

Commerce Avenue, S.W.

- 6-8 *West side of Kortlander Building, 26-28 Fulton W.*
- 11-15 7-story brick factory, demolished c. 1954. Photo in GRPL, Robinson collection, E0893.
- 12-14 02/01/62 864 Capitol
Sewer line to be used. Building shows in Robinson collection, E0322.
- 20 09/13/82 7164 Riverside
Second story only.
- 47 1926
2-story frame dwelling.

48 Commerce S.W. (Photo: GRPL, Pitsch/Capitol collection, Series 13.)



- 49 1926
2-story frame dwelling.

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- 58 *Old Spring Street Christian Reformed Church. Tower visible in Robinson, E660.*

65 08/07/62 1330 P & S Wrecking

67 08/27/91 8178 Pitsch

- 117 1939
 2-story brick dwelling.
- 118 Commerce S.W. Built as the Heystek Building in 1911, the former Coliseum became the new headquarters for United Way in 1999. The building received the Neighborhood Business Award for best reuse of building.
- 121 12/10/2001 9133 H & M
 Originally denied. Razed during last week of January, 2002.
 09/22/2003 9264 H & M
 Collapsed building.
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- 138 Commerce S.W. Originally addressed as 25 Cherry S.W., this 1- and 2-story brick and masonry structure was built by the U.S. Post Office as its parcel post station after an explosion in the parcel post area on the Division Avenue side of the main post office in 1924. No longer in use after the new post office was built at 225 Michigan N.W. in 1963, the building was gutted and used as a parking area by United Way in 1999. United Way sold it in 2006 to Douglas J Aveda Institute, an East Lansing-based cosmetology and spa services training school.
- 214 *2-story brick warehouse.*
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- 234 *12/29/67 2596 Jack Dykstra*
 2-story frame dwelling on s.e. corner of Williams.
- 235 *Dwelling on s.w. corner of Williams.*
- 236 *08/19/70 3587 Dohm (voided)*
 04/01/71 3832 Staggs
 Dwelling.
- 237 *Dwelling.*
- 239 1932
 2-story frame dwelling.
- 243 03/05/90 8014 Pitsch
- 250 Commerce S.W. Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Built in 1952 as the U.S. Post Office Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility, this building was

converted into the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, relocated from its Heritage Hill structure at Prospect and Crescent N.E., in 2007.

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309 1926
 2-story frame dwelling.
 1929
 2-story frame dwelling.

312 06/15/64 1790 Capitol

312-rear

315 Commerce S.W. Monitor Machinery Co. It was announced in February, 1999, that this historic 7-story brick factory building was to be converted to apartments. The project was to be undertaken by Dwelling Place Inc. and Gough Properties, an Indiana developer. The 195,000-square-foot building was occupied at the time by 17 different businesses. The original building at the southwest corner of Commerce and Goodrich was built in 1904. It received major additions in 1910 and 1921. The original owner of the building was the Globe Knitting Works, an underwear manufacturing company whose name still appears in stone above one of its portals. Globe was one of Grand Rapids' largest employers, with more than 1,800 workers. In 1955, the factory was closed by Globe's parent company, Aetna Industrial Corp. It remained empty until 1963, when the Monical Machinery Co. bought it. Owners Tim and Dorothy Holt renamed the company Monitor Machinery in 1985.

334-36 05/20/76 4997 Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch

344 2-story frame dwelling. Rear view in Robinson, E1394.

346 01/29/68 2616 Urban Renewal (Don O'Keefe)
 02/02/68 2619 Pitsch

348 Commerce S.W. Fire at 3:16 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 1967. Two-story frame vacant condemned dwelling. "On arrival, found upstairs engulfed in flames. Old mattress evidently used by persons unknown." Owner, Mrs. Edith Rasberry. \$200.00 loss.

 01/29/68 2615 Urban Renewal (Don O'Keefe)
 02/02/68 2620 Pitsch

349 1930
 2-story frame dwelling.
 05/07/90 8031 Pitsch