

**Fulton Street, W.**

10-14 Fulton W. North entrances of Cody Hotel. Photo: GRPL, 125-H006084.

20            02/18/62      867            Capitol  
Sewer line to be used.

24-28        02/12/62      866            Capitol  
*Kortlander Building, 8-story commercial. Sewer line to be used.*

38 Fulton W. Built by H. Leonard Co. (crockery and refrigerators) in 1887. Occupied by the Leonard Co. into the 1940's. Later the home of the Dykstra Co.

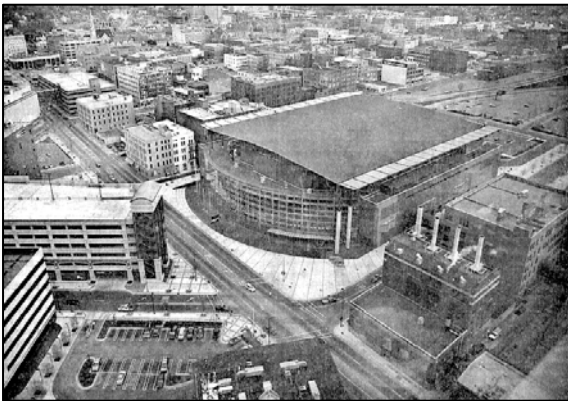
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50            1937  
2-story frame office.

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**130 Fulton W.** The VanAndel Arena. Completed in October, 1996, the \$75 million arena was built with \$20 million in donations, including an \$11.5 million gift from Amway co-founder Jay VanAndel. The remainder came from bonds issued by the city's Downtown Development Authority. During its first five years, the arena turned a profit of at least \$1.38 million annually, matching only the most optimistic projections, with an average attendance of 1 million per year. (Photo: G.R. Press, Thursday, March 30, 2000, p. B5. Cf. also Monday, October 15, 2001, p. A10.)



134            *2-story brick warehouse.*

144            *09/20/61        520            Houting & Meeusen*  
*Coal yard office.*

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S.W. corner of Fulton St. and Ottawa Ave. The steam plant (seen at the lower right in the photo of 130 Fulton W., above) was built in 1923 and rededicated in 1998. The plant serves the entire network of central downtown heating, making the individual heating of buildings unnecessary. In the 1990's, it was connected to the new county waste incinerator at 1100 Market S.W.

201 Fulton W. Plaza Towers. Formerly Eastbank Waterfront Towers. Occupants began moving into Grand Rapids' tallest building in April, 1991. Situated on the east bank of the Grand River, the 32-story, \$63 million project includes 149 condominiums, 133 apartments, and a 214-room hotel. Developer was Edward Havlik. Eastbank Festival Place opened in 1992 as a part of the Eastbank project, with a deli supermarket, a dry cleaner, a florist, a card store, a shoe repair shop, and Kinko's copy center. When the deli closed in October, 1994, Kinko's was the only store left in the complex, having expanded into space left by other vacating stores. The Radisson Hotel closed in September, 1995. The entire building was closed for nearly two years for repairs to correct structural defects. The bulk of litigation surrounded a faulty exterior wall panel system. Citadel Corporation was the original project's general contractor, and had sued the developers for nonpayment after the problems surfaced. Problems with the exterior of the structure leaking were first noticed during spring rains in 1991, less than a year after the building's opening. Purchased by Amway and renamed Plaza Towers, the complex reopened on May 1, 1997. Reconstruction had cost \$30 million and took nearly 21 months to complete. (*GRBJ*, September 7, 1999, pp. 1, 7.)

206            10/25/84        7319            Riverside  
Gas station.

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231            11/12/85        7418            Riverside  
Three cutoffs. Could not find sewer line.

Fulton Street Bridge. The Massillon Bridge Co. of Massillon, Ohio, built the old bridge here in 1885. It was removed in 1927 and replaced with a concrete bridge dedicated to William Dean. The plaque on the bridge reads:

Dedicated September 9, 1928 to William H. Dean, a citizen of Grand Rapids, born January 6, 1878, died May 3, 1928. A member of the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry stationed at Havan, Cuba, 1900. First from the ranks to offer himself a martyr in the research of yellow fever transmission, giving his health and making the supremem sacrifice. A noble deed for humanity's sake.

301 Fulton W. Grand Valley State University, Eberhard Center. Built 1988.

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305            02/15/84        7249            Riverside  
                  No cutoff.

310            10/15/84        7313            Riverside

327            08/10/87        7662

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**357 Fulton W.** The Hotel Derby, later the Vernon Hotel, was built on the northeast corner of Fulton and Mount Vernon in 1886 by John Thomas Strahan (Baxter, p. 768).



At some point, likely in the early 1950's, the decorative turret and part of the cornice on the Mount Vernon Avenue side were removed. In its later years, the hotel was operated by William and Henry T. Vry and their family as a comfortable retirement home for railroad pensioners. The Vry family sold the building to the State Highway Department for \$77,500, and it was demolished in February, 1959, for the US-131 expressway. (Old #39. Photos: top, Baxter, p. 786; bottom, GRPL 33 [Anderson], Box 14, c. 1958. Another photo with only the first story remaining is in GRP, Monday, February 9, 1959.)



400	11/03/88	7823	
	Industrial overpass.		
405			
409	08/09/73	4457	Pitsch
420	03/19/93	8328	Pitsch
	Commercial building, 150,000 square feet. Owner, Universal Properties.		
421	07/02/95	8507	Pitsch
	Also 2 Summer N.W.		
500	05/20/80	5897	Kentwood Excavating
	No water cutoff.		
505	02/09/89	7874	
511	07/03/96	8644	Pitsch
523	04/19/90	8036	Pitsch

604	06/02/67	2428	Staggs
	<i>To reuse sewer line.</i>		
605	09/12/61	509	Richard Leonard
	<i>To reuse sewer line.</i>		
605	10/28/63	1681	Richard Leonard
605	02/26/2002	9146	Valentine Excavating
	<i>Adobe Restaurant Drive-In.</i>		
612	11/13/2003	9274	Fensco
	<i>Adobe Restaurant.</i>		
615	01/11/66	2099	Richard P. Leonard
617	12/12/96	8698	Courtade
621	11/11/60	1	Robert Houting
625			
643	12/31/86	7583	Courtade
644	06/06/2003	9229	Courtade
650	02/08/90	8009	

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715            11/25/2003    9278            Courtade

719            11/25/2003    9279            Courtade

734-36        09/16/81       7054            Riverside  
                  Could not find sewer line.

735            03/07/90       8021

737            10/31/88       7820

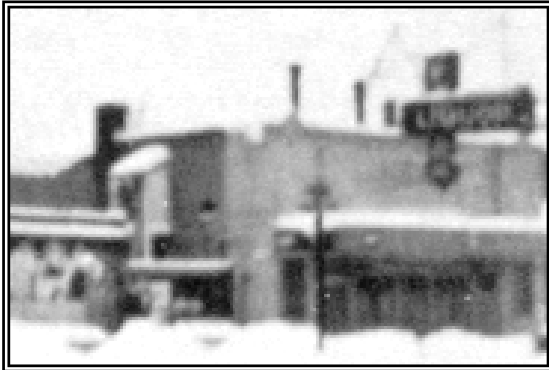
742            04/12/66       2153            Nick DeVries & Sons

743            02/28/91       8128            Courtade

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**806 Fulton W.** Fulton Theater. 6-5746 (1945). Hollow tile theater. 1958 owner Mrs. E. Scheufler *et al.*, 247 Hastings N.E. 49503. Lots 1 & 2, Block D, Shepard's Addn. Lot size 100 x 132, 13,200 square feet.



Includes frame house & fruit stand at 1-7 Straight Ave., S.W. Well for air conditioning. Oil heat, hot water & hot air. Cement & wood floor. Composite & flat roof. Alley at rear. Assessed valuation \$13,400, asking \$47,500. (Photo: Real estate file, Local History Collections, Grand Rapids Public Library.)

810	03/26/99	8869	Affordable
811	10/29/81	7077	Riverside
816	03/26/99	8870	Affordable
845	09/05/79	5807	<i>Pitsch</i>

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851 Fulton W. Fire on Wednesday, May 29, 1963, at 5:18 a.m. left this store and bakery with upstairs an apartment nearly a total loss. The cause was a defective electric clock. Albertus VanderBos, owner. \$19,500 loss.

851	07/23/63	1623	Veterans Trucking
	To reuse sewer line.		

859	12/01/87	7701	
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900	11/10/88	7829	
	Arbanas Restaurant.		
908	10/30/73	4481	Larry Longieliere
910	11/10/88	7830	
916	11/02/73	4501	Pitsch
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920	11/02/73	4500	Pitsch
924	08/26/94	8435	Courtade
	Permit actually for an old house at 12 Gunnison S.W.		
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941	05/17/94	8406	Pitsch
946	03/15/94	8392	Courtade
	24' x 38' 2-story 2-family dwelling.		

**957 Fulton W.** Polish Falcons Society. This building on the northeast corner of Fulton and Lane houses the clubrooms and banquet hall of the society. (Photo: May, 1939. Courtesy



of Henry Gorkowski, 1225 Ellsmere N.E., who is the lad in the photo.)

1001	11/02/73	4505	Southkent
	No water cutoff.		
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1031	05/16/61	343	Alvin N. Jansma
	Will reuse sewer main.		
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1057	07/17/61	421	Gerrit Visser
1112	09/18/85	7427	Pitsch
1124	02/10/77	5193	Edmund F. Preston
1132	12/05/77	5430	Vos Earth Moving
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1153 Fulton W. Parkside Foods opened in 1937 in a different location. In 2008, friends Pat Fisher and Guy Chilton bought the store from Jerry Hommerson, who retired after running it for 20 years. The Parkside Marketplace closed on October 21, 2011.			
1158	01/04/61	180	Viking Construction

1205            10/09/68        2856            Velting Contractors  
                  To reuse sewer line.

1300 Fulton W. John Ball Park. John Ball was born at Tenny's Hill near Hebron, New Hampshire, on November 12, 1794. He arrived in Grand Rapids in 1836 as a land agent for East Coast investors and decided to stay. He opened a law practice the following year, and then was elected to the first Michigan legislature. In 1838 he built a house at 458 Fulton E. and lived there the rest of his long life. He served on the Grand Rapids Board of Education for 21 years, from 1848 to 1869. He married Mary T. Webster, a school teacher, on December 31, 1849. John Ball died on February 3, 1884, leaving 40 acres to Grand Rapids for the park which bears his name. A bronze statue in his honor, designed by Gertrude VanHouten and executed by Pompeo Coppini, was dedicated at the park on September 20, 1925. The sculpture of John Ball with two children at the entrance to the zoo had been mis-identified since the mid-1960's. The girl is a Ball cousin, Virginia. The boy is Albert (Bob) Ball, great-grandson of the pioneer (cf. Ed White, "Fixing History," GRP 07/27/2001 A1 & A4). Albert's sister, Josephine Ball Brokaw, helped to set the story straight.

1645            08/06/70        3568            Pitsch

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