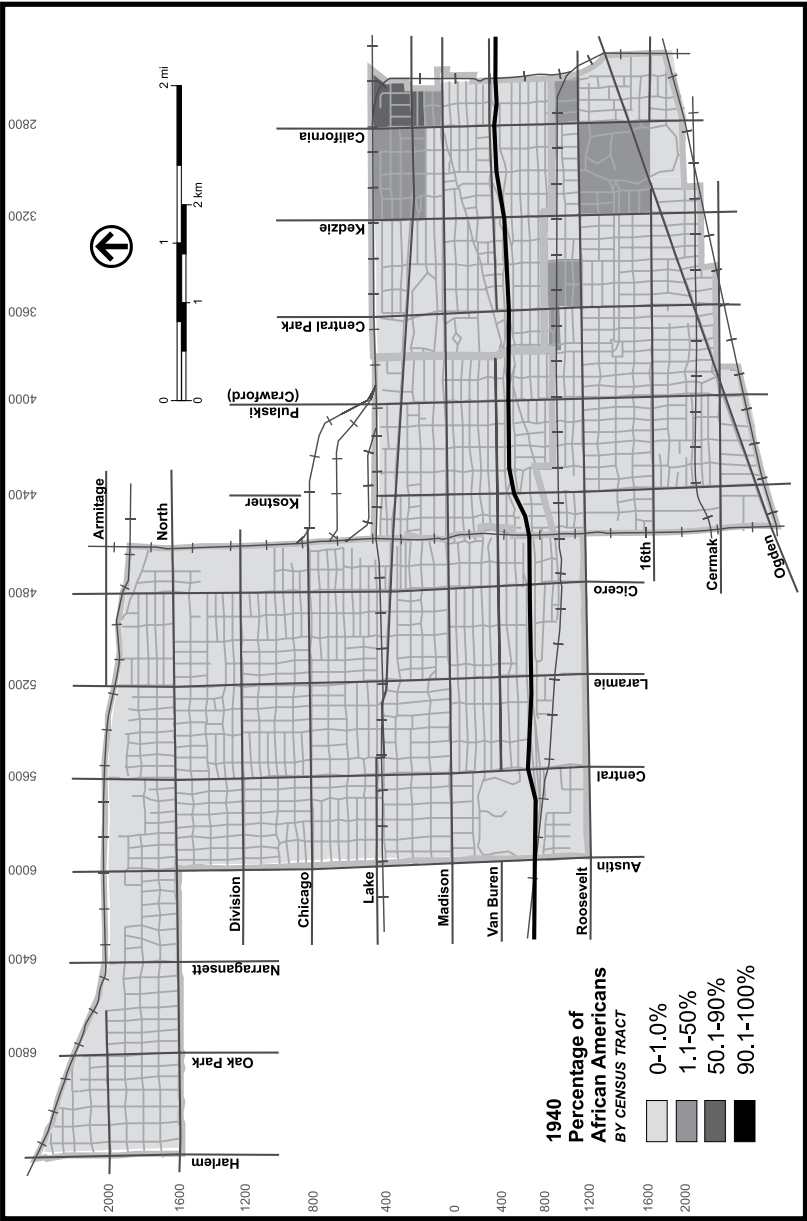


Figure 4a: Racial composition of the West Side, 1940

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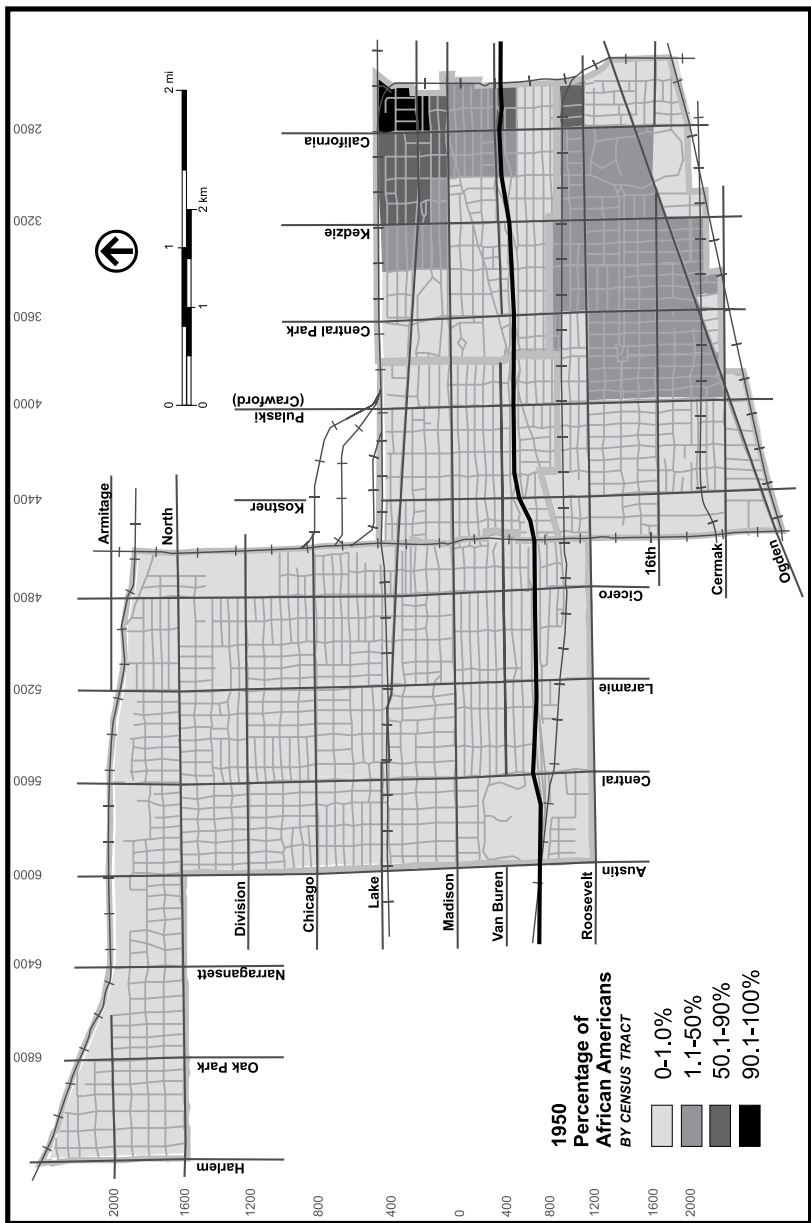


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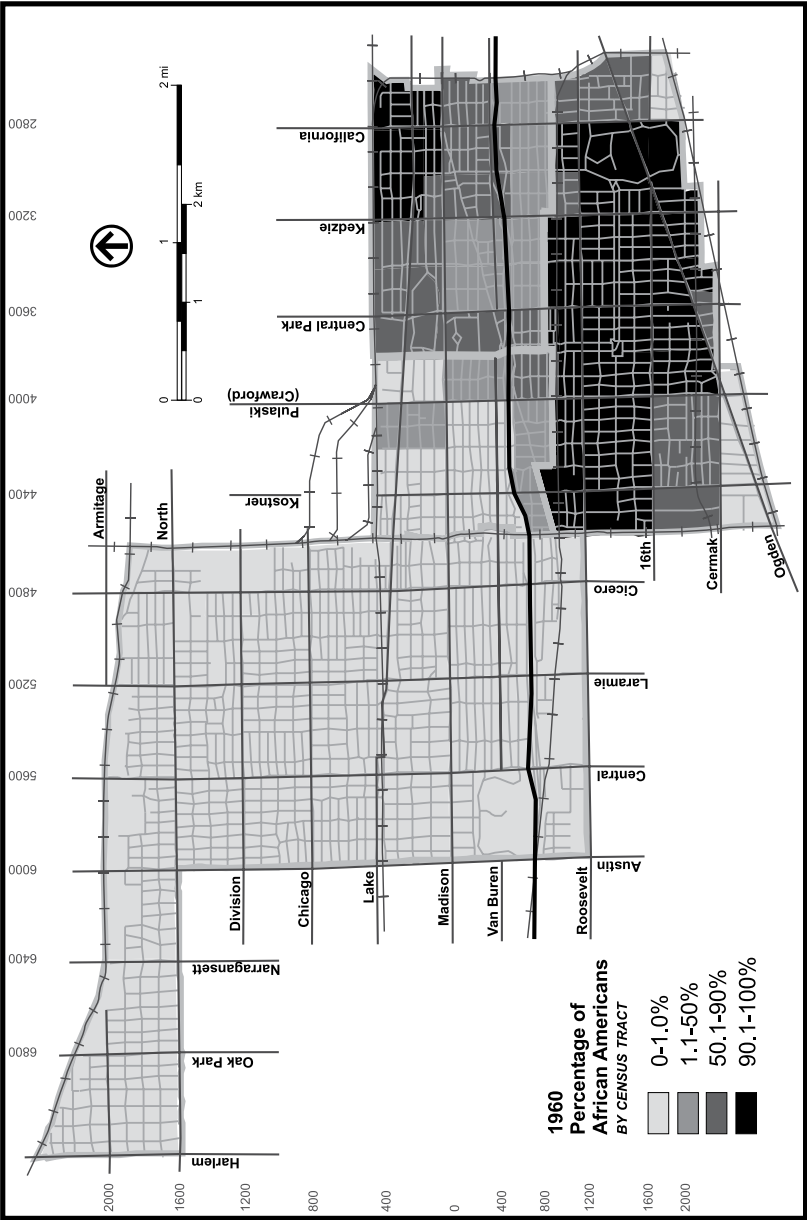


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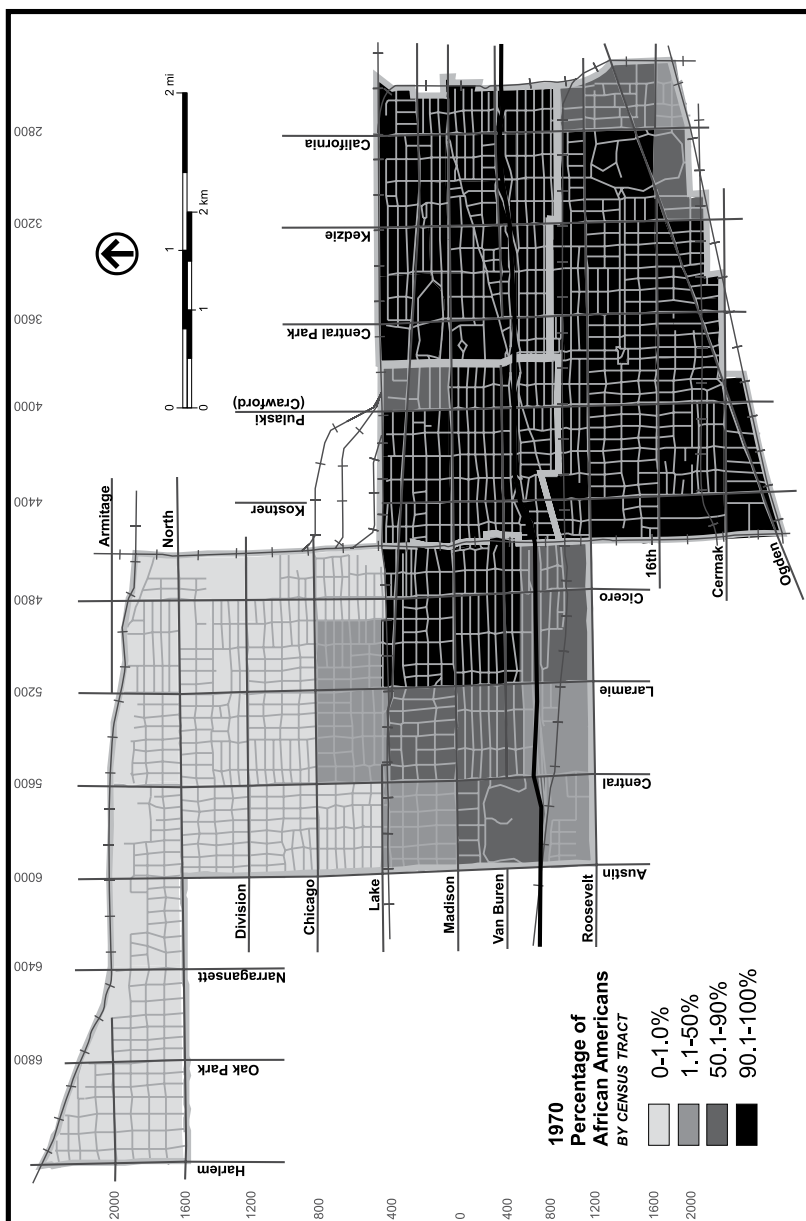


Figure 4d: Racial composition of the West Side, 1970

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