

**Wealthy Street, S.E.**

101-05	08/04/78	5578	Ace
108-10	04/05/51	----	Capitol
	Photo in GRPL 125, Capitol collection; and C005197 (04/05/1951).		
111	08/08/78	5577	Ace
117			
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140	07/20/61	417	Capitol
	03/09/89	7887	
	Car wash.		

212	07/20/61	416	<i>Capitol</i>
215	Wealthy S.E. Fire on Friday, June 22, 1962, at 3:47 p.m., caused \$450 damage. Dr. J.A. Yared, owner. Fire started in bathroom, burned out kitchen.		
215	10/07/65 02/05/68	2037 2623	George W. Staggs Urban Renewal Project--Loren Pitsch
216	06/28/62	1205	<i>Capitol</i>
219	10/07/65 02/05/68	2036 2624	George W. Staggs Urban Renewal Project--Loren Pitsch
220	08/01/61	430	Capitol
221-23	12/05/68	2899	<i>Washington Square Urban Renewal</i>
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243	02/05/68 03/07/68	2629 2645	Urban Renewal Project--Pitsch Urban Renewal Project--Pitsch
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247	02/05/68	2630	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
251	03/07/68	2646	Urban Renewal--Pitsch

300 Wealthy S.E. A one-story block building constructed as a Sunoco service station and later used as a dry cleaners. When the roundabout was being installed at the intersection of Wealthy and Lafayette, the City's Historic Preservation Commission on September 17, 2008, found the building to be non-contributing and approved its demolition.

305	01/07/87	7587	Riverside
309	08/18/61	447	Capitol
315	08/14/68	2809	Cooke
317	08/14/68	2812	Cooke
323-25	07/25/86	7514	Riverside
327-29	07/25/86	7516	Riverside
331-37	08/14/84	7290	Riverside
347	12/15/78	5605	Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch

410 Wealthy S.E. This large house was built by Warren P. Mills in 1856. Born on March 15, 1812, Mr. Mills moved to Grand Rapids in 1837 and spent the rest of his life as a businessman and developer. He married his wife, Helen, at her home in Munda, NY, in 1857. They had two children: Fred, who died about 1894; and Alice Mills Johnston, who died about 1908. Warren Mills died on July 28, 1868, and is buried in Fulton Street Cemetery. Mrs. Mills married Grand Rapids Brush Co. executive Richard G. Mathews in 1894, and together they lived in her home. He died about 1902. Mrs. Helen M. Mathews died in the house she had lived in for 55 years on January 24, 1912. There is no record of the house in the city directories after 1912. (Old #498. Cf. GRPL Scrapbook MKG 92, Scr. 16, Vol. 2, pp. 13 & 16, for the obituary and will of Helen M. Mathews.)

447 Wealthy S.E. The Forbes Apartments. Twin to the Cobey at 353 College S.E. Built around 1914.

549            01/12/72    4094            Pitsch  
                 Plug in basement.

600	12/04/74	4731	Urban Renewal--Pitsch
614	12/04/74	4701	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
626	07/01/65	1971	Capitol
640-42	02/22/71	3807	Housing--Wheeler
	03/12/71	3821	Dick Wheeler
647	10/05/62	1410	Mitchell Construction Co.
	To reuse sewer line.		
700	06/25/63	1597	Capitol
704	06/25/63	1596	Capitol
723	06/05/61	348	<i>City of G.R.; Capitol</i>
732			
733	09/09/69	3125	James Weaver
	Garage.		
734	02/10/77	5239	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross
	04/19/77	5279	Neighborhood Improvement--Cross

742 Wealthy S.E. Fransman Block. This 1895 Victorian building was built as a grocery store when the city extended cable car lines out Wealthy Street. It was later occupied by Lambert's Furniture, Polly Anna Bakery, and other businesses, but remained empty after Frederick's Candy Co. moved out in 1966. The roof and sidewalls fell in about 1995, and the structure had to be totally rehabilitated by McGraw Construction Co. in 1999. (Cf. Kathleen Lord, "Contractor Rescues Wealthy Street Building," GRP, Thursday, September 23, 1999, p. BB1.)

753 05/09/87 7622

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821	09/19/67	2509	Staggs
821-rear			
825	11/23/66	2325	Staggs
831	11/23/66	2326	Staggs
856-58	06/21/88	7782	
907	10/30/95	8588	Pitsch
917	09/02/85	7360	Courtade
924	01/09/90	8003	
937 Wealthy S.E. The Helmus family home.			
938	04/02/2003	9214	Pitsch (not yet approved)
940	01/16/75	4617	Hodgens
941 Wealthy S.E. 2-story brick commercial, built in 1916 by the Helmus Brothers.			
941-rear	06/24/63	1599	Staggs
956	12/30/65	2088	Houting & Meeusen

**959 Wealthy S.E.** A large 2-story brick warehouse, built by the Helmus Brothers about 1919 and later used by the Blodgett Moving & Storage Co.

(Photo: Eleanor Sproul, in *The Grand Rapids Mirror*, Vol. V, No. 4, summer, 1938, p. 33.)



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1002      06/12/68    2744      Capitol

1010-18

1011      08/11/81    7025      Pitsch  
One cutoff.

1012      12/05/77    5433      Pitsch

1013      02/28/90    8013

1013½-rear 06/16/80    5930      Pitsch

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1035      01/04/93    8321

1042      07/06/87    7643

1044      10/09/63    1663      Pitsch  
To reuse water & sewer lines.

1056 Wealthy S.E. This structure was built as a Texaco gas station in 1928.

1057      04/05/65    1907      Aalsburg Construction Co.

1059      10/25/64    1852      Capitol  
08/05/76    5086      Aalsburg Construction

1059 Wealthy S.E. McDonald's Restaurant closed in February, 1991. In November, 1991, the Grand Rapids Area Lutheran Inner-City Ministry purchased the property for \$30,000 for development as a restaurant and training center for area youth. By March, 1995, neighborhood promoters were getting discouraged with the lack of progress.

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| 1118 | 11/21/78  | 5667 | Neighborhood Improvement--Pitsch   |
| 1119 | 05/04/90  | 8040 | Courtade   |
| 1130 | <p>Wealthy S.E. "Help Save the Wealthy Theatre," <i>Heritage Herald</i> Nov./Dec. 1989, Vol. XV, No. 6, p. 9. Built in 1911 by Laura and Thomas Giles, opened as the Wealthy Vaudette, renamed the Pastime Vaudette in 1912, became the Wealthy Theater in 1920. Except for two years during World War I, it operated continuously until 1973. In 62 years, it outlasted competition from other neighborhood theaters and was known city-wide in the 1960's as the place to see art films. (Allen Johnson was the manager at that time.) A beautiful structure, with massive bow-string wood trusses, brick and masonry walls, a sloped oak floor, decorative dome ceiling, plaster wall arches, curtained stage, perfect acoustics, seating for 580. South East Economic Development, Inc., (SEED) spearheading effort to save the building. "Wealthy Theatre's Next Role May Be As a Cultural Center," GRP 12/04/89 B 1-2. Open house at theater 12/08/89 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Marge Juipers was given the 1999 Neighborhood Business Award for best interior renovation for her work on the building.</p> |      |  |
| 1131 | 11/09/88  | 7825 |  |
| 1141 | 10/14/70  | 3636 | Capitol  |
| 1145 | 12/05/60  | 95   | <i>Capitol</i>   |
| 1150 | 04/10/2001  | 9077 | H & M Demolition<br>Not approved. Going to Historic Preservation Commission. |



1200 Wealthy S.E. An abandoned gas station was converted in 2004-05 into Sandmann's, a restaurant and catering business, by Randall and Ursula Sandifer.

1201 06/14/72 4206 Capitol

1211 2-story frame dwelling. Razed in 1960.

1325 03/26/92 8250 Riverside

1350 08/10/2004 9364 Courtade  
Fire damaged on Sunday, August 1, 2004.

1400 04/30/88 7764

1408

1409 05/17/67 2419 Capitol

1410 09/02/69 3118 Clinton Co. (Donald L. VandenBerg)

1415 05/17/67 2420 Capitol

1420 09/02/69 3119 Clinton Co. (Donald L. VandenBerg)

1421 05/17/67 2421 Capitol

1432 12/06/61 682 Capitol

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1514 Wealthy S.E. East Building. Built 1906 as a car barn for the Grand Rapids Street Railway Co.

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1540            10/27/67    2551            Houting & Meeusen  
                  To reuse sewer line.

1563

1571            04/15/98    8792            Pitsch