

Ottawa Avenue, N.W.

The first plat map of Grand Rapids shows streets in Lucius Lyon's plat named for the three contiguous counties in this area of western Michigan. Kent Street (later Crescent) was the east-west thoroughfare north of Lyon Street. Between Canal (adjoining the canal at the Grand River) and Division (the dividing line between the townships) ran the north-south thoroughfares of Ottawa (on the west) and Ionia (on the east).

19 *At the railroad crossing.*

22-26-28-30 *Herpolsheimer's service and warehouse. 2-story brick commercial.*

29-31 *Part of 21.*

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39-43 Ottawa N.W. *Bixby's. 2-story noncombustible. Built 1954. 25' high.*

40 *3-story brick bowling alley.*

42-44-46 *3-story brick commercial.*

53-65 *Wurzburg's east side entrance.*

60 08/29/86 7542 Pitsch
 Parking ramp.

120 Ottawa N.W. The Peninsular Club was founded in 1881, and served as an exclusive dining and entertainment location for many of Grand Rapids' most prominent business and civic leaders. The building was designed by local architect Frederick S. Robinson (Robinson & Campau). In 1997, the Club had 1,090 members. By 2008, that number had fallen to 450. A final party was held May 29, 2008, after which the Peninsular Club shut its doors after 126 years.

125 Ottawa N.W. The Ledyard Building. This 4-story landmark on the southwest corner of Ottawa and Pearl was opened in 1874, and is one of the



oldest buildings in downtown Grand Rapids. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983, when the building underwent major renovations and updating. Another renovation took place in 2006. (Photo: GRBJ, July 3, 2006, 1952 file photo; Ottawa Avenue is at left, Pearl Street at right.)

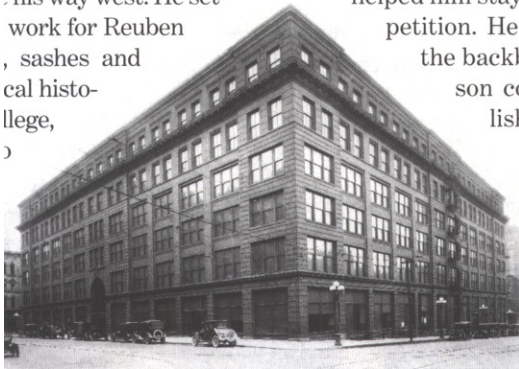
148-70 Ottawa N.W. Houseman Building. Erected in the late 1880's by Julius Houseman, who served as mayor in 1872 and 1874. It was during his



tenure that the city water system was constructed. The Houseman Building was also addressed as 39-51 Pearl N.W. and 42-48 Lyon N.W. It occupied the entire east side of Ottawa from Pearl to Lyon. (Old #114-134. Photo: Gordon Harrington, in the *Interpreter*, February 3, 1972, p. 11.)

161 Ottawa N.W. The Waters Building was designed by local architect William G. Robinson (1835-1907), constructed in 1892, and thoroughly renovated in 1985. It has 259,000

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leasable square feet. Major tenants in 1993 are Rhoades, McKee & Boer; J.W. Messner, Inc.; and Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance.

180 Ottawa N.W. A parking ramp constructed on the site of the old City Hall.
It was demolished for the construction of the new court house.

180 04/06/99 8872 Owen-Ames-Kimball

200 Ottawa N.W. NBD / Union Bank Building. Built in 1970. 10 stories,
150,000 square feet.

205 *Norris Building, east side entrances. 3-story brick commercial.*

211-217 Ottawa N.W. *On Saturday, June 8, 1963, at 11:15 p.m., lightning
struck this vacant 2-story brick building slated for urban renewal.*

211-17 11/15/63 1688 *Urban Renewal*

219-21 07/30/64 1813 Urban Renewal

220 01/30/64 1717 *Urban Renewal*
Elks Temple.

225 01/25/65 1886 *Urban Renewal*
1-story brick commercial.

227 01/25/65 1885 Urban Renewal

228 01/30/64 1716 *Urban Renewal*
2-story brick commercial.

229 Ottawa N.W. The Alt Heidelberg club house was owned and operated by Gustav Appelt. It did not survive Prohibition, and was demolished about 1929.



(Photos: 1920's, Morrow postcard collection.)

230 04/30/64 1773 *Urban Renewal*
2-story brick commercial.

232-34 04/16/64 1765 *Urban Renewal*
2-story concrete block commercial.

236-38 04/16/64 1766 *Urban Renewal*
2-story brick commercial.

244-46 01/30/64 1715 *Urban Renewal*
Gas station.

300 Ottawa N.W. Frey Building. Built in 1972. 8 stories, 115,000 square feet.

301-15 *Parking lot.*

316-18 *11/08/66 2305 Urban Renewal
3-story concrete block Kent County annex.*

320 04/10/64 1758 Urban Renewal

323 07/26/65 1989 Urban Renewal

325 07/26/65 1990 Urban Renewal

331 *07/26/65 1991 Urban Renewal
2-story brick veneer office building.*

332-40 *1- and 2-story concrete block commercial.*

337-41 11/23/65 2062 Urban Renewal

340 *10/10/66 2281 Urban Renewal
Brewery.*

342-44 *2-story brick commercial.*

408 *West side entrance of 39-47 Michigan N.W.*

412 1-story brick distilled water works. Photo: GRPL 177 (MDOT),
18631-18634.

415-19 *04/17/63 1557 Urban Renewal*
Gas station at 415. 419 was 2- and 3-story brick labor temple.

416 *08/20/62 1338 Houting & Meeusen*
2-story dwelling.

420 01/31/63 1521 Houting & Meeusen

426 Ottawa N.W. Fire on Tuesday, August 7, 1962, at 9:52 p.m., resulted in
no loss to this vacant 2-story frame dwelling, owned by the Michigan
State Highway Dept. The cause was careless smoking on a mattress
by "bums using house for sleeping."

426 08/23/62 1339 Houting & Meeusen

427-33 12/13/62 1487 Kamminga & Roodvoets
3- and 4-story loft building. Photo: GRPL 125-1793.

436 10/23/62 1445 Boerema & Sons

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439 *10/29/62 1464 Karnminga & Roodvoets*
2-story brick warehouse.

441-43 *10/26/62 1455 Kamminga & Roodvoets*
2-story double house.

444 04/26/61 1071 Pitsch
Photo: GRPL 93 (Lorenson).

445-47 11/01/62 1463 Kamminga & Roodvoets
2-story brick machine shop.

500	10/23/62	1375	Houting & Meeusen
	<i>2-story dwelling.</i>		
501-03	03/08/63	1537	Pitsch
506	08/03/62	1304	Houting & Meeusen
508	08/03/62	1303	Houting & Meeusen
510	10/19/62	1376	Houting & Meeusen
	<i>2-story dwelling and store front.</i>		
516	09/20/62	1409	Houting & Meeusen
518	08/03/62	1302	Houting & Meeusen
522	08/07/62	1301	Houting & Meeusen
524	Photo in GRPL 125-C028219.		
526	10/11/62	1434	Houting & Meeusen
528	<i>Concrete block and brick store.</i>		
531	10/25/99	8934	Pitsch
	Demolished without a permit. Should have gone to Planning and Historic Preservation for approvals.		
532	<i>2-story dwelling.</i>		
535	<i>2-story graphic arts building.</i>		
536	<i>Brick dwelling.</i>		
542	11/10/69	3265	Cooke
	<i>2-story dwelling.</i>		
546	11/10/69	3266	Cooke
548	11/10/69	3267	Cooke

600	09/21/82	7101	Riverside
601	09/24/90	8086	Pitsch 1914 northwest section of building.
607	<i>Sheet metal works.</i>		
612	???		
616	10/10/66	2284	<i>E. DeVries & Sons</i> <i>2-story dwelling.</i>
618	10/10/66	2283	E. DeVries & Sons
620	09/10/65	2015	<i>Capitol</i> <i>2-story dwelling.</i>
622	<i>Flat. Gone by 1953.</i>		
626-48	11/20/2000	9047	Pitsch
627	<i>2-story dwelling. Gone by 1953.</i>		
629	???		
630	08/21/62	1334	E. DeVries and Sons
631	<i>2-story flat.</i>		
634	10/19/67	2541	E. DeVries & Sons
637	04/22/64	1770	George W. Staggs
642	12/02/69	3290	John Potter
648	03/23/93	8330	Courtad
649	<i>S.e. corner of Ottawa & Fairbanks. Part of 647.</i>		

700	09/27/62	1419	Houting & Meeusen To reuse sewer and water mains.
705	06/10/64	1788	George W. Staggs 2-story store. <i>Partial photo in fire photos of August 10, 1962.</i>
707-09	04/16/68	2685	Staggs 2-story store. <i>Partial photo in fire photos of August 10, 1962.</i>
711-13	01/16/61	198	Furniture City Plating Co. 711 was a 1½-story dwelling, 713 a 1-story store.
717	01/16/61	199	Furniture City Plating Co. 2-story dwelling.
719	07/01/64	182	Furniture City Plating Co. 2-story dwelling.
721	09/21/66	2266	Staggs 2-story dwelling.
723	09/21/66	2267	Staggs 2-story dwelling.
724	02/11/63	1529	Houting & Meeusen
727-29	03/12/68	2648	Staggs 727 was a 2-story dwelling, 729 a 1-story store.
735	04/01/68	2668	Staggs Large 2-story brick rooming house.
743-47	09/25/67	2516	Staggs 1-story concrete block plating company.
746-48			2-story concrete block machine shop.

800	<i>2-story frame building.</i>		
801	???		
812	<i>2-story frame storage building.</i>		
826-28	02/24/66	2119	Diamond Salvage
827	???		
830-32	02/24/66	2120	<i>Diamond Salvage 2-story apartment building.</i>
837	12/05/77	5407	Cross
839	<i>2-story store.</i>		
843	<i>2-story store.</i>		

900	03/22/68	2656	E. DeVries & Sons
901	11/06/87	7695	
902	03/22/68	2657	E. DeVries & Sons
906	<i>04/30/64</i>	<i>1775</i>	<i>Michigan Bulb Co.</i>
	<i>2-story flat.</i>		
908	<i>08/03/67</i>	<i>2468</i>	<i>E. DeVries & Sons</i>
	<i>1½-story flat.</i>		
915	12/30/65	2084	Velting Contractors
	No sewer.		
916	02/08/66	2111	Capitol
918	<i>02/28/66</i>	<i>2122</i>	<i>Capitol</i>
	<i>2-story flat.</i>		
922	<i>09/30/71</i>	<i>4000</i>	<i>Dohm</i>
	<i>1- and 3-story concrete block tire shop.</i>		
926	11/13/79	5857	Pitsch

930	11/13/79	5855	Pitsch
936	05/08/85 No cutoff.	7375	Riverside
940	06/22/76	5072	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
942	08/01/77	5323	Cross
944	09/01/67	2488	Houting & Meeusen
946	10/30/73	4487	Pitsch 2-story store. Photo in GRPL 287.
947	03/26/73	4393	Capitol
952	02/06/85 No cutoff.	7356	Riverside
958	04/20/83	7192	Courtade
960-62	02/25/76	5027	<i>Pitsch</i> <i>2-story store.</i>

1000	11/04/81	7053	Houuting & Meeusen
1000-04	10/10/69	3203	Southkent
1001	11/15/66	2313	Houting & Meeusen
1008	10/09/63	1666	<i>Houting & Meeusen</i>
			<i>1-story dwelling.</i>
1009	???		
1010	12/05/77	5450	Pitsch
1011			<i>2-story frame office.</i>
1012	04/11/67	2385	<i>Jack Dykstra</i>
			<i>1½-story dwelling.</i>
1016	06/17/71	3890	<i>Pitsch</i>
			<i>1½- and 2-story dwelling.</i>
1018	10/17/67	2539	Jack Dykstra
1020	04/11/67	2386	Jack Dykstra
1026	04/11/67	2387	<i>Jack Dykstra</i>
			<i>1½-story dwelling.</i>
1028	04/11/67	2388	<i>Jack Dykstra</i>
			<i>1½-story dwelling.</i>

1030	04/11/67	2389	Jack Dykstra
1032	04/11/67	2390	Jack Dykstra
	<i>1½-story dwelling.</i>		
1034	09/24/64	1833	E. DeVries & Sons
1036	01/06/61	181	Burt L. Brown
1042	01/06/61	182	Burt L. Brown
1046-48	04/25/69	3027	Loren (Pitsch)
	<i>1-story brick wholesale fish market.</i>		
1052	09/14/61	519	Dore
1058-60	<i>1- and 2-story commercial.</i>		