

College Avenue, N.E.

17-19 College N.E. This brick Italianate-style house was built in 1867 by Wilma Cole on Fulton Street, giving rise to speculation that the present side yard (now attached to Davenport College's Lettinga Training Center at 473 Fulton E.) was actually the front yard. Over the years the address changed from 159 to 161 Fulton in 1869; to 443 Fulton in 1875; and finally to its present address in 1912. Cole lived in the house for half a century, at least until 1917. It has ornately bracketed, decorated eaves, and tall, arched windows with deep hoods. Particularly enjoyable is the large bay window in the living/dining room, which offers seasonal views of the lush landscaping, while retaining its privacy from vehicle and foot traffic below. In 1993, one apartment was occupied by Joseph Szymczak, an interior decorator with Metternich-Cole.

20 College N.E. Photo in GRPL, Robinson collection, C006686.

27 College N.E. This American Craftsman-style home was built about 1882 by Wilma Cole, owner of the house across the driveway to the south. Sometime after the properties were divided and the two houses had separate owners--around 1938--this home was converted to two apartments and eventually to three. It remained a rental property until purchased by James Payne and Char Kruzich in 1986. Over the next 14 years, the house was gutted and renovated from scratch.

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40 College N.E. Charles Philbrick built this home in the late 19th century, and had the exterior lavishly decorated with scrolls, waves, sunbursts, rope



braids, and other carved ornamentation that looked like dolls dancing and webs being woven. When current owner Sharon Osborn bought the house in 1992, it had been covered with cream-colored aluminum siding. Much of the intricate woodwork on the house has been researched, restored, and replaced. (Photo: Rex D. Larsen in *G.R. Press*, Sunday, October 1, 2000, p. L1.)

45 College N.E. Grinnel House. Italianate. This house was built in 1890 for Charles L. Grinnel.

57 College N.E. Steketee House. Queen Anne American Craftsman. The first two stories of this frame structure are clapboard siding, with shingles above. Built in 1892 as a single-family home, its first owner was John P. Steketee, son of Paul Steketee, who founded Steketee's Department Stores. On June 28, 1994, a fire caused by careless smoking destroyed the top floor and the rear kitchen of the house, causing \$150,000 damage. Jack Hoppus, owner of the house since 1977, quickly set about rebuilding and restoring the residence.

111 College N.E. Built for the Grand Rapids Public Schools in 1971-72, this 3-story structure has been the home to many G.R.P.S. programs, notably a vocational school, then City High School, and the current (2009) Grand Rapids Montessori Grades 4-8. Capacity: 638. 2009-10 enrollment: 134. When it was built, there was no attempt to blend it into its historic surroundings. A one- and two-story addition to the north side of the building was approved in 2011.

121 03/10/71 3817 Dohm

129 03/10/71 3818 Dohm
Photo in GRPL, Robinson collection, C032167.

133 12/07/71 4054 Kentwood Excavating

134 College N.E. Built in 1880, this predominantly Eastlake house features ornate shingle work in the main gable. The delicate pierced tracery on either side of the bay window is repeated in the rich ornamentation of the veranda, with its geometric forms and furniture turnings. The house is a mystery. Who commissioned its construction, what was the person's position in the community, business, interests: all these are unknown.

159 College N.E. Fountain School. The school was originally located on Fountain Street near Central High School. The current location of the school was once the site of the Union Benevolent Association Home and Hospital. Construction of the new Fountain School began in May, 1917. Charles Hoertz & Son was awarded the general construction contract. The building was completed in June, 1918, at a cost of \$122,000. At the time, it was the second largest elementary school building in Grand Rapids, and was "one of the finest in the state" when it opened on September 3, 1918, according to the *Grand Rapids Press*. Fireproof because of its reinforced concrete construction and the sharing of Central High School's heating plant, the school's architect was H.H. Turner. The symmetrical 3-story building is 721 x 1541, with a 341 x 511 wing for an assembly room and gymnasium. The exterior walls are tile faced with imperial red shale brick. The trim is terra cotta and Indiana limestone. There is a great deal of ornate exterior trim near the corners and roof line, including small, sculptured children's faces near the north and south entrances. The interior trim is white oak, much of it original. The building contains a large amount of glass in the doors and windows facing the corridors. There are 15 classrooms with a capacity of 600 students. (*Grand Rapids Herald*, June 9, 1918, p. 19.) The building was renovated in 2006. Current capacity: 261. 2009-10 enrollment: 180.

315 08/03/77 5384 Calvary Undenominational Church

323-25	12/05/77	5411	Calvary Undenominational Church
329	02/01/00	8966	Pitsch
337	09/18/69	3139	<i>Jack Dykstra Excavating, Inc.</i> <i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>

405-07	08/01/77	5324	Cross
<i>414-16 College N.E. Flat.</i>			
417-19	08/01/77	5325	Cross
418	05/31/66	2183	Andy Dykema
421	05/04/78 No cutoff.	5512	Pitsch
427	03/20/62	979	<i>Kamminga & Roodvoets</i>
428	02/14/62	881	<i>Capitol</i>
431	12/13/61	712	Pitsch
432-34-36	07/02/62 <i>Flat.</i>	1250	<i>Houting & Meeusen</i>
433-37	04/09/62	1019	OK Wrecking
438-40	07/02/62 <i>Double house.</i>	1249	<i>Houting & Meeusen</i>
441	12/13/61	732	<i>Capitol</i>
444	09/25/62	1408	<i>Houting & Meeusen</i>
446-48	11/20/61	626	Houting & Meeusen
447	01/18/62	812	<i>Pitsch</i>

450	09/13/61	513	Daily Transfer
451-55	06/29/61	382	<i>Loren Pitsch</i> <i>Double house.</i>
452	07/11/61	399	<i>Loren Pitsch</i> <i>Twin house with 456.</i>
456	11/01/61	581	<i>Dore</i>
460	07/11/61	400	<i>Pitsch</i> <i>Flat.</i>
462	11/25/61	599	<i>Fred C. Cooke</i> <i>Apartments.</i>
468	05/22/62	1113	<i>Houting & Meeusen</i>

500	01/30/62	858	<i>Kamminga & Roodvoets</i>
501	01/31/62	859	Kamminga & Roodvoets
506	01/18/62	807	<i>Capitol</i>
507	06/12/62	1161	OK Wrecking
510	09/17/68	2833	<i>K & R & Associates</i>
513	12/05/77	5464	Kentwood Excavating
516	09/17/68	2834	<i>K & R & Associates</i>
517-r	02/12/75	4689	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
519	12/05/77	5465	Kentwood Excavating
520	09/17/68	2835	K & R & Associates
520½	09/17/68	2836	K & R & Associates
526	09/17/68	2837	<i>K & R & Associates</i>
529½	12/27/78	5559	Pitsch
530	10/13/69	3205	<i>Kentwood Excavating, Inc.</i>

700	05/22/98	8800	Fenstermacher
	Highland Park pool.		
710	05/01/79	5634	Rehabilitated.
743	02/13/96	8610	Fenstermacher
1053	11/10/71	4040	Cooke
1055	11/10/71	4041	Cooke
1110	08/31/66	2249	Houting & Meeusen
	Cancelled.		
	02/27/67	2369	Andy Dykema
	To use sewer line. To rebuild.		
<i>1128</i>	<i>04/26/67</i>	<i>2409</i>	<i>Cooke</i>
1132	04/26/67	2410	Cooke
1136	05/21/73	4413	Cannon
<i>1206 College N.E.</i>			
<i>1209 College N.E.</i>			
<i>1214 College N.E. Dwelling.</i>			
<i>1368</i>	<i>02/20/74</i>	<i>4570</i>	<i>Pitsch</i>
1510 College N.E. Built 1926.			
<i>3218 College N.E.</i>			
<i>3226 College N.E.</i>			