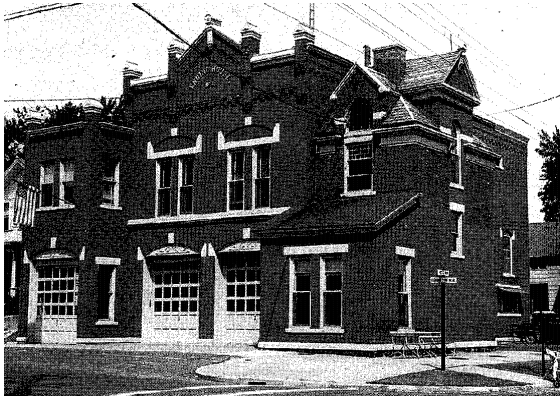


### **Lexington Avenue, N.W.**

11	01/17/86	7472	Riverside
	Voided. Rehabilitated.		
12	12/12/96	8697	Courtade
23-25	01/05/89	7868	

**40 Lexington N.W.** Engine House No. 8 was put in service on June 13, 1884. A third stall was added to the north side of the building sometime



in the 1920's. The station served as quarters for an engine company and a truck company (1914-38). On June 4, 1961, Engine 3 and Truck 3 were relocated to this station due to freeway construction. A month and a half later, on July 24, Engine 8 moved to its new quarters in the old Walker Township station at Covell and Leonard, which had been

annexed to the city. This station was officially renumbered as Engine House No. 3 on September 4, 1961, and then decommissioned on September 8, 1966. It was sold to Dave Cole Decorators, the firm which still occupies it as an office and storage facility. (Photos: left, *History, Grand Rapids Fire Department, 1844-1899*, p. 71; right, *Grand Rapids Fire Department, 150 Years of Service, 1850-2000*, p. 122.)

**45 Lexington N.W.** Lexington Elementary School was built and opened in 1915. This facility is 25,030 square feet in size, and is situated on 1.55 acres. The Grand Rapids Public Schools closed the building in 2008. Developers in 2011 proposed converting it into a 27-unit apartment complex.

134            01/25/82    7116            Visser Sales & Service

140            06/15/95    8500            Pitsch

143

225            11/01/67    2554            *Jack Dykstra*

240            09/19/74    4598            Hodgens  
                 Plug in basement.

243

243-rear      04/23/69    3025            Capitol

245            08/26/97    8743            Pitsch

248 Lexington N.W. The Zinser House. This large 2-story brick duplex with a full attic was originally a single family home, built about 1882 by the Zinser family, who owned a prosperous meat market and built the Zinser Block at 308-10 Bridge Street, N.W. Martin, John, and Frederick (1859-1937) were the three Zinser brothers who built the home and ran the business. Martin (1860-1917) died on January 9, 1917, at the age of 55, leaving a widow, Carrie. He was the last Zinser to reside in the house, which had already been made into a 2-family. After moving from here, Frederick Zinser lived with his family at 912 Scribner N.W. The Zinsers are all buried at Greenwood Cemetery. (Old # 66 S. Jefferson.)

324            11/03/84    7325            Courtade

335            04/19/90    8035            Courtade

340-42

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356            11/08/62    1474            Capitol

406			
414	05/25/04	9335	Courtade
420	07/15/2004	9357	Courtade
424	11/04/71	4038	DeVries
426			
427			
428	01/04/83	7171	DeVries
428½	05/25/83 Rear house.	7209	Ed DeVries & Son
431-35	07/03/86	7499	Riverside
437	06/09/67	2434	Cooke
501	12/14/78	5685	Taxpayers Club
512	03/16/66	2126	<i>Staggs</i>
516-18	08/22/67	2484	<i>Staggs</i>
524	06/13/72	4188	<i>DeVries</i>
528	11/18/86	7565	Courtade

**538 Lexington N.W.** This was the home of the Herman Pettersch, Sr., family. They owned the entire northeast corner of Lexington and Second, including the house at 625 Second N.W. (Photo: GRPL 286, courtesy of Mrs. Rosemary Neuman, great-granddaughter of Herman Pettersch, Sr., undated.)



01/25/62 844 P &

S	Wrecking		
545	10/19/62	1366	<i>Pitsch</i>
548	01/25/62	843	<i>P &amp; S Wrecking</i>
549	11/21/62	1476	<i>Pitsch</i>
552	12/07/61	664	<i>P &amp; S Wrecking</i>
553	07/18/62	1238	<i>Capitol</i>
555	07/18/62	1239	<i>Capitol</i>
558	08/07/62	1316	<i>Capitol</i>
559	05/29/62	1116	<i>OK Wrecking</i>