

Sherman Street, S.E.

614	11/17/97	8767	Pitsch
630	08/20/96	8664	Pitsch
632-rear	12/08/78 Extreme rear house.	5678	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
638-40 Southkent	09/19/78	5554	Neighborhood Improvement--
649	02/03/97	8706	Pitsch
654	08/23/82	7140	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
655	05/03/76	5058	Cross
711	08/04/78	5591	Pitsch
715	08/04/78	5590	Pitsch
717	09/14/95	8556	Courtade
721	12/05/77	5397	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch
723	08/28/95	8548	Courtade
734	08/17/92	8288	Courtade
744	12/05/77	5402	<i>Pitsch</i>
744½	07/21/69	3088	Cooke
749	01/15/88	7719	
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809	01/31/69	2960	Capitol
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840	10/03/86	7505	Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade
854	06/04/96	8637	Pitsch
859	Sherman S.E. From about 1979, Lester Spearman of 853 Sherman S.E. stored his daughters' belongings in the house he owned next door. He refused offers to rent the house, but kept it neatly trimmed with fresh paint and aluminum siding, grass mowed, and flowers planted in the front yard. An arsonist forced entry into the 2-story frame house on Wednesday, September 26, 1984, starting a fire which gutted the structure at a loss of \$22,000.		
859	11/21/84	7334	Neighborhood Improvement--Courtade
863	10/22/84	7322	Pitsch
906	09/25/2002	9193	Fenstermacher
909	09/17/75	4881	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
<i>1008</i>			
<i>1012</i>			
<i>1109</i>			
1121	12/05/77	5462	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
1324	01/14/94	8379	Pitsch
	House in rear of 1326.		
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1522	09/09/63	1644	Staggs
1522-46	04/25/67	2408	Capitol
1524	07/20/93	8348	Kentwood Excavating
	This 25' x 36' 1-family, 1-story brick dwelling stood on the grounds of the Clark Home, near the west property line.		
1546	Sherman S.E. Melvin Clark was a lumberman and retail grocer. His wife, Emily, was a devout Methodist, a suffragist, and a social activist. Her community involvements included the D.A. Blodgett Home for Children, the Starr Commonwealth, and the Grand Rapids		

Art Museum. Their daughter Marguerite married Edmund Wurzburg in the Wurzburg-Clark residence at 1033 Lake Drive, S.E., in 1905. It was an age before Social Security or private pensions, and those who survived to senior citizenship often struggled to continue working in order to have an income for themselves and their families. James Hamilton, a Methodist minister in the Michigan Conference for over thirty years just after the Civil War, was one who recognized this struggle. The Clarks donated their Sherman Street "country" home and 20 acres of land to become what is now the Clark Retirement Community. In October, 1906, the first residents moved into what was then the M.J. Clark Memorial Home.

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12/29/69

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Pitsch