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This Directory was designed to give a panoramic view of the entire city, street by street. All of the streets are arranged alphabetically, with each street described as to starting point, termination and relative positions to other streets and landmarks.

For each street, all house numbers are arranged in numerical progression with the intersecting streets noted at their respective crossing points. Opposite each house number is placed the name of the householder (i.e. the head of the household) and, in the case of a married man, the wife's given name is shown in parentheseses immediately after his name. In case of a place of business where the firm name is not self-explanatory, the nature if the business is indicated. Home
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