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BLANDO

Records of KC Election board show:

GIOVANNI BATTISTA BLANDO, formerly of 5328 Euclid, now at 637 East 74
was born 6-12-97 Italy. Naturalized 10-10-27 KCMo Us Ct West Dist Mo
Cert # 2611297 Lived on 74 th since 1930.

MARIA BLANDO, b 4-3-02 Italy Nat 6-5-39 USD Ct KCMo # 4707370
Transferred registration from 5328 Euclid to 74 st in 3-10-44

Also at same address:

Emanuel Lawrence Blando, b 8-20-26 Jackson County. Applied to vote 2-13-48
Grace Lucille Blando b 12-13-27 Jackson County

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Saunders shows filemon Blando. Seems he has better records on such matters than the cops. In the matter of the Valentin Inn at 1109 Broadway, owned by James Balestrere and operated by the man he said was his nephew, John Blando, triple in Star 5-10-26 describes how it blew up and burned early that morning. H. C. Doennecke, a patrolman, was walking by the place and saw and smelled raw gasoline running out from under the front door, This was in the early a.m. after closing time. This was a vootleg joint. In remodeling it the previous September 25 the roof collapsed and four men were killed. In the fire, firemen found gas all over the place. Damage to bldg was set at \$3,0000 and to contents \$3,000. Balestrere has \$5,000 insurance on the place. The building owner was Jack Michillo and the headwaiter was Joe Genova. Blando 29 tehn, Balestrere was 35.

Balestrere made statement May 11, 1926, to cops that h knew nothing of the fire, that he spent \$7,500 remodeling the joint and that he then lived at 532 Troost avenue. Facsimile signature is in Balestrere file.

August 7, 1938, Blando had a fire in his home at 5328 Euclid. Since 1930 five fire insurance companies had cancelled the policies on his home, apparently considering the fire in Valentine inn, labelled in paper by firemen and cops as plainly incendiary. Also had one small fire at Su[p]erior Wine and Liquors.