

**Turner Avenue, N.W.**

415

417-19 10/28/71 4027 Pitsch

418-20 12/09/60 29 OK Wrecking

421 10/28/71 4028 Pitsch

424 03/27/61 273 Houting & Meusen

425 08/02/66 2221 Capitol  
To use sewer line.

426 03/27/61 272 Houting & Meusen

500

12/29/60

126

Dore

**506-08 Turner N.W.** This 2-story frame duplex was owned in the 1940's and 1950's by Setrog and Helen Kurkjian, who lived on the first floor, with the entrance at the south at

506. Mrs. Jennie Druker, a retired Jewish lady, had a small apartment in the rear. 508 was the upstairs apartment, with the entrance at the north. (Photo: c. 1958, courtesy of Steve Smith, 1945 Coit N.E., 363-9623.)



512-14

515

03/29/2000

8972

Pitsch

St. Mary's School.

**516-18 Turner N.W.** (Photo: September, 1958, courtesy of Steve Smith, 1945 Coit N.E., 363-9623. The children were part of the kindergarten class of St. Mary's School.)



516-18

12/29/60

128

Dore

**522-24 Turner N.W.** (Photo: partial view, September, 1958, courtesy of Steve Smith, 1945 Coit N.E., 363-9623. The children were part of the kindergarten class of St. Mary's School. Mr. Smith is fourth from left, with cap, in the photo.)



522-24

01/25/61

203

Pitsch

523

526

12/09/60

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*Pitsch*

527

10/22/69

3216

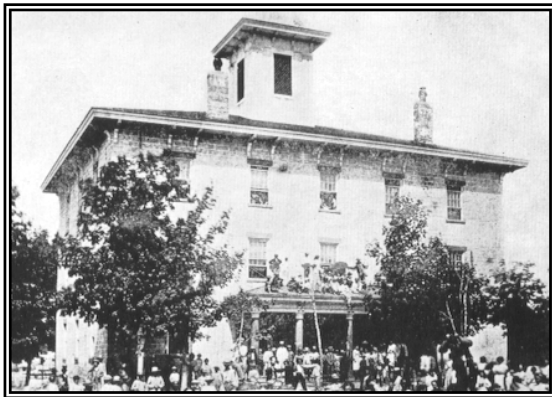
*Pitsch*

539	11/29/61	647	OK Wrecking
541	11/29/61	646	OK Wrecking
543	11/14/61	621	OK Wrecking
547	11/14/61	617	OK Wrecking
548			
551	11/14/61	618	OK Wrecking
552	01/25/61	205	Pitsch
554	01/25/61	206	Pitsch
555	11/14/61	619	<i>OK Wrecking</i>
558-60	12/29/60	129	<i>Dore</i>
559-61	11/14/61	622	OK Wrecking
562-64			
563-65	12/22/61	760	OK Wrecking

600	05/12/61	340	Dore	Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16096-16097.
604	03/31/61	301	Dore	
606	05/12/61	338	Dore	Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16096-16097.
610	06/29/61	380	Dore	St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Photos in GRPL 93 (Lorenson); and 177(MDOT), 16094-16095.

*614-16 Duplex.*

**615 Turner N.W.** Union School was built of river limestone in 1849. The third floor was used as an armory. The building was razed in 1872 and replaced by a new Union High



School. This building was in turn replaced by a more modern structure, the first half built along Fourth Street in 1909, the second half to the south completed a few years later. A plaque inside the Fourth Street entrance of the school reads: "This building erected A.D. 1909 by the Board of Education. Robinson & Campau architects. C. Hoertz & Son contractors." The completed building had 250,000 square feet of space. Charles Everest served as principal here from 1922 to 1953, and Helen Olson was the school secretary for many years. Boys and girls had separate gymnasiums. The last Union class graduated from this building in 1968, when the school moved to its current building at 1800 Tremont N.W. Since then, this building served as West Middle School and then as Stockbridge Academy. In 2005, work began to transform the massive building into the Union Square condominiums, with the addition of a fifth story. (Photos: upper left, *The Grand Rapids Mirror*, Vol. V, No. 4, summer, 1938, p. 20. Taken in 1863, loaned by Mrs. Neila Adrianse VanderWeyden, whose father, Lynn Adrianse, was in the picture. Upper right, Morrow postcard collection, c. 1908. This view shows the Turner Avenue elevation. The entrance at left is on Third Street. Houses to the right are on the north side of Fourth Street. Lower right, Morrow postcard collection, c. 1910. This view shows the Fourth Street elevation, with the south portion of the old building still standing at left. The house at the right is 432 Fourth N.W., on the southwest corner of Fourth and Broadway.)

624	05/12/61	339	Dore
	Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16092-16093.		
626	05/01/61	294	Dore
	Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16092-16093.		
628	Photo in GRPL 287.		
632	04/19/61	317	Glen Hulett
650-52	04/12/61	311	Dore
	Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16080-16091.		
656	01/25/61	208	<i>Pitsch</i>
660	01/25/61	210	Pitsch
666	02/24/61	260	Pitsch
670	01/25/61	211	<i>Pitsch</i>

700	01/25/61	212	<i>Pitsch</i>
701	03/08/84	7265	Courtade
710	12/29/60	130	Dore Photo in GRPL 93 (Lorenson).
718	12/29/60	131	<i>Dore</i>
720	12/29/60	132	<i>Dore</i>
724	01/25/61	216	<i>Pitsch</i>
726			
730	07/13/61	401	Pitsch



740

746

749            02/17/78        5488            Neighborhood Improvement

752

754

756            12/29/60        133            *Dore*

757            05/04/95        8494            Pitsch  
2-story cement block commercial. Also addressed as 410 Seventh N.W.

758            12/05/60        104            *Dore*

760            12/07/60        103            *Dore*

764            01/06/61        190            *OK Wrecking*

800	12/07/60	107	Dore
806	12/07/60	108	Dore
810			
816			
824	12/01/60	78	Capitol
834			
836			
838			
840	03/31/61	297	Dore Partial photo in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16014.
846-48	03/31/61	296	Dore

902-04	03/31/61	295	Dore	
				2-family apartment house. Photo in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16015-16016.
906	03/30/61	291	Dore	
				Photo in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16015.
910	11/18/60	5	Staggs	
914-16	12/09/60	124	Pitsch	
915	10/16/74	4658	Urban Renewal--Cross	
924	12/09/60	123	Pitsch	

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940            11/18/60        10            George W. Staggs

944            12/05/60        97            Pitsch

950            11/18/60        11            *Staggs*

954            03/23/61        293          Kamminga & Roodvoets

958-60 01/05/61    175            *Pitsch*

**959 Turner N.W. Turner School.** (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1908.)



959            10/30/73        4458          Pitsch

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1008

1010      03/28/61      289      Dore  
Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16011-16012.

1016      12/07/60      106      Dore

1020

1026      12/07/60      54      OK Wrecking

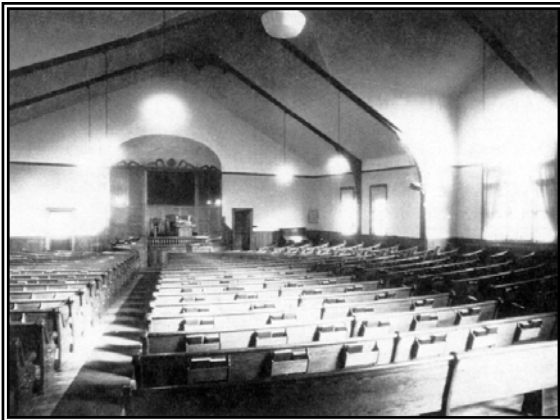
1030      12/09/60      109      Dore

1034      03/30/61      290      Dore  
Photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16008-16010.

1040      12/07/60      70      Staggs  
Partial photos in GRPL 177 (MDOT), 16009-16010.

1044 Turner N.W. Turner Street School (Union School District No. 6) was built on this site in 1865. It was sold to the Netherlands Reformed Church in 1887. They dedicated it on February 5, 1888, and used it as a church for 20 years. As a church, it had a seating capacity of 600. It was bounded by a white picket fence, and had a pump in the front yard.

**1044 Turner N.W.** Turner Avenue (Ebenezer) Netherlands Reformed Church. The old church was torn down in 1908 and replaced by a red brick church of Daverman design.



This church in turn was razed for the US-131 freeway, beginning on December 9, 1960. (Photos: Courtesy of Gary Swets, 2119 Diamond

N.E.)

1044            12/09/60        69            Staggs

"Old Church Makes Way for Freeway," G.R. *Press*, Monday, January 16, 1961, p. 1.  
 Caption: "The former Ebenezer Netherlands Reformed Church, half demolished to open a path for the US131 freeway, stands out at 1044 Turner Av., N.W., in an area in which most of the dwellings have been razed. Hundreds of homes and commercial buildings are being torn down in a swath between Turner and Scribner Avs., from Bridge St. to the north city limits. Freeway construction work will get under way on the stretch this spring. Additional pictures on p. 21."

1053            03/29/67        2397        *Pitsch*

1054

1100	12/07/60	52	<i>OK Wrecking</i>
1104			
1108			
1112-14	12/07/60	57	<i>OK Wrecking</i>
1118			
1120			
1127	12/05/77	5394	<i>Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch</i>
1132	12/09/60	30	<i>OK Wrecking</i>
1136			
1138			
1147	06/15/72	4208	<i>Capitol</i>
1148	12/30/60	176	<i>Arthur Mednis</i>
1149	06/15/72	4209	<i>Capitol</i> <i>Partial photo in GRPL 125-H014127.</i>
1152			
1152-rear			

1208	12/01/60	8	Dore
1211	08/08/67	2469	Staggs
1212-14	12/07/60	39	OK Wrecking
1215	12/13/61	704	Staggs
1218-20-22	12/07/60	40	OK Wrecking
1221	08/08/67	2470	Staggs
1223	10/22/68	2867	John Pitsch
1228	11/28/60	2	Kenyon Vickery
1232	12/07/60	41	OK Wrecking
1233	07/18/74	4612	Pitsch
1235	09/24/85 One cutoff.	7416	Courtade
1236	01/04/61	169	OK Wrecking
1237	09/24/85 One cutoff.	7417	Courtade
1238	12/07/60	77	Capitol
1242	12/05/60	96	Pitsch
1248	11/28/60	2	Kenyon Vickery
1252	11/23/60	6	Dore
1256			



1308	11/18/60	17	Dore
1312			
1316			
1320	11/28/60	2	Kenyon Vickery
1326	12/07/60	42	OK Wrecking <i>Partial photo in GRPL 177 (MDOT).</i>
1328-30	02/23/61	257	Dore Photo in GRPL 177.
1334	11/23/60	7	Dore
1338			<i>Partial photo in GRPL 177.</i>
1340	01/09/61	196	Arturs Mednis
1342	12/07/60	85	OK Wrecking
1350	11/18/60	16	Dore

1400	12/07/60	43	OK Wrecking
1408			
1410	12/09/60	67	George W. Staggs
1414	12/24/60	158	Dore
1416			
1420	12/07/60	44	OK Wrecking
1422	12/07/60	87	OK Wrecking
1428	12/07/60	88	OK Wrecking
1432	12/14/60	156	Pitsch
1436	12/07/60	45	OK Wrecking
1436-rear			
1440	01/06/61	186	OK Wrecking
1444	12/07/60	46	OK Wrecking
1446	12/15/60	73	Capitol

1500	12/29/60	134	Dore
1506	12/29/60	159	Dore
1510	12/15/60	47	OK Wrecking
1512	12/29/60	135	Dore
1516	12/07/60	48	OK Wrecking
1524	12/29/60	136	Dore
1528	12/29/60	137	Dore
1532			
1536	03/23/61	269	Pitsch Last house on block. Photo in GRPL 177 [MDOT], 15986-15988.
1538	01/06/61	187	OK Wrecking Photo in GRPL 177, 15986-15988.
1542	12/29/60	157	Dore
1548			
1552			Photo in GRPL 286 (Assessor).
1556			Photo in GRPL 286.
1560	12/29/60	138	Dore
1564	12/07/60	49	OK Wrecking
1572	03/27/61	302	Capitol Photo in GRPL 177, 15983-15985.

1600	01/18/61	201	James Wheeler
1620	06/21/61	374	Capitol Photos in GRPL 125-2112 (03/01/1938); 125-C036804 (12/09/1946); and 177 (MDOT), 16019-16020.

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1640	06/13/61	369	Lyle Hosford
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The Turner Avenue bridge over Indian Mill Creek was constructed in 1984.

1800	02/13/75	7780	Capitol
1817	11/17/64	1861	Graves & Associates
1821	09/16/69	3132	Charles Bustraan
1825	07/11/69	3075	Charles Bustraan
1829	12/05/77	5459	Pitsch
1831	08/17/79	5800	Riverside
1841	12/10/65	2072	Veterans Trucking To reuse sewer line.
1845	04/07/66	2154	Haviland Products To reuse sewer line. Plug in basement.
1901	08/10/78	5593	owner No sewer.
1905	08/23/78	5594	owner
1907	08/12/2004	9365	Courtade
1920			

## City of Walker

**2125 Turner N.W.** Grand Rapids Die Casting Corp. This 13.1-acre site was used as a landfill until the 1930's. Subsequently, the activities of the Grand Rapids Die Casting



Co. left the ground in a state of severe contamination. On April 18, 2001, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved a \$700,000 reclamation of the site by neighboring Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Co. to

expand its operation of processing scrap metals. (Photo: Jon M. Brouwer, G.R. Press, Thurs., April 19, 2001, p. A21.)