

Burton Street, S.E.

As the name of Louis Campau is important to the history of Grand Rapids, just so are the names of "Aunt Hattie" and Barney Burton to the history of Burton Heights. Burton Street and Burton Woods perpetuate the name. In 1891, while still retaining many of its rural characteristics, Burton Heights became part of the City of Grand Rapids. After the trolley line was extended as far as Burton Street in 1893, the entire locality was known as Burton Heights. Barney Burton was a farmer born in New York state in 1804 and moved to Grand Rapids from Ypsilanti. In 1834, Barney and Harriet Burton were the first settlers to marry in Grand Rapids. Having traveled west in search of land for crops, Barney bought 320 acres from the government for \$400. The boundaries of his property were present-day Burton, Madison, 28th, and Division, one-half of a square mile. Besides farming, Burton was the county assessor and a justice of the peace. Eventually the Burtons sold the farm and moved to Barclay Avenue, where Barney died at the age of 52. Harriet remained in the community until her death at 83.

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12 09/03/70 3605 Cooke

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139 07/20/73 4445 Pitsch
2-story frame dwelling.

141 2-story frame dwelling, just west of church.

200 Burton S.E. Barney Burton built his farmhouse on this site. The present dwelling was the Charles Garfield home, built about 1860. Garfield had Burton's house moved to the east, where it was used as a barn on the Winchell farm, the present site of St. Joseph's Seminary.

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334 Burton S.E. Garfield Park Lodge. Barney Burton's farm was purchased by Samuel Garfield and his brother-in-law, Joel Simonds, in 1858. Garfield planted an orchard. He served as county assessor and helped start the Grand Rapids Savings Bank in 1870. His son, Charles W. Garfield, farmed the land, taught school, served in the state legislature, and became president of the Grand Rapids Savings Bank. Charles was one of Burton Heights' most famous and best loved residents, "a pioneer citizen of this district, a lover of nature and children and a leader in municipal, social and civic affairs." The people of Burton Heights cherish the memory of this philanthropist. In 1906, Charles; his wife, Jessie; and Julia Fletcher, his cousin's widow,

donated 30 acres on the southwest corner of Burton and Madison to the city. The property was developed into a playground and baseball field--Garfield-Fletcher Park. By 1910, the city built tennis courts and pools. In 1914, Garfield planted "Burton Woods," to the west along Jefferson Avenue. He donated it to the city to be maintained as forest. Remaining land, between the park and Jefferson Drive, was donated in 1918.

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600 Burton S.E. The site of the Winchell farm, where Barney Burton's house was moved by Charles Garfield in 1860 from 200 Burton S.E. St. Joseph's Seminary was built here in 1920.

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801-03

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1023 04/15/98 8793 (Garage. Void.)

1104

1120 08/15/66 2235 George Ziton

1126 06/07/61 362 *George N. Ziton*

1132 Burton S.E. Last Chance Saloon/Tavern. Established 1934.

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1142 05/14/90 8044 Riverside
Old gas station.

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1200-02 04/22/87 7618 *Riverside*

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1222 04/06/87 7614 *Pitsch*
Storage building in rear.

1337 06/17/94 8419 Pitsch

1401	07/16/69	3076	John W. Potter
1405	07/16/69	3077	John W. Potter
1408	05/08/79	5735	Pitsch
1411	07/16/69	3078	John W. Potter
1454			
1516-r	12/11/62	1491	Riverside House in rear. No sewer, no water.
1554	08/26/71	3974	Capitol
1606	09/28/70	3620	Capitol
1721	06/06/66	2184	Capitol
1731	08/28/62	1364	Riverside
1916	10/19/70	3645	Pitsch
2350			
2355	08/24/78	5611	Visser Sales

2411	06/06/90	8052	Parks Construction Old gas station.
2455	Burton S.E. Great Lakes Shipping Co. The restaurant originally opened as the Starboard Tack in the 1970's.		
2465	07/08/94	8423	Visser Bros. Old Kent drive-in bank.
2706	02/12/2002	9140	Nugent Bldg. This house was used since the late 1960's as a parish house and religious education center for St. Paul's Church.
3190	05/16/2003	9226	Kentwood Excavating House.
3194	10/15/91	8186	Pitsch
3335	09/25/2002	9188	Roosien Excavating Co.
3485	02/26/85	7353	Ivan Koetje No sewer, no cutoff.
3546	12/05/77	5406	<i>Burton Ridge Apartments</i>
3624	02/10/77	5203	Pitsch
3800	08/27/86	7537	Graves Associates No sewer.
3930	05/10/2004	9330	Rollaway Movers