

**Crescent Street, N.W.**

Crescent N.W. & Division N. The Julius Berkey house on the southwest corner was built by 1891. Julius Berkey co-owned the Berkey & Gay Furniture Co. from 1873 to 1929.

2-4            *Gas station.*

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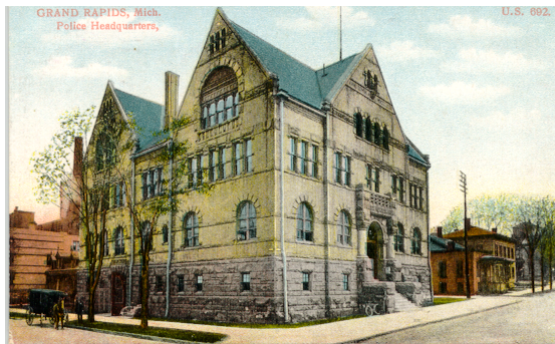
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29 Crescent N.W. This 1-story brick structure was the same building as 303 Ionia N.W., the City Hall annex in 1962. Photo: GRPL 125, Box 934, Folder 30.

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*2-story brick machine shop.*

**35 Crescent N.W.** Police Headquarters was built in 1892 and demolished in 1966.

(Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1910. The Ottawa Avenue side is at left, the Crescent Street side at right.)



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**110 Crescent N.W.** The south side of Crescent Street between Ottawa and Bond was occupied by the Kent County Court House from 1889 until 1966.



The red brick structure was designed by Osgood & Osgood. (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1910. The Ottawa Avenue side is at left, the Crescent Street side at right.)

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**113-15 Crescent N.W.** Pierce Building. Regent Hotel. Demolished by Capitol Wrecking, June 30, 1944. 1899 photo shows American Wringer Co. at 115 (27). (Old #29-27. Photo: *History, Grand Rapids Fire Department, 1844-1899*, p. 15.)

**125 Crescent N.W.** Engine House No. 4. The rear portion of this building, facing Bond Avenue, was built as Engine House No. 2 in the late 1860's. The



larger structure was completed by the mid-1870's, and Engine 2 moved up the hill to a more strategic location on Barclay Avenue. This building served as Fire Department headquarters until the new Engine House No. 1 was opened on LaGrave Avenue in 1911. No. 4's was finally closed on August 1, 1938, and its equipment transferred to Engine House No. 3 on Front Avenue. The building was torn down in 1940 and the site

became a Skaff parking lot. (Photo: *History, Grand Rapids Fire Department, 1844-1899*, p. 15.)

**126-36 Crescent N.W.** The McKay Building. In 1960, this building housed: 126-28 Fraternal Order of Police, State Bonding Agency (bail bonds), and the County Superintendent of Schools (special education department); 130 Bartnick



Display Signs (window displays);  
132 Regent Café (restaurant).

(Photo: GRPL 33, c. 1960; at far right is the marquee of the Regent Theater, and the brick approach to old Engine House No. 4 can be seen in the bottom right corner. Another photo in GRPL 125-C011371B. Photo of 136 in GRPL 93.)

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**133 Crescent N.W.** RKO Regent Theater. Opened in 1923, it had a seating capacity of 2,000. The theater closed on September 29, 1964. (Photo: GRPL 33, c. 1960; movies playing are *Hercules Unchained*, with Steve Reeves, which was released in 1960, and *Gunfighters of Abilene*. The Skaff parking lot which replaced old Engine House No. 4 after 1940 can be seen at lower right. Other photos in GRPL 125-E2045-47.)



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137                      *Rear of 302-04 Monroe N.W.*