

**Division Avenue, S.**

**1-11 Division S.** Cody Hotel. Built as “The Warwick,” a fashionable 4-story residential family hotel, in 1887. The Cody family, which built the hotel and later assumed its active



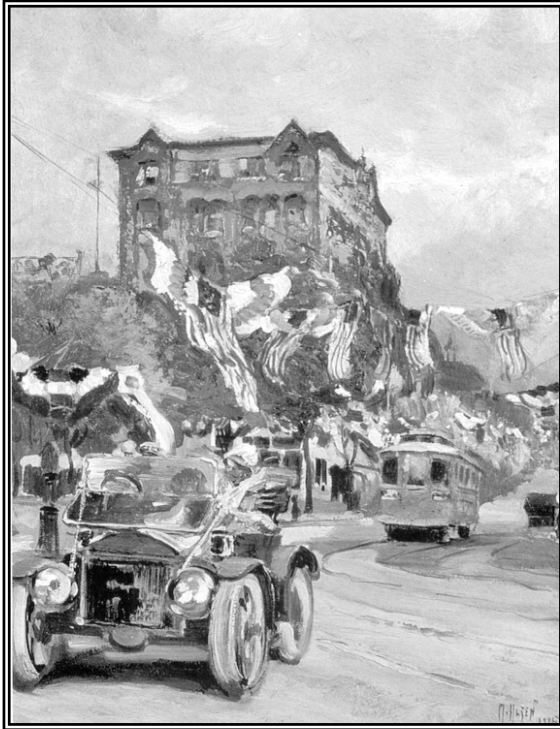
management, gave the building its family name in 1893. The 5-story addition to the south was built in 1900. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, a cousin of the Grand Rapids family, was a frequent guest. He provided the huge buffalo heads which once adorned the hotel’s lobby. In 1948, the businesses here included Elliott’s Cigar Store (on the corner in the photograph); at 3

Division S., James Gilmartin’s restaurant; at 7 Division S., Wes Ramey’s Bar (which can be seen in the photograph in the 5-story portion of the hotel); and at 11 Division S., the Chung King Cafe. Razed by Capitol Wrecking in June, 1958. (Photo: c. 1948, Morrow postcard collection.)

1                      07/01/2004    9350                      Pitsch  
                            City Centre Parking Ramp.

**2-16 Division S.** Livingston Hotel. This 6-story brick building burned on the night of April 1, 1924, with the loss of seven lives and numerous injuries. The burning of the Livingston ultimately made possible the widening of Division Avenue. After the walls were torn down, the foundation and ruins of the hotel remained as a grim reminder of the fire for some years. In 1931, the City undertook the widening project, tearing the fronts off buildings on the east side of Division from Fulton all the way to Hall Street.

(Photos: top, painting by Mathias J. Alten, *Division and Monroe Ave.*, 1915, from the collection of Elizabeth Sherk and Sandra Robell, in *Now at the Grand Rapids Art Museum*, Fall, 1999, p. 5. The top of the Livingston Hotel appears in the background. Bottom: c. 1910, Morrow postcard collection.)



2-12 Division S. The Davenport-McLachlan Building was constructed on the site of the old Livingston Hotel in 1947. Designed as a subdued Art Deco 6-story building for Davenport Institute, the building was stopped at two floors due to lack of funds. Raymond M. Ehinger opened the Ehinger Shoe Co. and gained a national reputation as a specialty shoe vendor, specializing in narrow-width shoes. In the early 1960's, he moved the store onto Monroe Avenue, and in 1984 into the new City Centre, where it remained until the store closed in 1987. Mr. Ehinger died March 14, 1995. Junior Achievement occupied the building for some years in the 1980's and 1990's. Brian Winkelmann was the architect in 2005-06 when the decision was made to complete the building according to its original design.

13-17 Division S. Lifestyle Properties, Inc., planned to occupy this 2-story building by summer, 1999. With 8,400 square feet of space to lease, the ground floor was to be used for commercial purposes, with four 1-bedroom apartments on the second floor.

**21 Division S.** Located in the north half of the first floor of the McMullen Building, the Club 21 was a prominent night spot, operating from the 1930's at least through the 1940's. The 1948 city directory entry reads, "Grand Rapids' only theatre restaurant, fine food, the best in entertainment right from Broadway, new and modern interior, a friendly atmosphere that is so enjoyable, we have a reservation for you." Fozee S. Yared was the owner. On Saturday afternoons families with children could enjoy a suitable floor show. (Photo: About 1937, Courtesy of Mary Ann Palmer, Lillian, AL, August 13,



2001.)

25 Division S. McMullen Building (city directories in the 1940's and 1950's refer to it as the *McCullen* Building). This 6-story commercial structure was built in 1888-90. The former home of the Zondervan bookstore, it has about 48,000 square feet of leasable space. Architects DeWinter & Richard Craig and Visser Brothers Construction worked at restoring the building in 1998-99 at a cost of more than \$3 million.

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35                    10/02/63            1659                Robert Jamo

40-60 Division S. Verne Barry Place, named after the late chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, is a residential and commercial project managed by Dwelling Place, Inc. It has 116 affordable apartments with two more at market rate; 15,375 square feet of commercial space; and a 44-space parking deck for the residents. The complex cost \$15.1 million for renovation and new construction. (*GRBJ*, May 30, 2006, p. B7.)

45 Division S. Home to Dan Navarro's popular Alma Latina restaurant from about 1980 to 2005, this structure was built in the late 1870's or early 1880's. Cornerstone Architects renovated the building in 2006.

51-53                08/01/57            ----                Capitol  
Conger Bldg. Photo in GRPL, 125-0963.

55-59                08/01/57            ----                Capitol  
Ryskamp Bldg. Photo in GRPL, 125-0963.

61                    02/14/79            5698                Pitsch  
Fire cleanup. Water cutoff.

70-72                06/16/67            2441                Pitsch

**71-75 Division S.** The Donovan Building, at the northwest corner of Division and Oakes, was built in 1911 on the site of the former Kalamazoo House hostelry, once a popular overnight destination for stagecoach travelers, operated in the 1870's and 1880's by Gabriel Saliers. The 3-story brick structure has 27,000 square feet of floor space, and was designed by the prominent local architectural firm Benjamin and Sons for the T.R. Donovan Clothing Co., owned by a Detroit clothier. It was occupied for many years by Wepman's Formal Wear. The building was purchased in 1997 by local dentist Eric English for \$275,000.



While the first floor is retained as retail space, the upper two floors have been converted into 12 apartments. (Cf. Mark Johnston, "Solved: Donovan Building: Homes for Heartside," *Grand Rapids Magazine*, May 2004, pp. 28-32. (Photo: *The Building Advocate*, Kent County Council for Historic Preservation, April, 1999.)



**101 Division S.** The Watson & Heald Building, built in 1884 to house a wholesale business and retail grocery. The upper two floors were known as the Glenhaven Hotel,



and years later as the Hillside Hotel. The 3-story brick structure has a total floor space of 31,500 square feet, and boasts an interior courtyard accessible from Oakes Street. Over the years, the building's storefronts were home to many businesses, while the upper floors were used for boarding. In the 1970's, Capitol Lunch operated its soup kitchen here. (Photo: J. Hamilton in G.R. Press, Thursday, December 14, 2000, p. A23.)

**106-120 Division S.** The former Douglas Brothers building, which for many years held a commercial kitchen supply house, was transformed into the Martineau Avenue of the Arts in 2006. This is a mixed-use development for individuals and organizations involved in the arts and art-related business. It includes 13,000 square feet of commercial space and 23 rent-restricted live/work units. Dwelling Place served as the developer and invested \$10.5 million in the project.

112-118      11/01/61      580      Staggs  
Partial photo in GRPL, 125-E1070.

**136 Division S.** Chaffee Apartments. This 1888 building went through the Division Avenue facelift in 1931, and three fires and severe weather damage in the 1990's. It was purchased by Dwelling Place, Inc., in 1998 and renovated into eight one-bedroom apartments averaging 600 square feet on the top two floors, with room for two businesses on the ground floor. The building received the 1999 Neighborhood Business Award for best façade.

**201-05 Division S.** This 3-story brick building was constructed in 1887, and for many years housed the Winegar Furniture Co. The building was gutted by a \$1.1 million fire at 9:45 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 1995.



The rear 5-story portion of this building was torn down on April 19, 1995. The remaining shell along Division and Cherry was deemed to be hazardous, and was razed in the middle of May, 1995. (Photo: GRPL 273, March 31, 1995.)

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Fenstermacher Excavating, Big Rapids

209 Division S. The Peck Block, a 3-story red brick commercial built in 1910 and known as the Palatine Building, was a rooming house for traveling furniture buyers. For many years (in 1993), it was the home of the Nye Uniform Co. The 2011 \$11 million renovation undertaken by Midland-based Brookstone Capital transformed the building into modern, affordable, apartments, renamed Division Park Avenue. As many features as possible were preserved, including the woodwork around the stairwells and a 3-story atrium. Architect Gary Breen of Concept Design Studio said the large atrium capitalized on daylight in older buildings, and is something new designs incorporate to be energy efficient.

225 Division S. Built 1906.

226 *Partial photo in GRPL, 125-E0055.*

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**232 Division S.** 2-story brick flat. (Photo: north side view, GRPL 125-C018604, October 27, 1951.)



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235 Division S. Kelsey Building.

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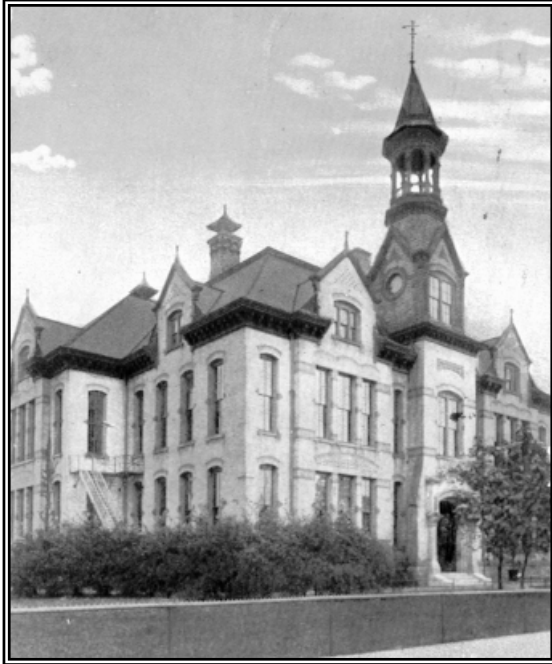
**239-43 Division S.** 2-story brick store. (Photo: G.R.P.D., January 7, 1941.)



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**253 Division S.** South Division School. (Photo: c. 1914, Morrow postcard collection.)



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255 Division S. This one-story brick building was built in 1960. The architect was H.L. Colton Associates. The building was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hull and leased to the Michigan Employment Security Commission. In 1986, it became the home of the Guiding Light Mission.

**300 Division S.**

**306 Division S.** These two homes, in the center of the photo, stood just south of St. Andrew's Cathedral. (Photo: courtesy of Budd Remer, from G.R. Police Dept. files, January 7, 1941.)



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Neighborhood Improvement--  
Loader & Dump

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**322-24 Division S.** Grand Rapids Butchers Supply Co. This 2-story brick commercial on the northeast corner of Division and Goodrich had a store downstairs and two apartments up. The building was 50' x 109', and had wood floors. (Photo: GRPL 287, May 20, 1977, 78203.)



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Riverside

**323 Division S.** The Herkimer Hotel was built in 1887 by a New York businessman who named it after a town in his home state. Just a few blocks from Union Depot, it served as a bustling center for travelers during the early 1900's. It continued as an overnight lodging for salesmen into the 1960's; but by the 1970's, the Herkimer had become a home for transients, renting rooms by the week and the month instead of by the night. Steve and Dan Slot bought the hotel in 1978, restoring the woodwork and giving



the bar and the lobby a facelift. The Herkimer has 120 rooms and 13 apartments. In December, 1992, Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids had an option to buy the building for \$400,000. (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1911.)

334-60 Photo in GRPL, 125-H008925.

**334-334½ Division S.** This ancient wooden roadhouse-style structure on the southeast corner of Division and Goodrich likely dated from the 1850's, and in the mid-1870's housed the Our Lady of Mercy Academy under the direction of Mother Mary Joseph



Lynch, R.S.M. The academy lasted only a couple of years before Mother Mary Joseph's powerful temperament made her remaining under the jurisdiction of Father Patrick J. McManus of St. Andrew's impossible. By 1950, when this photo was taken, the main entrance on Division Avenue (at left) was actually into the basement, which housed a second-hand store. The upstairs living quarters had fallen into complete disrepair. (Photo: GRPL 273, c. 1950.)

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*Partial photo in GRPL, 125-E2508.*

350 Division S. The father and the uncle of 1995 company president Judith Welch opened Uptown Cleaners at this location in 1935.

*352-54 Photo in GRPL, 125-E2508.*

353 Division S. Lenox Apartments, built 1911. Dwelling Place, Inc., purchased the Wepman Building in 1998 and undertook a \$2 million renovation. Six one-bedroom and eight two-bedroom units were to occupy the top two floors, with three businesses on the first floor. First of America Bank opened a branch in the building in 1997. Wooden floors and skylights were featured on the interior, with exterior rear balconies and a clock tower.

**360 Division S.** Grand Rapids National Bank. This stately red brick bank building had five offices on the second floor. Although in excellent repair, when it did not sell for the asking price of \$85,000, owner Mose D. Hattem had it torn down for parking for his restaurant across Wealthy Street. (Photo: GRPL 287, April 9, 1960, E3295.)



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**401-19 Division S.** This complex of four stores and six second-floor offices also included a warehouse with drive-in facilities and a large lot for parking on the south side



and at the rear. The building was newly sprinklered and remodeled in the mid-1960's after having served as a pharmacy for some years. (Photos: left, GRPL 287, December 6, 1965, F 3940; right, GRPL 287, May 27, 1965, E 6241.)

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Photos: GRPL, 125-E1538-39, H006642.

**404-406 Division S.** Rivoli Theater, owned by George Mathews in 1931. The building was given a new front in the Division Avenue widening, and later became the Uptown Theater.



“Uptown” was a designation of several businesses on Division near Wealthy in the 1940’s. The Uptown Hatters & Cleaners was at 350, the Uptown Bar at 445, and the Uptown Food Market at 501. The 1948 owner of the theater was Frank A. Kleaver of 1133 Giddings S.E. The 1960 owners were Al and Helen Johnson of Princeton, IN. The Uptown was still showing films in April, 1960, but had closed by October. The concrete, brick, and frame building stood on a 40’ x 105’ lot. It had wood floors and

a gas-fueled boiler, converted from a coal stoker. The ceiling height was 15 feet, and the seating capacity 400. There were two washrooms. After numerous unsuccessful listings, the theater was sold to Floyd Bloss on February 17, 1964, and converted into the controversial Capri Theater, showing adult films. It was destroyed by a \$50,000 fire on Monday, June 24, 1968, at 11:30 a.m. The front and rear walls of the building remained standing for some years, even though the roof had caved in and the structure was unusable. (Photo: G.R. Real Estate Board, April 27, 1960, E 3967, in GRPL, Real Estate collection. At the time of this photo, the canopy, doors, and signage were red with white trim. An earlier color scheme had been a rather reserved dark brown.)

- 404            03/16/77        5039            Elois Jackson
- 410            Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.
- 415            03/27/2002    9153            *Irish Design*  
                  *Shell service station.*
- 420            04/30/86        7492            home owner
- 432 Division S. Acapulco Restaurant. The building was originally a double storefront, with the north half built in 1924, the south half in 1927.

433            03/16/2001    9061            Pitsch

436-440 Division S. Built in 1923.

444-450 Division S. A Standard Oil gas station, built on an angle on the northeast corner of Division and Logan, and originally boasting a beautifully kept lawn in front.

453            10/17/66        2287            Edward Kalisz

455            *Gas station.*



500 Division S. 2-story brick dwelling. Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

504 Division S. 2-story frame dwelling. Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

505            *House. Partial photo in GRPL 125-E2670.*

508-510 Division S. 2-story frame dwelling.

512 Division S. A double storefront with an old 2-story frame dwelling in the rear. The stores were built in 1924.

517            03/14/90        8023

*521-23-25-27-29*

530            07/01/82        7148            Courtade

533            06/17/88        7781

538	04/02/2001	9065	Pitsch
	Paiz Bros. Grocery.		
540	04/02/2001	9066	Pitsch
	Grand Rapids <i>Times</i> Building.		
541	04/23/70	3462	Cooke
	<i>Auto sales.</i>		
546	08/29/96	8670	Fenstermacher
548	10/28/94	8453	
	Boulevard Banquet Room. Burned at 3:00 p.m., October 18, 1994.		
551-53	02/17/78	5491	<i>Neighborhood Improvement--Cross</i>
	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
555	12/04/81	7107	Campau Project
	No cutoff.		
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557	1930		
	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
<i>557-59 Auto sales.</i>			
558	04/02/2001	9067	Pitsch
	Gray's Maintenance.		
561	1930		
	<i>2-story frame dwelling.</i>		
565	12/04/81	7108	Campau Project
	No cutoff.		
569	07/30/84	7299	Pete Gilbert
	No cutoff.		

601	02/09/81	6084	Campau Project
	2 water cutoffs.		
	07/24/81	7045	Campau Project

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611	02/09/81	6085	Campau Project
	2 water cutoffs.		
	07/24/81	7046	Campau Project

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618	10/09/69	3186	West Applewhite, Jr.
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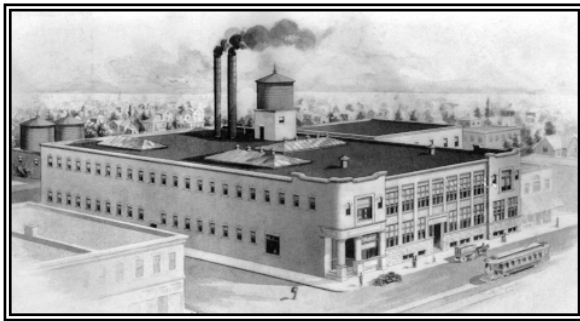
624-26 Division S. G.J. Harry Eikelkamp built this brick and cement block building in 1932 to house his bicycle and lawn mower repair service.

624-26	04/02/2001	9075	Pitsch
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625	10/03/96	8678	Courtade
	Old American Laundry Garage.		

630	Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.		
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**634 Division S.** The Otte Brothers' American Laundry and Cleaners, eventually occupying the entire block bounded by Division on the west, Haifley on the north,



Cornwall on the east, and Sycamore on the south, was in its final state a fine example of the Art Deco style. Before the Division Avenue widening in 1931, the north and south ends of the façade gave a massive granite impression. (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1925.)

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645 Division S. Kez Sayfee opened his restaurant here in 1937 and operated it at this location until 1969. The building was reopened as Bill's Retreat by Bill Dock in 1974.

700 Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1,  
Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

701-03 05/30/72 4187 Capitol

705-07 03/15/61 263 *H.R. Kelly*  
2-story brick store.

714-716 Division S. 3-story brick commercial, built in 1888.

714 02/27/67 2372 Houting & Meeusen

715 07/18/95 8511 Pitsch  
3-story brick commercial.

716 02/27/67 2371 Houting & Meeusen

717 01/16/84 7259 Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch  
3 cutoffs.

718 Division S. An arched-roof brick garage.

720 Division S. 2-story frame dwelling.

720 02/27/67 2370 Houting & Meeusen

722 Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1,  
Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

722 06/15/66 2187 Capitol

726-728 Division S. Brick garage, built in 1927.

Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1,  
Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

730 Division S. 2-story brick veneer commercial, built in 1927. An old store on the  
property had burned shortly before.

Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1,  
Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

732-734 Division S. 2-story frame duplex with twin gables. Photo: City Archives,  
Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening.  
Property data, 1931.

733-35-37-39 2-story frame stores.

736 Division S. The Harmer Block, built in 1905. Photo: City Archives, Engineering Dept., Series 6, Box 1, Folder 1, Division Avenue widening. Property data, 1931.

736                    12/26/67            2595                    Staggs

742-744 Division S. An old frame warehouse on this lot burned in 1929.

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746-752 Division S. Giovanni Battista Russo came to Grand Rapids in 1902 from the small village of Montelepre, Sicily. He worked for the gas company until he saved enough money to establish his own business in 1905. His first small store was in East Grand Rapids at Reeds Lake. In 1908 he purchased the building on the northeast corner of Division and Franklin, at the heart of what was "Little Italy." His parents and siblings also worked with him. When his only son, Frank, was born in 1916, the company name was changed from "G.B. Russo Importer" to "G.B. Russo & Son." Five generations of the family have taken an active part in the business. The store, now on 29<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E., in Kentwood, is now owned by Frank's sons, John, Joe, Phil, and David. The portion of the building at 746-748 was built in 1929.

746-54 08/16/91            8175                    Riverside

749                    06/09/97            8726                    Courtade

751                    11/14/84            7338                    Pitsch--Pete Gilbert

753                    07/24/81            7049                    Campau Project

756-758 Division S. Fletcher's Drug Store, a 3-story brick commercial with a dance hall on the top floor. Built in 1890.

757-59 07/24/81            7050                    Campau Project  
2 water cutoffs.

800            05/09/2002    9166            Pitsch

The first units of the Campau Commons housing project were opened on July 11, 1968. For a description of the project and the way it altered this neighborhood, see Commons Avenue, S.W.

801            10/04/66        2272            *Houting & Meeusen*  
*Gas station.*

807-09 07/21/71    3934            *Urban Renewal--Pitsch*  
*1-story brick store.*

**808 Division S.** This building was originally the family home of the Ringuettes, who were related to Louis Campau. (Photo: G.R. Fire Dept., March 1, 1957.)



811            2-story frame dwelling attached to 807-09. Photo: GRPL, 125-Capitol.

814            07/15/96        8645            Pitsch  
*Old Franklin Theater.*

817-19        Frame stores. Photo in GRPL, Robinson/Capitol collection.

819-25 10/15/70    3638            Urban Renewal  
Brick veneer building. Photo in GRPL, Robinson/Capitol collection.

822            12/05/62        1488            Wayne S. Miller  
To reuse sewer and water mains.

835 Division S. Old Kent Bank and drive-thru. The Grand Rapids Police Department opened a Community Relations Office on the second floor of this building on May 16, 1968.

835-37 02/01/72      4108      Urban Renewal--Pitsch

839-41 0618/70      3529      *Urban Renewal  
Mission.*

841      10/25/99      8931      S.F. Raymer  
Campau Park pool.

845      01/25/71      3776      Urban Renewal--Pitsch

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853-55 01/23/70      3366      *Urban Renewal--Pitsch  
Commercial connected to 857.*

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856      Photo: GRPL, 125-C018591.

857      08/25/70      3598      Urban Renewal  
Photo: GRPL, 125-C036746.

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914 Division S. This 1-story commercial building was totally destroyed by fire on Monday, November 8, 2004, at 10:55 a.m. The building was owned by Paul Huizingh, and was used by Florentino Guevara as a used car repair shop. A 1-year license to conduct business in the building had expired approximately six months previously, and efforts to renew the license had been denied because of numerous code violations.

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935-37 05/21/70 3498 Urban Renewal

938 10/27/80 6016 Great Lakes  
Partial demolition.

939-41 05/21/70 3500 Urban Renewal

943-45 07/13/70 3553 Urban Renewal

943½ Division S. Fire on Wednesday, August 5, 1964, at 11:51 p.m., caused \$2,597.74 loss to this 1-story frame vacant apartment. Owner, Sam Trapani. Cause: children with matches.

944 03/20/68 2655 E. DeVries & Sons

947-49 05/21/70 3499 *Urban Renewal*  
*2-story brick veneer store.*

**950 Division S.** In 1966, Bill Dock established the Golden Glo Lounge at this location. He sold it in 1972, and it was later operated by Noel Webley as Noel's Lark. In 1998, Roosevelt Tillman purchased the building and renamed it Half Moon II. (Photo: G.R. Times, October 29-November 4, 1999, p. 8.)



Pitsch

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951-53	07/09/70	3550	Urban Renewal
954	09/11/63	1643	Loren Pitsch
955-57	07/09/70	3551	Urban Renewal
958	04/28/61	322	Don F. Nickel
960	04/28/61	323	Don F. Nickel
964	04/28/61	324	Don F. Nickel
966	04/28/61	326	Don F. Nickel
	Will reuse sewer main.		
968	04/28/61	325	Don F. Nickel

1000            09/11/63        1642            *Pitsch*

1001 Division S. Built about 1900 and long occupied as the Ferris Hotel, this building had fallen into disrepair for some years when purchased by Leslie Allen, Jr., James D. White, and Roosevelt Tillman. An \$875,000 renewal of the building won the trio the 1999 Neighborhood Business Award for best exterior renovation. Now the 3-story Ronald H. Brown Commerce Center, the building holds offices and serves as headquarters for the businessmen. It was named after the Secretary of Commerce for the Clinton administration who was killed in a plane crash in Yugoslavia.

1007-09        08/19/75        4866            Urban Renewal--Cross

1008-10        08/23/94        8434            Courtade

1011-13        07/22/75        4855            Urban Renewal--Pitsch

1012            08/23/94        8434            Courtade

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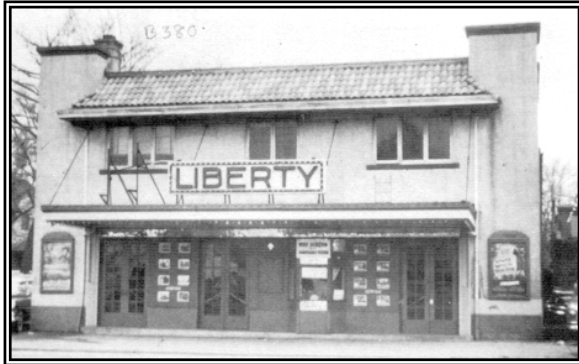
1016            08/05/2002     9178            Sandy's Towing

1018-20        09/01/72        4266            *Cannon*

1022            11/30/81        7039            Neighborhood Improvement--Kentwood

1025            09/29/97        8754            Onyx Group

**1028 Division S.** The brick and stucco Liberty Theater was built in 1916 by Beecher, Boshoven, and Willer. It lost 17' of its ample lobby in the Division Avenue widening in



1931, and after that was 58' x 136' on a lot 58.58' x 184'. At the rear of the lot was a 10' wide strip running 200' to Sheldon Avenue. The building had oil heat, as well as a coal-stoker with steam. There were two lavatories. The Liberty seated 614, and had the second longest projection in Grand Rapids (110') after the Regent. It was used as a church for a few years after closing as a theater in the mid-1950's. Fire gutted the building at about 4:15 a.m., Friday, April 14, 1961,

with a loss of \$25,000. The roof was burned off and the interior ruined throughout. The building was demolished on Monday, July 23, 1962. (Photo: G.R. Real Estate Board, B 380, December 11, 1954, in GRPL, Local History Collections, Real Estate collection. The color scheme at the time was basic cream, red trim on the doors and framing, green Spanish tile on the roof, and yellow lights on the marquee.)

1028	07/19/62	1253	Pitsch
	Sewer line to be reused.		
1040	01/22/71	3690	Housing--Clisby Hodgens
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1063	05/09/87	7621	Pitsch

1100	01/29/99	8860	H & M Demolition (3 outbuildings)
1111	09/09/85	7422	Pitsch
1115	2-story dwelling. Partial photo in GRPL, 125-E0626.		
1118	01/23/74	4546	Pitsch
1120	07/08/82	7145	Riverside
1123-25	09/09/85	7423	Pitsch
1128	10/06/94	8445	Building owner 2-story commercial building, removed without permit.
1143	04/06/99	8871	Allen
	01/02/2001	9054	Sam Smith Construction
1149-51	01/23/68	2613	Staggs To reuse sewer line. Two buildings.
1152	01/05/89	7856	
1152-60	06/29/70	3538	James F. Lasater

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1210            02/01/2002    9138            Bierlein  
Julian's Bar. Julian Toscano, owner.

1211            Old Scottie's Restaurant and Lounge. Photos in F.D. file, GRPL 125-  
E2275. Interior (1940) photo in GRPL, 125-E2274.

1212-14        07/22/70        3560            Pitsch

1216-18        06/08/65        1945            Capitol

1220-22        04/05/65        1908            Russell Paris

1224            03/18/65        1900            Andy Dykema

1224-32-36-42  
                  11/07/96        8682            Carl Valentine

1225            09/15/2003    9251            Pitsch

1240 Division S. Construction started Monday, October 6, 1997, on a new McDonald's  
restaurant, scheduled to open in late December. Franchise owners are Clara  
and Joe Shelton, who also operate the restaurant at 415 28th S.E.

1242

1254            11/09/61        610             Capitol

1304	09/28/92	8298	Pitsch
1305	02/06/70	3378	R.E. Westgate <i>1-story cement block store.</i>
1307	02/06/70	3379	R.E. Westgate <i>1½-story frame dwelling. Could not find sewer line.</i>
1319	04/02/62	1016	R.E. Westgate
1326-30	04/--/93	----	no permit <i>Old Farm Crest Baking Co. building, southeast corner of Division &amp; LaBelle.</i>
1329-31			<i>Gas station and auto repair.</i>

1400	05/24/2002	9170	Pitsch
1404			
1405	03/16/2001	9058	Pitsch
1410	Partial photo in GRPL, 125-H017364A.		
1412			
1420	Photo: GRPL, 125-C008910.		
1430	Partial photo in GRPL, 125-C008910.		
1516-44	04/15/80	5868	Houting & Meeusen
	No water cutoff.		
	04/15/80	5874	Pasko
	No water cutoff.		
1547	10/30/75	4963	Cannon
	<i>Town Talk gas station.</i>		
1558	08/14/97	8739	Courtade
1565	09/24/80	5976	Dan Courtade
1575	10/03/85	7435	Courtade
	1-story cement block factory. No cutoff.		
	Photo: GRPL, 125-H000131.		
1589	10/03/85	7434	Courtade
	No cutoff.		



1601

1603      10/25/99      8950      Courtade  
Fire-damaged tire repair shop.

1622      07/21/2000      9009      Melching

1634      05/24/99      8896      Melching

1638      07/21/2000      9010      Melching

1660      08/18/64      1817      Sidney Maczka  
No sewer.

1706            02/06/70        3380            Capitol

1715-17        *Duplex.*

1719            *Asbestos-clad 1- & 2-story dwelling at rear of 1715-17.*

**1725 Division S.** This house stood where the Sullivan Funeral Home was later built. It was torn down about 1935. (Photo: GRPL 237 (Pitsch/Capitol), unnumbered.)



1740            02/26/2002     9144            Specialized Demolition

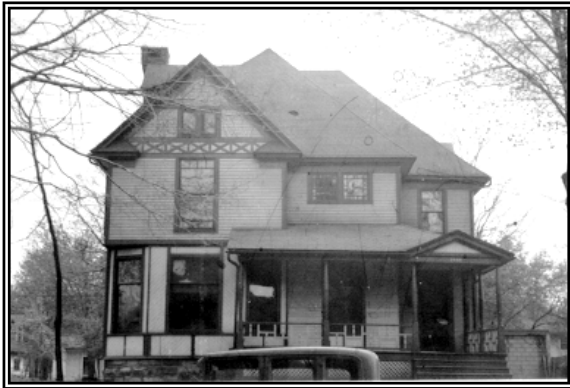
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1751            *2-story frame dwelling.*

1815	10/11/66	2285	Holland American Wafer Co. 1-story frame dwelling, n.w. corner of Division & Elm.
1828			
1830			
1832			
1839	12/12/84	7328	Kentwood
1904	05/10/2001	9084	H & M
1917-f	10/30/73	4488	Aalsburg
1919-27	04/11/72	4157	Pitsch
1930-32	05/06/71	3852	Cooke
1935			
1936	09/01/88	7804	
1941	<i>Removed to build 1939 Division S. in 1957.</i>		
1945	<i>Removed to build 1939 Division S. in 1957.</i>		

**1950 Division S.** This house was torn down about 1935 and replaced by the Four Star Theater. (Photo: GRPL, Pitsch/Capitol collection, Series 20.)



**1950 Division S.** A brick theater, built as the Four Star Theater. 1978 owner Old Kent Bank Trust Acct. Dept. Lot size 125 x 141, 17,625 square feet. Building size 100 x 120, 8,750 square feet. Hot water heat, coal fuel. Built c. 1943 (incorrect--earlier). Concrete floor. 800+ seats. Air conditioned. 30 off-street parking spaces. Assessed valuation \$17,500, asking \$39,900. The night club City Lights, owned and operated by Robert A. VanDrunen, closed in March, 1992, and the building was for sale for \$295,000 in December, 1992. It was purchased for



\$200,000 in late 1993 by Rushing Wind Ltd., a non-profit organization founded by executives of Teledial America. They lease the building to the Joy Youth Center for a dollar a year. (Photo: G.R. Real Estate Board, No. 10066, November 27, 1978, in GRPL, Real Estate collection. Another photo is in GRPL, 125-E2045.)

1951	01/31/68	2617	Houting & Meeusen
1956	09/23/2004	9371	Pitsch
1958-62	02/08/71	3782	Cooke
1968-70	02/08/71	3783	Cooke
1972-74	02/08/71	3784	Cooke
1976-78	02/08/71	3785	Cooke

2000-02      09/03/70      3601      Cooke  
Photo in GRPL, 125-C030741.

2004-06      09/03/70      3602      Cooke

2008-10      09/03/70      3603      Cooke

2014-16      09/03/70      3604      Cooke

2018

2054

2064      04/27/72      4167      Dohm

2136-38      12/05/90      8108      Cordes

2143

2150      11/09/78      5651      Ace Wrecking  
10/31/78      5661      Ace Wrecking (voided)

2151 Division S. The Masjid Muhammad Islamic Center was destroyed by a \$307,500 fire at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2003. The cause was finally determined to be a candle accidentally left burning in the basement.

2151-57      02/23/2004      9292      H.P. Construction  
2151 had been completely destroyed by fire and was demolished soon after due to the safety hazard. 2157 was a 2-story commercial structure left standing alone at the northwest corner of Division & Sutton.

2213	05/08/74	4539	Velting Contractors
2224	09/01/90	8078	Koster
	Front part of building.		
	05/24/99	8895	Melching
2243	05/23/63	1583	Robert J. Ide
	To reuse sewer line.		
2248			
2307			
2333			
2340	Photos in GRPL, 125-C018588 and C018592 I.		
2348			
2350			

South of Burton Heights by the 1850's, Division Avenue was part of the Plank Road that connected Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. Wood planks, 16 feet wide and three inches thick, were laid down the entire distance. Stagecoaches made several trips daily.

2400 Division S. This historic 2-story frame structure was a to[[ house on the old Plank Road.

2400            10/14/93            8365            Courtade

2420            07/24/75            4875            Cannon  
No water cutoff.

2430            06/01/65            1940            *John VanBlaay & Sons*

2500

The Division Avenue Plaster Creek Bridge, built for US-131 and situated on the Grand Rapids / Wyoming city boundary, was nominated in 1999 for the National Register of Historic Places as an historic highway bridge. (Cf. GRP, Thursday, November 18, 1999, p. A24.)

2612            10/03/67            2523            *R. Velting Excavating Co.*

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2636

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2680

2686            11/09/66            2312            *John Verhey*  
*Septic tank.*

2830

2894            06/01/65            1941            *Charles Brink*  
*No sewer.*