



## How to use a Polk Directory Library

*There is one in your city and in other  
important cities over the Country*

You can make a trip to almost any City in the Country in a few minutes by consulting the City Directory of that City, which is on file in the Polk Directory Library.

For the City Directory is the City, complete in one condensed well-indexed volume. What you can find in your own City Directory you can find in the City Directory of another City—if it is a Polk City—or the publication of some other member of the Association of North American Directory Publishers.

Today the modern City Directory occupies a place peculiarly its own. It supplies in one volume facts and information about a city not to be found elsewhere.

### USE THE DIRECTORY LIBRARY

When you know a firm's or a person's name and the city where located, but cannot remember the street address:

When you cannot recall a concern's style of name or have forgotten some person's initials:

When you want the names and titles of City, County or State Officials in another part of the country:

When you need the names of banks, real estate men, a lawyer or another business group or individual in another city:

Or innumerable other kinds of information found only in City Directories—the nearest Directory Library is at your service.

Directory Libraries are the natural result of a commercial and social need anticipated and fulfilled by R. L. Polk & Co. and affiliated Directory Publishers.

### EMERGENCY SERVICE

In emergencies Directory Libraries have been of inestimable worth to persons in need of the name of a Doctor, Hospital or Cemetery in some nearby or distant locality. Traveling salesmen and tourists find them especially helpful.

Directories of both large and small cities are kept on file for quick reference. That they are valued is evident by the numerous letters of commendation which are continually reaching us.

Every day all over the country, thousands of people are consulting these Libraries, and aside from their personal assistance the Directories in the collection are good advertising for their respective cities and their industries.

Likewise the individual advertisers in the various books profit by the increased distribution which their Directory Advertising and Classified References receive through this Library plan, which places Directories throughout the country to direct those who need them. In other words, it nationalizes a service which formerly was only local in its use.

# POLK'S CHICAGO CITY DIRECTORY 1923

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|              |                   |          |                     |         |                  |          |                |           |                     |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------|------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| acct         | accountant        | coml     | commercial          | gasstr  | gasfitter        | mus      | music          | sec       | secretary           |
| adv          | advertising       | comm     | commissioner        | gds     | goods            | mus      | mutual         | sergt     | sergeant            |
| agri         | agricultural      | cond     | conductor           | gen     | general          | Natl     | National       | stady     | staidly             |
| al           | alley             | conf     | confector           | gov     | government       | news     | newsdealer     | slmng     | sleazemonger        |
| Am           | American          | const    | construction        | gro     | grocer           | near     | near           | slmnm     | slonmnm             |
| Appr         | apprentice        | cons eng | consulting engineer | hd      | hand             | opr      | operator       | soc       | society             |
| apts         | apartments        | cont     | contractor          | hqs     | headquarters     | ostee    | osteopath      | solr      | solitor             |
| archt        | architect         | cor      | corporation         | hwr     | hardware         | pass     | passenger      | sq        | square              |
| asmbly       | assembly          | corr     | correspondent       | hng     | hanger           | pdtr     | peddler        | stn       | station             |
| assoc        | association       | ct       | cutler              | hosp    | hospital         | pharm    | pharmacist     | stn       | stationary engineer |
| asst         | assistant         | cir      | carriage            | hmp     | hospital         | phone    | telephone      | stn       | steno               |
| attndt       | attendant         | dep      | deputy              | inc     | incorporated     | photo    | photographer   | stero     | stereotyper         |
| atly         | attorney          | dept     | department          | ins     | insurance        | phys     | physician      | stmr      | steamfitter         |
| aud          | auditor           | distr    | distributor         | inspr   | inspector        | pkwy     | Parkway        | supt      | superintendent      |
| auto         | automobile        | dist     | district            | inst    | instrument       | pk       | packer         | supv      | supervisor          |
| av           | avenue            | dist     | district            | instr   | instructor       | pl       | plumber        | surg      | surgeon             |
| bksman       | booksman          | dmstr    | demonstrator        | int rev | internal revenue | plmb     | plumber        | swtchmn   | switchman           |
| bkbur        | bookbinder        | dom      | domestic            | isb     | laborer          | pntr     | printer        | techr     | teacher             |
| bkpr         | bookkeeper        | drftsmn  | draftsman           | kpr     | keeper           | pntr     | printer        | tel       | telegraph           |
| bidg         | building          | elec     | electrician         | lab     | laborer          | post     | postoffice     | ter       | terrace             |
| blk          | block             | elec     | electrical          | lieut   | lieutenant       | pres     | president      | tmkr      | timekeeper          |
| blksmith     | blacksmith        | elec     | electrical          | lho     | lithographer     | prin     | printer        | tmkr      | timekeeper          |
| bl           | boulevard         | elec     | electrical          | lbrs    | laundry          | prod     | produce        | trdr      | tender              |
| br           | branch            | elev     | elevator            | lndrs   | laundress        | prof     | professor      | trns      | transportation      |
| brklyr       | bricklayer        | embdr    | embroiderer         | lndymn  | laundryman       | prop     | proprietor     | trsv      | traveling           |
| brkmsn       | brakeman          | emp      | employee            | md      | limited          | prov     | provisions     | trns      | treasurer           |
| cabmkr       | cabinetmaker      | emp agcy | employment agency   | mach    | machine          | prsmn    | pressman       | undtr     | undertaker          |
| cap          | captain           | eng      | engineer            | mech    | mechanical       | publr    | publisher      | unbr      | unbrake             |
| carp         | carpenter         | exch     | exchange            | mech    | mechanical       | rd       | road           | us        | United States       |
| cash         | cashier           | exp      | expressman          | mfr     | manufacturer     | real est | real estate    | usa       | United States Army  |
| chauf        | chauffeur         | fgm      | foreman             | mfr     | manufacturer     | reclvr   | receiver       | usn       | United States Navy  |
| chf          | chief             | fnshr    | finisher            | mfr     | manufacturer     | repr     | representative | vet       | veterinary          |
| C S          | Christian Science | forldy   | forelady            | mkr     | maker            | rest     | restaurant     | vice-pres | vice-president      |
| practitioner | practitioner      | frm      | form                | mkt     | market           | rest     | restaurant     | wscmn     | warehouseman        |
| clerk        | clerk             | frt      | freight             | mlde    | molder           | ry       | railroad       | wid       | widow               |
| cl           | clerk             | frt      | freight             | mlde    | molder           | ry       | railroad       | wkr       | worker              |
| clr          | clear             | frt      | freight             | mlde    | molder           | ry       | railroad       | wks       | works               |
| collr        | collector         | furn     | furnishing          | msngr   | messenger        | san      | sanitary       | wchmn     | watchman            |
| com          | commission        | furn     | furnishing          | mstr    | master           | sch      | school         | ydmn      | yardman             |
|              |                   | gard     | gardener            | mtrmn   | motorman         | sch      | school         | ydmn      | yardman             |

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR STREET NAMES

|               |            |             |           |              |           |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Blackstone    | Blkstn.    | Hamilton    | Hmitn.    | Nevada       | Nev.      |
| Blue Island   | Bl. Isl.   | Harrison    | Harrn.    | New England  | New Eng.  |
| Broadway      | Bway.      | Herm        | Herm.     | Ontario      | Ont.      |
| California    | Cal.       | Humboldt    | Humb.     | Park         | Pk.       |
| Calumet       | Calumet    | Humboldt    | Humb.     | Parkside     | Pk. Sd.   |
| Central       | Centr.     | Illinois    | Ill.      | Parkview     | Pk. Vw.   |
| Central Park  | Centr. Pk. | Indiana     | Ind.      | Philadelphia | Phila.    |
| Chicago       | Chgo.      | Irving Park | Ir. Pk.   | Ravenwood    | Rvnswd.   |
| Cleveland     | Cvland.    | Jefferson   | Jeff.     | Ridgeway     | Rdgway.   |
| Commercial    | Coml.      | Jefferson   | Jeff.     | Roosevelt    | Rsvt.     |
| Congress      | Cong.      | Lafayette   | LaCyt.    | Sacramento   | Sac.      |
| Cottage Grove | Ctg. Gr.   | Lake Park   | Lk. Pk.   | Sedgwick     | Sedg.     |
| Dearborn      | Dearb.     | Lakela      | Lak.      | Spaulding    | Spald.    |
| Division      | Div.       | Lawrence    | Lawr.     | Stony Island | Sty. Isl. |
| Elizabeth     | Eliz.      | Lexington   | Lex.      | Superior     | Supr.     |
| Englewood     | Englwd.    | Lincoln     | Lin.      | Van Buren    | Van B.    |
| Evergreen     | Evgrn.     | Madison     | Mad.      | Wabash       | Wab.      |
| Exchange      | Exch.      | Maplewood   | Maplwd.   | Washington   | Washn.    |
| Federal       | Fed.       | Marquette   | Marq.     | Winchester   | Winchr.   |
| Franklin      | Fran.      | Marquette   | Marq.     | Wisconsin    | Wiscn.    |
| Frederick     | Fredk.     | Michigan    | Mich.     | Wrightwood   | Wrtw.     |
| Garfield      | Grfd.      | Midway Park | Mdwy. Pk. |              |           |
| George        | Geo.       | Midway Park | Mdwy. Pk. |              |           |

## ABBREVIATIONS FOR RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO

|                   |            |                |           |               |            |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Arlington Heights | Arl. Hts.  | Highland Park  | H. Pk.    | Oak Lawn      | O. Law.    |
| Blue Island       | Bl. Isl.   | Highwood       | Hghwd.    | Orchard Place | Orchd. Pl. |
| Brookfield        | Bkfld.     | Indiana Harbor | Ind. Hbr. | Park Ridge    | Pk. Rds.   |
| Chicago Heights   | Chgo. Hts. | Kenilworth     | K.        | Franklin Park | Frnk. Pk.  |
| Cleary            | Clery.     | Lagrange       | Lag.      | River Forest  | Riv. Frst. |
| Dearfield         | Drfd.      | Lake Bluff     | Lk. Bl.   | River Grove   | Riv. Gr.   |
| Desplains         | Despls.    | Lake Forest    | Lk. F.    | River Side    | Riv. Sd.   |
| Downers Grove     | Dwnrs. Gr. | Maywood        | Maywd.    | Schiller Park | Schl. Pk.  |
| East Chicago      | Es. Chgo.  | Melrose        | Melr.     | Villa Park    | Vll. Pk.   |
| Elmhurst Park     | Elmhw. Pk. | Morgan Grove   | Mot. Gr.  | Wheaton       | Whtn.      |
| Evanston          | Ev.        | Mt. Greenwood  | Mt. Grnw. | Wilmington    | Wlmt.      |
| Glencoe           | Gleo.      | Naperville     | Nprvle.   | Winnetka      | Wnntka.    |
| Glensview         | Glnvw.     | North Chicago  | N. Chgo.  |               |            |

## ABBREVIATIONS GIVEN NAMES

|           |      |           |       |           |       |          |       |
|-----------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Abraham   | Abr  | Charles   | Chas  | Henry     | Hy    | Richard  | Richt |
| Alexander | Alex | Daniel    | Danl  | James     | Jas   | Robert   | Robt  |
| Alfred    | Alf  | Edward    | Edw   | John      | John  | Samuel   | Saml  |
| Archibald | Arch | Elizabeth | Eliz  | Joseph    | Jos   | Stephen  | Stoph |
| Arthur    | Arth | Eugene    | Eug   | Katherine | Kath  | Theodore | Theo  |
| August    | Aug  | Frederick | Fredk | Margaret  | Margt | Thomas   | Thos  |
| Benjamin  | Bnm  | George    | Geo   | Michael   | Michl | William  | Wm    |
| Catherine | Cath |           |       | Patrick   | Patk  |          |       |