Trowbridge Street, N.E.

200-block of Trowbridge N.E. One of two cobblestone thoroughfares in the city of Grand Rapids, the only two in-service cobblestone streets in the State of Michigan as of 2010. The other is North Avenue, N.E., from Walnut to Cedar. City Engineer records date from 1913, but do not indicate the exact date of construction.

348 Trowbridge N.E. This 2-story, 2-unit (up and down) frame dwelling was the only house on the south side of Trowbridge between Prospect and North. It was totally destroyed in a fire on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 2:44 a.m. It was occupied by Brenda Hunter and her son and daughter, who fortunately were all spending the night elsewhere. Fueled by the explosion of at least one large oxygen tank, the fire reduced the house to a pile of charred rubble.

(Photo: GRPL 287, March 23, 1966, H 3144.)