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My internship this summer was a continuation of the research I had been helping conduct under the direction of Dr. Rotman the previous semester. Though previous research in South Bend, IN has focused on the Irish concentration of immigrants who lived near and worked for the University of Notre Dame, this project focuses on the neighborhood on the west side of the St. Joseph River, which was considerably more diverse in its socioeconomic and ethnic composition than the community to the east. Through census enumerations, newspaper clippings, GIS rendering, city directories, and more, we are putting together how this industrious, diverse community existed.

My research this summer specifically focused on analyzing the data in the census enumerations of 1860, 1870, and 1880 in order to more fully understand the community. I have greatly valued this opportunity as a way to both further understand anthropological research as well as learn more about the city in which I live for most of the year! As we begin the school year, I look forward to drawing conclusions from our data and gathering it into a presentable format for the American Anthropological Association Conference this fall.