

Pearl Street, N.W.

6-8 *Brick veneer building.*

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28 09/09/68 2825 *Capitol*

32-38 06/03/69 3049 *Capitol*
1-story brick and concrete block office building.

35-37 Pearl N.W. On the site later occupied by the Chamber of Commerce Building, on the north side of Pearl between Ionia and Ottawa, this church

was built in 1868 as the home of All Souls Universalist Church, and served in that capacity until 1892.

(Old #97-99. Photo: c. 1890, GRPL. The clock tower of the old City Hall can be seen in the background.)



39-51 Pearl N.W. Houseman Building. (Old #83-95. For photo, cf. 148-170 Ottawa Avenue, N.W.)

40 Pearl N.W. Michigan Trust Building. The building is historically significant for its association with Lewis H. Withey and Anton G. Hodenpyl, who organized the Michigan Trust Co. Withey was the company president for 34 years, and was a pioneer in the trust business. He instituted many of the trust services offered today. Hodenpyl was the secretary and general manager from 1889 to 1901, and conceived the idea that this "skyscraper" should be constructed in a city just coming out of the frontier days. It was at a time when the first skyscrapers were being built in New York and Chicago. This was Michigan's first steel-framed skyscraper, and the first building in Grand Rapids to be erected solely for use as an office building. It is a major work of the prominent Chicago architect Beeman.

47 07/19/66 2202 Capitol

110-16 06/19/68 2763 Capitol
 Sears & Roebuck store.

118-20 05/03/76 5076 Cannon

123 Pearl N.W. David Nicolette, "Midtown Theater to Close," GRP 09/17/1972 1H. It in fact closed Wednesday, September 20, 1972. Jack Loeks opened the theater as the Foto News in 1944, for continuous showing of wartime newsreels. The last movie was *Cabaret*, with Liza Minnelli. Joel Clark, "100 Years of Magic . . . Dying, Dying . . .," GRP 02/10/1975 1B. The theater was built as Powers' Opera House in 1873 by William T. Powers, and opened on May 12, 1874. Entrance for stage people was from a stairway in the Arcade. Houdini once performed on its stage. In the fall of 1944, Jack Loeks installed a movie projection booth that covered the old third balcony, or "Nickel Balcony," with its curved hard wooden seats. Loeks worked hard to crack the distribution ring that operated at that time, which made it difficult for independent theaters to continue in business. Because of the monopoly, Loeks was only able to show newsreels, cartoons, and short subjects for the first few years of the theater's existence, hence its name, Foto News Theater. The market supported the one-hour news format. Loeks joined other independent theaters in suing to break the monopoly, and in 1948 the practice was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Foto News closed for remodeling, and reopened as the Midtown Theatre on December 25, 1948. It was noted for its perfect acoustics. The seating capacity was 1,000, and the interior was nearly six stories in height.

123-25 12/26/78 4798 Capitol

127-33 *Consumers Power Co. 5-story brick commercial.*

137 *4-story brick commercial.*

139 Pearl N.W. The Rood Building. Designed by local architect William G. Robinson (1835-1907).

218 Rear entrance of Woolworth's.

226 Pearl N.W. Last occupied by Israel's Home Furnishings, this simple frame structure with masonry exterior on the southwest corner of Pearl and Campau was built in 1899, and originally housed either a shoe or furniture manufacturer. It was purchased by Alticor in 2004 to make way for a new hotel project.

227 Pearl N.W. From GRP Friday 07/01/1960 4 (photo): "Citadel Gives Way to Modern Need—Parking." "The former Salvation Army citadel at 227 Pearl st., NW, purchased last fall by M.A. Skaff, local parking operator and real estate investor, is being razed for a parking lot. The brick building, which the Army vacated for new quarters at 67 Barclay av., NE, will be gone within three weeks.

"Skaff will lease the land to Kenneth Ellis, owner of Ellis Parking, as a street level lot for 20 to 25 cars, or if one of several new mechanical parking machines proves economically feasible on the site, for 100 or more autos.

"Skaff originally intended to remodel the interior of the building for office use but dropped these plans for lack of interest by possible tenants."

231 01/02/80 5878 Riverside

234 02/04/70 3375 Pitsch

236-40 04/27/62 1065 Capitol
3-story brick store.

237-39 03/20/80 5877 Riverside

241 09/15/80 5977 Riverside--Peter Van Drunen

242 *Gas station.*

244-52 Sears.

247 09/15/80 5978 Riverside--Peter Van Drunen

248 12/22/75 5021 Capitol
1-story garage.

252 Pearl N.W. Forslund Condominiums. Opened 1984.

Pearl Street Bridge. The Massillon Bridge Co. of Massillon, OH, built the old bridge here in 1886. It was removed in 1922.

272 01/27/70 3371 Capitol

Voigt Milling Co.

272 Pearl N.W. Public Museum of Grand Rapids. VanAndel Museum Center.
Ground broken, September 7, 1991. Dedication, November 19, 1994.

303 Pearl N.W. Gerald R. Ford Museum. Dedicated September 18, 1981.

310	10/17/83	7233	Barry Tate
	No cutoff.		
	02/22/84	7257	Courtade
	No cutoff.		

310 Pearl N.W. Built as a Days Inn in the mid-1980's, this hotel was thoroughly renewed and officially opened as a Holiday Inn on January 14, 2010.

400	09/03/86	7544	Riverside
	Same as 111 Mount Vernon N.W.		

407	10/21/2002	9200	H & M
	Big Boy Restaurant.		