

COMPTON

Fred Compton was the son of **Edward Compton** and **Hannah Schlote**, both New York natives. He was born in November 1897 in Mount Vernon, Westchester County, New York, third of nine children. His parents then moved to Manhattan, New York before settling in the South Bronx, New York.

Fred Compton lived in Baychester only a very short time. In 1924 he gave his voter registration address as **2319 Palmer Avenue**.¹ The houses on that side of the street were demolished for the new entrance into the neighborhood from the extended Bruckner Boulevard. In 1925 he lived at **2108 Bassett Avenue** with his wife **Margaret** (maiden name unknown) and two daughters, **Viola**, age 3, and **Gertrude**, age 2.² Fred supported this family as a shipping clerk. Based on the age of his first daughter, Fred and Margaret probably married circa 1922.

By 1930 Fred Compton and his daughter Violet [Viola] were living with Fred's parents at 198 Brook Avenue in the South Bronx, Mott Haven section; he worked as a helper in the trucking industry.³ His wife Margaret and daughter Gertrude were not found in the 1930 census.

Daughter **Viola Compton** married **Calvin Stanley** in Virginia. Daughter **Gertrude Compton** married **Stanley Grataski** in Alabama. It is unknown where Fred and Margaret Compton moved to or ended up. No additional information was found on this couple.

¹ 1924 Voter Registration, Bronx, District 6, New York

² "New York State Census, 1925," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KSM1-LDR> : 8 November 2014), Fred Compton, New York, A.D. 06, E.D. 12, Bronx, New York, United States; records extracted by Ancestry and images digitized by FamilySearch; citing p. 16, line 08, New York State Archives, Albany.

³ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7DS-ZFT> : accessed 17 May 2021), Fred Compton in household of Edward Compton, Bronx (Districts 1-250), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 10, sheet 6B, line 91, family 136, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1463; FHL microfilm 2,341,198.